# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

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Thanks to those who have planted or donated bulbs to brighten up the village

#### **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

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Good news for those of you who play Badminton. The Hall is now marked out and the court is now available for hire. If you would like to have a game, please ring Carol on 813717 to book a court. We are also hoping to hold a taster evening for Badminton, so watch this space.

The Bowls Club are coming to the end of their Winter season and will soon be bowling outside. Let's hope we have a good summer.

The tickets for the Summer Ball are now nearly all booked. If you would still like to join us for the evening you need to ring either Vicky (812983) or Maureen (813061) as soon as possible so you are not disappointed.

Tickets are also going well for the Pamper Evening to be held on 14th May. Again tickets are available from either Vicky or Maureen. The cost is £6.00 to include a glass of wine. A really nice ladies night with lots of "pampering", lots of chit chat and the bar is also open. Mother's Day is fast approaching, so gentlemen, if you would like to treat your wife/partner to a great night out, just give us a ring.

We are hoping to do a really big spring clean of the Centre in the near future, so watch out for the date. If anyone is able to lend a hand in the meantime, we can always find quite a few jobs which require doing. Just give me (Maureen) or any member of the Committee a ring.

Don't forget to look out your material for the "summer bunting". We are proposing to have a "sewing evening" to make this. More details to follow next month.

Greetham Community Centre Committee







# Strange Face Theatre Company Show 'Shooting the Moon'

was the latest performance at the community centre as part of the Centre Stage scheme, Centre Stage is the rural touring Scheme for Leicestershire and Rutland. The show was based on the life story of

George Méliès ,a famous early 20th century French Silent Movie director. Strangeface recreated Geoge Meiles life story from when he was a bootmaker to becoming a magician , he was fasinated with cinematography,and became a director and made hundreds of films .George became bankrupted ,and after the Frst World War he stopped making films and disappeared into obscurity. His film 'A Trip to the Moon' became, in 2002,the first work designated as a UNESCO World Heritage film. Using masks, music, film and puppetry, award winning Strangeface Theatre Company presented a remarkable journey through the life works and times of one of cinema's most imaginative pioneers. His story was told through a series of unreliable and often surreal dreams, Shooting the Moon reveals how Méliès escaped his fate as a bootmaker and the wild energy and madcap antics that drove him to fame and obscurity. A funny ,poignant and visually entertaining evening with many surprises and memorable moments .

Guess who's behind the masks?





Julie Bertuzzi / Steph de vries and Sylvia Bland But who is who ???

#### **COMING EVENTS**

LADIES PAMPER EVENING WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2014 7.00 TO 10.00 P.M.

COST: £6.00 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM VICKY (812893) OR MAUREEN (813061) Thanks to Helen and Steve for the pics

#### TO BOOKTHE COMMUNITY CENTRE CALL 01572 812389

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#### **COMING EVENTS IN APRIL**

Tues Wed		Greetham Vikings Petanque Club AGM Oak House Lunch
Thu		Exton and Greetham School Easter Service Mobile library
Sun	6th	Greetham Church 6pm Evening Worship and Bible Study
Wed	9th	Parish Council meeting
Sun	13th	Greetham Church 9.30am Palm Sunday - short service moving on to Cottesmore as part of the Benefice walk
Mon	14th	WI
Thu	17th	Mobile library
		Maundy Thursday Greetham Church 7.30pm Holy Communion with foot washing
Fri	18th	Good Friday Greetham Church 1.30pm Devotional prayer with readings
Sun	20th	Easter Day Greetham Church 9.30 Sung Holy Communion Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Tues	22nd	Deadline for April edition
Fri	25th	Café Church It's not what you think 7.15pm Greetham Church
Sun	27th	9.30 Sung Holy Communion Greetham Church

#### 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.

#### Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 2nd April - 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

#### Exton and Greetham Primary School Easter Service

Exton and Greetham Primary School children will be coming to Greetham church for their Easter Service on Thursday April 3rd at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome at this service which is always beautifully done by the children. Refreshments are served afterwards.

#### Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday April 3rd and 17th. 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

#### Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 9th April 2014 at the **Greetham Community Centre** commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.



#### WI

The next meeting is on Monday April 14th at 7.45pm at the Community Centre. A talk will be given on Sugarcraft and Cake Icing.

#### Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At The Wheatsheaf on Easter Day, Sunday April 20th. 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.

#### Café Church

This will be on Friday 25th April at the usual time of 7.15 for 7.30.

#### **REVIEWS**

#### Greetham Bowls' Club

The Winter indoor bowling season is now coming to an end. After 32 years this has been the only season that we have played just one session per evening instead of two.

Some of our members are over eighty. Cocoa at 11pm does not taste so good! We now finish at 9pm. We played 48 games from October to March and enjoyed the challenge. (League Bowling) The Monday morning bowlers had a very good season with sixteen bowlers turning up each week.

We are now looking forward to playing outside on our lovely bowling green. We are looking for new members. If you would like to see the club in action come along on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening. Hope to see you there. Mary Easson

# Greetham Engineering Society trip to Heritage Motor museum, Gaydon

One of the most interesting exhibits was a sports car which had been neatly cut in half lengthwise, including all the vital organs. I have wondered on occasion how a gearbox works and this provided a wonderful opportunity to find out.

It also provided a trip down memory lane as there were some examples of the cars my parents owned, - an Austin A40 for example. Other exhibits included prototype cars such as a Minimoke with an engine in the front and back!

Possibly the museum could have done with a bit more background to the vehicles and where they were built but none the less an interesting day out.

If you are interested in joining these trips, let me know. You do not have to be an engineer! Dave Hodson tel 813902

#### WI

We had a very enjoyable evening which began with a demonstration of T'ai Chi! Instructor Bob Chidgey gave a brief talk on the origin and history of this sport and explained how beneficial it is believed to be for both mind and body. It is thought to be an effective stress buster and a way of relaxing and releasing tensions. After the demonstration of movements and exercises, we were invited to join in and do some basic T'ai Chi ourselves. This was much enjoyed and some members decided to join one of the classes available: Bob has a class in Stamford on Wednesday evenings, 8-9.30 pm at St Augustine's Hall on Broad Street, while Jim is running a class on a Tuesday evening, 7.30 - 9pm, at the VAR Centre, Lands End, Oakham.

Helen brought in the Runners' Up Cup which Greetham WI won in the Skittles Matches during the Winter months. Well done, team!

The Horseshoe Group Meeting on March 24th will be held at the Community Centre where the Speaker, Heather Slater, will tell us about time spent in Saudi Arabia and there will be refreshments provided. Volunteers needed to put out chairs etc. On April 10th there will be an afternoon spent sorting through memorabilia, at the Community Centre 2.30 - 4pm. Tea and cakes will be provided.

Plans are also being made for the Summer Outing on June 9th. We have decided on a guided walk around Oakham, followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Judith Roberts

#### **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.robbie@leicestershire.ppn.police.uk

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PCSO6127 <u>steven.houghton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk</u>

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

#### Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

Rutland County Council 01572 722577

Community safety team

Environmental Health

Waste and Amenities

Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping, fly tipping, dog mess, broken street lighting, vandalism, graffiti, bullying or criminal damage

**Leicestershire Constabulary** 101 To report less urgent crime or disorder:

if your car has been stolen; if your property has been damaged; when you suspect drug use or dealing; to report a minor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111 Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime

#### URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

For example this is when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network office often gets phone calls or emails asking for advice about scams.

They always advise anyone who suspects a scam, or who has been the victim of a scam, to report it to the police on <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk">www.actionfraud.police.uk</a> or <a href="https://www.actionfraud.police.uk">0300 123 2040</a>. However, it is always better to take preventative action where possible and it is good to know what to look for to avoid being taken in, as well as to advise friends

and family members when necessary.

The charity **Think Jessica** (<a href="www.thinkjessica.com">www.thinkjessica.com</a>) provides a lot of useful advice about scams. Their 12-page booklet, '<a href="Scam mail is blackmail">Scam mail is blackmail</a>, is particularly useful and covers: lottery and prize draw scams, clairvoyant scams, catalogue scams,

courier scams, bank / building society scams and more. You can order a **free hard copy** of this booklet by writing to:

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They also provide information packs, including a DVD, which cost £7 per pack, and free downloadable posters which you can access

at www.thinkjessica.com/posters.htm.

Dave Hodson Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator tel 81390

## Dog Watch comes to Greetham Volunteers required - Your Village needs you!



The majority of dog owners clean up after their dogs but sadly a small number don't, this is unacceptable and we are sure you agree. It's a public health hazard, particularly to children who play in our play areas and sports field. It also unfairly gives responsible dog owners a bad name.

Village residents want us to do more. That's why we're taking such a strong and bold approach with our imminent campaign.

We want to get people talking about it. We need to get the message through to the small minority of irresponsible dog owners that the Parish Council and local residents alike are not prepared to put up with this any longer.

You'll see and hear more about the campaign over the forthcoming weeks.

#### How you can help?

We need more volunteers – are you available in June/July to act as an 'unofficial dog observer'? In practice this will mean giving up an hour or so on a couple of days over the campaign period to; observe, approach & inform dog owners, report & hand out 'Pooh bags' etc.

If you are available please approach Ruth Scott, Carol Fairbairn, Ken Edward, Judy Chapman, Judith Roberts or Roy Wicks

#### Volunteers Needed!

On the third Thursdays of May - September, a classic and vintage vehicle meet is planned at Greetham Community Centre. This will be known as the "Greetham Gathering" and is being arranged by enthusiasts in the village as a place for like minded people to come together and share their passions, vehicles and stories in an informal gathering. This will attract visitors to the village, and so it is important that the additional traffic is properly managed on the approach to, whilst at, and leaving the gathering. We are therefore looking for volunteers to give us some of their time to act as "marshals" in managing the traffic to ensure this event does not impact on the general ambience of the village. If you can spare an hour or more,

between 4:00pm and 10:00pm on these days, then please contact me in the first instance. Full training/instruction will be given. Martin Fairbairn. 01572 813717

#### Neighbourhood Plan

So what does a Neighbourhood Plan look like? What issues concern Greetham residents?

What should be included in the plan and what should be left out?

The Steering Group is beginning to get to grips with these questions and if nothing else we have generated a lot of discussion in the village about how Greetham might develop over the next 10 to 20 years.

Will it make any difference? We are assured that the plan will be a significant factor in future planning decisions. We have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

Does the future of Greetham matter to you? If it does, please make sure that you contribute at one of the events that will be organised in the near future. Or if there is something that you feel strongly about, please drop me a note at the Meadows, Kirks Close, or e-mail hodson001@gmail.com.

At the end of the process all residents will get the chance to vote to accept or reject the plan. A simple majority will carry the day. It is vital that we understand the issues and the majority opinion on them.

Dave Hodson

#### **Thanks**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Great Lane for their kind generosity in the collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care in February where the sum of £72.43 was raised for this worth while cause, once again many thanks, Pam Collin

#### Greetham and the Great War

Did you know 11 Greetham men died as a result of the First World War? Lots more happened too, and we are gathering some fascinating stories about them and many others for our new book, which we intend to launch on the afternoon of **Sunday 7**<sup>th</sup> **September 2014** as part of our '**Greetham's Great War Heroes' Village History Walk**. We hope a good crowd will join us for the walk – more details to follow in forthcoming newsletters and on the Greetham in Rutland website.

Meanwhile, we would really like it if we could get **5 more stories from people who live in Greetham now**. You don't have to have lived here for ages or have had any connections with the village previously – in fact you might have just moved in! We have stories from England, Ireland and Scotland – a Welsh one would be nice! We want a story about your ancestor – male or female – and their experience of the 1914-18 war, plus a period photo of them and any precious memento of the time. We will then scan and photo you and your artefacts, write up the story, check it back with you, and it will appear in the book. We must have the stories by **30**<sup>th</sup>

**April 2014** to be able to meet our deadlines. We have access to some good research sources so we might also be able to find some more detailed information about your ancestor for you.

Please contact us on <a href="mailto:greethamww1@gmail.com">gmail.com</a>, or call us direct: David Bland on 01572-812608 or Paul Bland on 01572-812925. Or drop by to either 22 or 22A Main Street to have a chat with us. David Bland and Paul Bland

#### Come and Try Bellringing

In September of this year we will commemorate the village's contribution to World



War 1 and it would be great to be able to ring the church bells on the day in question with as many Greetham ringers as we can muster. In case you didn't know it, the church bells are the village war memorial.

If you would like to be part of this event but can't ring bells there will be an opportunity on Saturday 12th April to come to church

anytime between 10.00am and 3.00pm to receive instructions. We will be able to tell immediately whether you have the skills necessary and you will be able to tell as well.

So make a date in diary to try something different and challenging this springtime and we'll see you on the 12th April for some tuition.

Everyone is welcome, young and old, male and female, novice and rusty ringers. Teas and coffees will be available throughout the time slot.

Further information and expressions of interest to Don McGarrigle 812804

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### Greetham Parish Council Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014(Subject to approval)

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

R. Begy; Mrs J. Roberts.

In attendance: 6 members of the public **Apologies for absence** David Hodson

#### To approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 12th 2014

Amendments:

With regards to the report of a speed limit at Thistleton Lane; a 40 mph speed limit will be requested once the lane is re-opened

Planning: Bullimores Sand and gravel; JC left the room.

Thanks were offered to JR for her help in preparing the questionnaires for the Village Green registration.

Church Lane stream – the question was raised regarding the need for a railing.

Proposed: RW Seconded: KE Carried unanimously

#### Matters arising

A 40mph speed limit will be applied for with regard to Thistleton Lane. People crossing signs have been ordered for the top of Great Lane. Hard-standing is now in place at the top of Great Lane

World War 1 details are available through a contact at the Imperial War Museum.

Geese – if seen on the road please contact Leicester police through the 101 number.

The black bin is now in place at the burial ground.

Parish council vacancy – this will now be advertised and any subsequent election held in conjunction with the European elections in May.

Defibrillator: no response has been received regarding the required signage. Action: Clerk

#### Finance:

RCC Annual Membership £40.00. It is proposed that Jeremy Prestcott be contacted to ascertain the value of this membership. This will also be queried at the next Community Centre meeting. Action :RW

Community Heartbeat £497.50 Proposed: JC Seconded: JR Carried unanimously CAB donation £125 Proposed: KE Seconded: JC Carried unanimously

Donation to charity of AJ Computing choice. £20 Proposed: JR Seconded: JC Carried unanimously

Donations have been received towards rehousing the defibrillator. The Parish Council would like to thank the donors who wish to remain anonymous.

E-on £106.42 Proposed: JC Seconded: JR Carried unanimously.

<u>Planning</u>: 2014/0017/CAT. Trim top and sides of no.1 Acer (T1) and 3 no. beech (T3,4,5)by up to 2m, back to appropriate growth points. 1, Wheatsheaf Lane, Greetham. The tree warden has inspected the trees and can see no objection. JC abstained (personal but not prejudicial interest). Approval recommended. Proposed: RW Seconded: RB Carried unanimously.

<u>Village Green Registration</u>. RW and clerk request the authority of the PC to apply for registration of land known as the Village Green, Main Street and The Green, Church Lane as a Town or Village Green. RB proposed that RW sign on behalf of the PC. Seconded: KE Carried unanimously.

Village sign – advice has been received that grants for the village sign and village green refurbishment should be applied for separately. A grant has been submitted for the sign and a decision may be available for the next meeting.

<u>Burial ground tidy up</u> (15/3/14) Thanks are offered to those who maintain the burial ground on a regular basis. The car park is mossy and a small working party will convene at 10.00 am to address this.

**Speedwatch** This will be deferred until a decision is reached, subject to police commitment, regarding implementation of a 20mph speed limit through the centre part of the village.

<u>Bus stop enhancements</u> – it was proposed that there is a facility for the bus to stop in the middle of the village. It is suggested that the Cottesmore side of Church Lane would be most suitable. Action: RB

Welcome pack: Toll Bar

#### Correspondence -

Consultation document – for the next meeting. Action: RB to circulate the briefing document. Eon – are we a micro business? Action: RW to take the correspondence to the Community Centre meeting.

Letter from parishioner regarding speed limit in Thistleton Lane.

Letter from parishioner regarding planting trees in Great Lane. Action: PH

Financial crisis provision . Action KE (GGNS)

Poster, article requested in parish newsletter regarding financial crisis provision. Action: JR Letter of thanks from the treasurer of St Mary's Church for the donation towards maintenance of the church clock

Picture of dog fouling in Main Street – a sub- committee from PC will meet with representatives from the Community Centre next week to devise a plan of action to address dog fouling throughout the village.

#### Reports from outside bodies

Rutland Council are taking a proactive stance in determining the location of the proposed wind farm sound recordings.

Heritage lottery funding has been applied for to enhance Oakham Castle. A decision is expected in June/ July.

The 30mph limit may be extended from Stretton towards Clipsham.

The Neighbourhood Plan is proceeding well. A newsletter will be distributed shortly.

Website: the AGM was held this month. Suggestions for improvements and innovations for 2014 welcome.

Facebook: now has 121 members.

Greetham Good Neighbour Scheme. Representatives attended a coordination session at Billesdon which shared good practice and supported the setting up of new schemes.

Community Centre: looking in to purchasing staging and also completing the main hall ceiling Plans for the future include a summer ball, pamper evening, shooting the moon and possibly opening once a month on a Friday night. A 'clear up' date is to be announced.

#### Any other business

It is suggested that the Community Centre investigate the installation of solar panelling.

Neighbourhood plan; some issues raised are the responsibility of the Parish Council. These will be bought to the PC through subsequent agendas.

There is a report of hens being a nuisance on the Village Green.

Thanks are offered to Mrs Julia Walker for replanting the pots on the Village Green.

The Parish Council safe needs rehousing. Action: RW to investigate and pass any contents to clerk.

Restrictive part of Great Lane verges; the Parish Council request that RC mow these twice a year.

It had been reported that the entrance to Tithe Barn Lane has been unpassable due to mud at times.

RW has been shortlisted to join the RCC Conduct Committee.

Speed humps; RCC Chair contacted the Highways department at RCC. The assurance has been given that the speed humps will be painted within the next 2 weeks.

A light in Great Lane has lost power but will be repaired by 25/3/14.

The electoral register for Greetham has been collected from RCC.

#### COMING EVENTS

#### 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, preformed 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. **This event is nearly sold out** 

#### 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

#### **MAY NEWSLETTER**

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox by **Tuesday 22nd April 2014** 

The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ e mail:greethamnews@aol.com

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## Easter Sunday Luncheon

20<sup>th</sup> April noon-3pm Two courses £14.95 Three courses £17.96

Everyone welcome! Table booking essential

## **ELVIS**

Tribute Night
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May

£20pp 7.30pm to midnight Two course dinner, fabulous live music & disco Tickets: Hotel Reception

More details: tel (01780) 460444

www.greethamvalley.co.uk



This month seems to have been very busy here at the school!

Alongside our normal lessons, the children have been out and about taking part in sporting competitions and music festivals.

Key Stage 2 have been on a very interesting and informative trip to Flag Fen in Peterborough as part of our topic on Prehistoric Life. Here we had the opportunity to look at genuine artefacts, make clay pots, and even sit around a campfire in a reconstructed round house to share stories.

Our younger children have been hard at work developing their investigative skills in science and testing different materials; as well as walking through Exton village to look at different houses.



## Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

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#### **Easter Celebration**

Our annual Easter Service will take place at Greetham Church this year on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.30am. You are all welcome to join us as we retell the Easter Story through words, music and pictures.

#### Musical Notes

This week saw Key Stage 2 join with many other Rutland Schools in the inaugural Rutland Recorder Festival run by Rutland Music. As a lead school in the Rutland Music Hub, teachers from other schools came to us here in Exton last year, to see how we teach whole class recorders. There are now whole class recorder lessons going on in primary schools across Rutland. We were very luck to meet Sarah Watts, the composer who wrote our recorder book, who led the festival. A total of 250 primary school recorder players has to be heard to be appreciated!

The next Community Lunch will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.30pm. This will be another of Lizzie's delicious two course meals. The cost is £3.50, with singing entertainment. Please give the school a ring (01572 812380) to book your place.

There is always plenty to see on our website at www.extonschool.co.uk. Please visit the site to see more information and pictures of some of the things we have been doing.

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