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Ha Ha Ha Side Splitting

Giggle LOL *Guffaw* TEE HEE Belly

Laugh **HA HA HA** *Side Splitting*

Giggle Guffaw **Belly Laugh** Ha Ha Ha

Greetham Comedy Evening

Giggle Belly Laugh LOL **Ha Ha Ha**

Side Splitting *Giggle* **Guffaw!!!!**

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Competition!

Tickets are now on sale for Greetham's first comedy evening, taking place at Greetham Community Centre on Saturday 21st May, but why not try to **win** your pair?

Simply send your favourite joke to GreethamComedy@outlook.com or write it on a postcard and post it through the door of 'Pennybrook' 54 Main Street, alongside your name and telephone number.

Hurry - the competition closes on Sunday 10th April. The winner will be judged

by the organisers and announced soon after Thursday 14th April! Good luck! Tickets to the comedy evening cost £10 each and are available from The Plough, The Wheatsheaf and Greetham Village shop. Over 16's only, doors open 7pm. The bar will be open, the welcome will be warm and the laughter hearty!

Find our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GreethamComedyNight
Email: GreethamComedy@outlook.com or call Stephen Calnan on: 01572 813943 for more information!

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Sun 3rd Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
Wed 6th Oak House Lunch
Sun 10th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast
9.00am
Mon 11th WI
Wed 13th Parish Council meeting
Outdoor Bowls starts
Thu 14th Mobile library
Sun 17th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise
Greetham Vikings' Petanque 'Open Day'
Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
Wed 20th Last day for newsletter items for May newsletter
Sun 24th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise with Holy
Communion
Thu 28th Mobile library

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 6th April - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50.

'few spaces available, please book in advance, fabulous 2-course meal for £7.50 per person'. 'Must ring to reserve on 01572 812647'.



WI

Next month's meeting will be held on April 11th. The speaker will be George Waugh talking about "A Butler's Experience". George was butler at Burghley House during Lady Victoria's reign. There will be a light supper.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Outdoor Bowls

Outdoor Bowls starts on Wednesday April 13th 6.30pm. Please come along—we need new members. Mary Easson

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday April 14th and 28th. 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

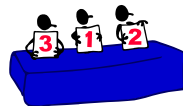


Greetham Vikings' Petanque Club Open Day

Do come along to our Open Day, from mid-day, Sunday April 17th at the Community Centre. Have a game or two, meet club members and partake of some refreshment.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday April 17th 8pm. 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.



REVIEWS

Greetham WI Report , March 2016

Twenty four members attended the March meeting, with three apologies. Birthday posies were presented to Sue Bamber, Billie Hackett, Chris Parkin, Carol Fairbairn and Peggie Butcher. Our speaker, Mary Matts, lives in the house by the bottom lock at Foxton Locks and gave a fascinating talk on the plant life to be found along Britain's inland waterways. Her talk was illustrated by some beautifully photographed slides.

Mary has spent her whole life living on, or by canals. Traditionally, anything not actually poisonous was used for cooking or medicine. Many of our popular garden plants originally grew there, while many others have been lost because of overuse of pesticides. Half of Britain's original canal network now lies derelict, thus providing a perfect habitat for such plants to survive. Examples include daffodil bulbs (used as a narcotic), sloes (used to make ink as well as gin!) bluebells to make starch and periwinkle to staunch nosebleeds. Apart from what we would regard as wildflowers, the canal network was also home to trees and hedges (hawthorn hedges interspersed with elm trees were used to fence off the towpaths. Poplars planted beside the canal helped to combat pollution after the horses were replaced by engines in canal boats.

Following Mary's talk, Carol Fairbairn gave a report on the Annual Council Meeting of Leicestershire and Rutland WI held recently at Leicester Grammar School. Seven members from Greetham attended a most enjoyable day. The keynote speaker was the Rt. Hon Michael Portillo, who gave a most amusing speech about his life, political career and his second career as a television presenter. He also presented several trophies and certificates for events and competitions held throughout the county in 2015, including the Federation Quiz trophy, won by Greetham. Next Month's meeting is Members' Night, when the committee take a well-earned rest and the members organise the evening.

GREETHAM WI ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle for the "Flood Victim's " at the Soup and Puds event in January, £212 was raised. This has now been passed on to a member of Cockermouth WI, Cumbria who has been flooded twice in the last five years and who lost everything on both occasions. A needy person indeed!

GENERAL

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PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes March 9th 2016

(Subject to approval)

Members: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice- Chair); Mr P. Hitchcox; Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch; Mrs J. Roberts; Mr D. Hodson

Present: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice- Chair); Mr P. Hitchcox; Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch; Mr D. Hodson

In attendance: 6 members of the public

Comments from the public were all covered by items on the agenda

1 Apologies for absence Mrs J. Roberts

2 Disclosure of interests None given

3 Approval of minutes February 10th 2016 Proposed: RW Seconded: PH Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising from minutes February 10th 2016

c Tree warden update re planting of fruit tree (Old Post Office). There has been no response from a letter sent to RCC. Action: PH to contact RCC again.

9 Responses regarding use of Community Centre Sports Field. This will be an agenda item for the April meeting.

12 Employee's Pension Scheme. Ongoing

14 Any other business – update. The response from LARLC informs GPC that it is not legal to make a decision on a matter raised under AOB. AOB is for issues for note, or future agendas.

5 Finance

5.1 Financial Regulations review. Changes suggested to the documents covering this were outlined and discussed. Hard copies to be distributed in advance of next meeting. Agenda item for April.

5.2 For approval:

Print cartridges and paper - £33.98 Proposed: JD Seconded: DH Carried unanimously

JH Gardening - £50.00 (Village Green) Proposed: JD Seconded: DH Carried unanimously

Noticeboard signs (Timpsons) - £40 Proposed: FH Seconded: PH Carried unanimously

Plaque to acknowledge donations – for the April agenda

Removal of rocks from Ivy Farmhouse £150 - £200. Rocks donated for the Village Green are stored at Ivy Farmhouse. They are now not required and need removing. They will be initially advertised as available for collection by anyone wanting them but failing this approval to dispose of them is proposed. Proposed: DH Seconded: RW Carried unanimously.

Queens's Birthday. The purchase of coins to be distributed to all under 18 year olds in the village. £150. Proposed: Chair Seconded: PH Carried unanimously: For April agenda if more required

6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC webpage.

2016/0135/CAT 5, Bridge Lane, Fell 2 willow trees.

GPC notes that the application refers to a planned extension which will be affected by the trees. Comment to be placed on RCC planning The Parish Council objects to this application until the application for the extension is received.

7 Parish Councillor recruitment

Statement of current situation:

The vacancy for Ward Member is currently advertised. RCC will call an election when required. Terry King represents Greetham as Ward Member until an appointment is made.

The Parish Council vacancy advert closes on Monday. If no election is called the PC will co-opt a new member. In this event all Councillors are asked to provide details of anyone interested to the Clerk, who will issue invitations to attend the April meeting. Following presentations/ questions voting will occur. This can be done by secret ballot after proposal and seconding has taken place.

8 Discussion of Double Yellow Lines in Main Street

Discussion followed the statement that the placing of double yellow lines in Main Street from Great Lane to The Black Horse (on both sides) would enhance safety for vehicles exiting Great Lane and Little Lane.

It was noted that some residents would have no alternative parking provision and that urbanisation of the village is an issue.

If placing of double yellow lines is submitted as a proposal it will be included in a future agenda.

9 Parish Plan Focus Group Reports

Traffic focus group update.

Feedback from meeting with Neil Tomlinson

Double yellow lines are not in accordance with Rutland policy. Implementation would require support from the Ward Member, the PC and the Portfolio Holder before submission to Cabinet. Enforcement is doubtful.

Removal of the speed table in Great Lane. Plans are to initially dig a relief water soakaway. If unsuccessful 'shaving' could then be considered.

Lessening HGV traffic. In order to implement this the PC would need to prove the increase in HGV traffic through Greetham is greater than the national average. Any property damage caused by vibration would have to be proved. Viable alternatives would have to be presented and support of the Road Haulage Association achieved. Action: Traffic Focus Group to submit a proposal to the April meeting to carry this forward.

Wider footpaths. The areas of concern are at the pinch point near The Black Horse and by the shop/ Oak House. Implementation of temporary width restriction at both points would allow the gathering of information regarding road noise and benefits achieved. Also a temporary 'right of way' for traffic travelling east at the pinch point could be trialled.

Lead in time for this is 2-3 years. Action: Traffic Focus Group to submit this as a proposal to the April meeting.

20 mph. Research is currently being conducted into reprogramming the speed indicator near Church Lane. This could provide support for moving the start of the 20mph limit to the west.

Great Lane farm access. A site visit indicated that road markings/ hatchings could be investigated though these are not enforceable as no parking zones. Action: Traffic focus group to submit this as a consultation process to the April agenda.

RCC are investigating the possibility of renaming the section of the B668 from Cottemore to Greetham in memory of Roger Begy.

Tree Focus Group update :

Suggestions were outlined for placing of trees include alongside the B668, Great Lane, the Community Centre field and the Burial Ground. Grants for funding need to be submitted by the end of March. These include CORY but other grant providers are being investigated. Costings have been obtained. The Tree Focus Group will prioritise the B668 and Great Lane initially.

Bench Focus Group update.

An audit of existing benches has been undertaken and the need for maintenance established. This will be raised as a finance item on the April agenda.

The establishment of an Energy Focus Group is suggested. Interest in involvement will be sought in advance of the April meeting.

10 Community Centre Update

Finance, letting and bar reports given.

Forthcoming events include The Comedy Evening and Summer Ball.

Plans to refurbish the kitchen are being prepared.

Ideas submitted for use of the field include a putting green / crazy golf and cycle track.

The person fulfilling the role of Bar Manager has been offered and accepted a permanent role.

A Deputy Booking Secretary is required.

11 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Draft Consultation Document is now ready for distribution to village. This will take place in the next few weeks.

12 Welcome visits 26, Main Street

The Old post Office Pond lane

Munton's farm

13 Correspondence

Letter from parishioners regarding double yellow lines (covered in item 8 on the agenda).

Parish Briefing minutes.

Rutland Travel Survey

Temporary traffic regulations for Main Street (Kirks Close to Bridge Lane 22/3/16 to 24/3/16). It is noted that the developers have attempted to co-ordinate the instillation of services to this site. RCC have refused the PC request to open Great Lane over this period of time.

14 Reports from outside bodies None received

15 Village Meeting

It is proposed that the Village Meeting is held on Thursday June 9th @6.00 in the Community Centre and includes information and updates from representatives of the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the Playground Group and the Neighbourhood Plan. Proposed: Chair
Seconded: RW Carried unanimously

16 Any other business (for information)

The recent flood was reported and RCC made aware. Water drainage from the proposed new development of houses will need careful monitoring.

Stones dropped on Main Street were reported and RCC acted promptly by sweeping the road.
Swept

17 Items for a future agenda Proposals for a tribute to R. Begy O.B.E. will be an item on the April agenda.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

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Further information from Paul Bland, email: greethamww1@gmail.com

Church Fete

Greetham Church Fete will be on Saturday 16 July 2016 from 2-5pm.

Cottesmore Military Wives Choir Concert

Friday, 15th April, 7.30pm
(Doors open 7.00pm)

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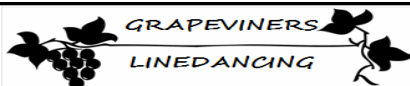
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Emerald grass underneath my feet.
Highly scented perfumed air ambled
through my lungs.
The ebony trees high above my head
And the fungi underneath me feeding
on the dead wood.
The animals are lightning,
Darting through the undergrowth
As the rocks sing their sweet song of
eternal slumber.
Birds fly from tree to tree humming
their songs of joy.
This is where I will stay
For eternity
For life and for death,
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