

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

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Storm Doris!

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

What's On !

Comedy Evening 25th March

Bingo 7th April

Any Raffle Donations, please contact by email below. Proceeds to the Centre, Kitchen refurbishment and the playground renovation.

Wanted !!

Help ... We're having a BIG Spring clean and volunteers needed at the Community Centre.

8th April at 10.00 am

Refreshments available with a BIG thank you !

Planning an Event?

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GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday 7th April 2017



DOORS OPEN- 6.30am

EYES DOWN- 7.00am

FANTASTIC PRIZES

LICENSED BAR



**All proceeds to Play area fund &
Community centre kitchen refurbishment**

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Sun 2nd Greetham Church Said Communion 8am
Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Mon 3rd Parish Council
- Wed 5th Oak House Lunch
- Fri 7th Community Centre Bingo
- Sun 9th Greetham Church 10.30am Palm Sunday Benefice Service
- Mon 10th WI
- Thu 13th Mobile Library
- Fri 14th Good Friday Cross Walk starts Clipsham 8.00am to Greetham
12 - 3pm Devotional service at Greetham Church
- Sat 15th Shattered on Saturday
- Sun 16th Easter Day 5.45am Dawn Communion
(Great Lane/ Community Centre)
Greetham Church Easter Communion by extension 9.30am
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 9pm
- Thu 20th **Last day for newsletter items for May newsletter**
- Sun 23rd Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thu 27th Mobile library
- Sun 30th Oakham School Big Band
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday April 2nd **8pm**, April 16th and 30th **9pm**. 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. **Please note the different starting times this month.**



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday 3rd April 2017 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.



Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 5th 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'.*

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th April. The Rev Canon Alan Haydock's talk is titled 'It's better than working for a living. Confessions of a country vicar'.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday April 13th and 27th. 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

Shattered on Saturday in St Mary's Greetham -

Easter Sat April 15th, 10.30 to 12.30 and every Saturday onwards

After the winter break we will be back, inviting anyone in need of a quiet cup of free tea or coffee, biscuits and a chat over papers and magazines. We will be decorating the church for Easter, so if anyone wishes to bring along some flowers they can be put in the church.

Friends of Greetham Church Present

Oakham School

Big Band

Greetham Community Centre

Sunday April 30th 2017

7.30pm

Licensed Bar, Raffle

Book a table of 10 or individual tickets

£12 Adult

£6 Child

Canapes and nibbles included

Tickets Available Helen Macleod—Smith 01572 812852

Chris Parkin 01572 813162

Peggie Butcher 01572 812565

Proceeds in aid of Greetham Church Roof Fund

REVIEWS

Greetham WI March 2017

This month's meeting was attended by twenty- two members and two guests. Birthday posies were presented to Billie Hackett, Sue Bamber, Carol Fairburn, Sue Young and Peggie Butcher. Refreshments were prepared Gill Hodson and Sandy Beggy.

This month's speaker was librarian John Martin, who has made a study of the works of Agatha Christie. Known as the Queen of Crime Fiction, her total output is over eighty books. Born in Torquay in 1890, she was an early reader and also wrote poetry as a child. After Finishing School in Paris, she travelled to Egypt with her mother where she met Archie Christie, a Royal Flying Corps pilot recently repatriated from France. The couple married and Agatha began working in a local dispensary. After suffering from Spanish flu in the epidemic of 1918 she decided to become a full time writer. Having made the acquaintance of several Belgians she decided to invent a Belgian detective, so Hercule Poirot was introduced in "The Mysterious affair at Styles." After several refusals, the book was published by Bodley Head in 1920. Her long career continued until 1976, and also included dramas for radio and stage, most notably "The Mousetrap". Following her divorce from Christie, she married the archaeologist Max (later Sir Max) Mallowan. Today, the Agatha Christie Foundation is run by her grandson, Matthew Pritchard. To date, over one billion books have been sold in English and one billion in other languages.

Next month's speaker, Canon Alan Haydock will be talking about the life of a country Vicar. The title of his talk will be "It's better than working for a living".

Village Spring Clear



Well done all you wonderful volunteers! We now have clean streets and lanes again thanks to everyone who turned out on the 11th March for our village spring clear.

It really does make a difference and we ask everyone, even if you could not make it to the clear up, to help by picking up any litter they see in the months ahead.

We find zero tolerance really does help, so don't walk past a

discarded crisp packet or can. Please pick it up and bin it. Together we can keep our lovely village something to be proud of.

Ken Edward for the Greetham Parish Council

News from 1st Cottesmore Brownies



Brownies enjoying their Pancakes at our Annual Pancake Challenge.

This year, 2017, Leicestershire Guiding is celebrating its Centenary and as part of the celebrations it has been decided to support the Charity Smalls for All.

Smalls for All is a charity based in Scotland which collects, in association with Freedom from Fistula Foundation and Kenya Children's Home UK, bras and pants for girls and young women in Africa. So our Brownie Unit would like to collect as many gently worn or new bras and new underwear. These will then be collected and transported, through a long road trip up to Scotland and then off to Africa. Once they have travelled hundreds of

miles to Africa they will be gratefully received by the girls and young women. We take having underwear for granted and wouldn't dream of going out without wearing any underwear so why should women and children in Africa go to school without underwear? We have an amazing opportunity in 2017 to allow these women and children to gain some dignity, self-worth and access education.

Did you know, young girls can miss the opportunity for education because they do not have any underwear? Think of the difference you could make by donating today!

On 2 March we held our Annual Pancake Challenge and asked for donations to help us buy underwear to send to the charity; we have purchased 60 pairs of pants to send along with the other generous donations we have received.

If you would like to support our Unit by making a donation then please bring along to the Community Centre on a Thursday evening between 6 and 7.30pm (term time only) or contact Bernie Wallace (Unit Leader) 01572812956/07858484918. Our grateful thanks to the kind person who left a bag of 'gently worn' bras for us last week. A much appreciated donation. *Many thanks, Bernie, Keara, Rachel and all the Brownies at 1st Cottesmore*

GENERAL

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Agenda March 6th 2017 **Greetham Community Centre at 7.30 pm**

Members: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) ; Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D. Hodson; Dr R. Oakes; Mrs Ann Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy ; Mrs R. Marshall.
Also present: Nick Begy (Ward member)

In attendance: 4 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Jane Denyer; Peter Hitchcox; Roger Oakes; Ann Jenkins

Conference calls/ face time participation in meetings. For health reasons only with the prior approval of the Chair, and the rest of the Council informed. IPad to be made available. Proposed: DH Seconded: SB

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None given.

3 Approval of minutes February 8th 2017 Approved: DH Seconded: SB

4 Matters arising

Outstanding matters

Village Shop white lines. Letter received from RCC outlining the process and costs. NB to query costings.

White lines on Main Street. The 20 mph limit is self-enforcing and parked cars are integral to this. Parking within 32 feet of a junction is illegal according to the Highway Code. All villagers are requested to notify the police if a car is parked illegally and also to copy in the Parish Council (greethampc@gmail.com)

February Meeting

8. TPO – Great Lane trees are on the Highway and are therefore automatically adopted by RCC. Ram Jam trees, a visit by planning officer and the forestry officer is planned. A preplanning application is in place for industrial units on this land.

8. Traffic Focus Group action re Cottesmore. To date it has not been possible to arrange a suitable date for meeting

8. Village Clear Up 10.00 Saturday March 11th @Greetham Community Centre

10. Parking at Northbrook Close. The contractors have partially addressed the issue through providing a designated plot for work vehicles.

15. Silt from quarry – contacted to request clean up. GPC to communicate with RCC to request vehicle washing equipment is monitored and passed as adequate for the task.

5 Finance

Projector: £527.73 Proposed: SB Seconded: RM Carried unanimously. Also proposed made available for use by bookings at the CC with prior arrangement.

Supply of tea, coffee etc. to Community Centre £30 as a one off set up donation for this facility. Proposed: KE Seconded: SB Carried unanimously
6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC website

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: First floor extension

Manor Lodge, 1A, Little Lane, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7NQ
Greetham Parish Council support this application.

Two additional applications subsequently received require a second meeting in the month. Date March 20th @6.00 pm.

7 Confirm Meeting Dates

May 2017

Community centre committee have agreed to swop to allow for May 3rd (also AGM to commence at 7.00pm)

8 Amendment to standing orders

It is proposed that standing orders are amended as follows:

SO1

The Council will meet on the first Monday of every month at 7.30 pm except when this is not desirable due to bank holidays. On these occasions an alternative date will be set at the AGM meeting.

Proposed: KE Seconded: RM Carried unanimously

9 Parish Plan Focus Groups and working parties

Membership of focus groups – Councillors and members of the public need to be confirmed for the April Meeting.

The Playground Group are requested to confirm that they can present an update (prior to the start) at the April PC meeting and also advise the PC of the details of their suggested tree sponsorship programme. This will then be discussed as an agenda item.

10 Dog Issues

9.1 Dog waste bags – Finance item for next agenda.

9.2 Signage – Finance item for next agenda

11 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation and environmental issues

3 letters sent as requested at last meeting (RCC, Lovells, Anglian Water)
Response received from RCC. NB to follow up with RCC.

Smoke emissions from Greetham Farm have greatly improved following communication with Environmental Agency. The Parish Council would like to establish the cause for this change?

Ian Cooper – response regarding monitoring of water course. Photographs of diversions of the waterway to be forwarded and the address provided where plants are problematic within the stream

10 Burial ground

New member. SB to join.

Sunken graves to be monitored.

Confirmation of clear up date and equipment required. March 18th @10 am.

Review of works needed : attendees to provide spades, brushes etc.

11 Community Centre Update

A new committee member has been recruited and an observer attended the last meeting who may subsequently also join. Volunteers to undertake specific roles are most welcome (locking up)

The kitchen refurbishment starts on 26TH March 2017

Trees blown down on the boundary with Great Lane have been sorted
Funding for boiler – PH to contact CC to support applications for grants.
CC wishes to thank DH and the Energy Focus Group for supporting investigation into alternative methods of heating.

12 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Approved by cabinet to go to the next stage. Villagers who commented at the first stage have received a letter.

There is now a 6 week consultation period for anyone to comment before it goes to an inspector.

13 Welcome Visit None known of.

14 Correspondence

Colin Ashpole – Parish Group. A councillor will be approached to join this group.

Parishioner regarding stream – dealt with under environmental issues

Environmental Agency regarding stream – dealt with under environmental issues

Parking review x2. 1. Dealt with under matters arising (20 minutes parking restriction). 2. RCC acknowledge receipt of request form for widening of the path at the junction of Pond Lane and Main Street.

Greetham Traffic Management Group with a request that traffic Focus Group communicate with them to maintain momentum.

GPC contact with RCC regarding correspondence not received

15 Reports from outside bodies None received

16 Items for a future agenda

Traffic Focus Group feedback regarding liaison with Traffic Action Group and proposals (if any) to put to the Parish Council for wider discussion and input.

Adopt a tree.

Village meeting – date to be arranged.

Email: greethampc@gmail.com

Appy days for Rutland residents.

Rutland Neighbourhood Watch has produced its very own app to keep their community protected and connected.

It's the brainchild of longstanding Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Jan Warren, who lives in Belton-in- Rutland. She has been supported by retired Metropolitan Police Superintendent Russ Horne, from Glaston in his role within Rutland Neighbourhood Watch.

"We are proud to have produced the first of its kind, dedicated Neighbourhood Watch app for Rutland county," said Jan. "The Rutland Community Neighbourhood Watch app is intended to be a useful tool for anyone who lives or works in the county. We wanted to bring our services into the 21st century by using the power of an app to make available all sources of information on demand. Our app is a fantastic way to engage with the wider community to help fight crime together."

The app is free and has attracted a lot of attention, not just in the Rutland area but across the East Midlands. The free app provide users with instant access to the latest crime prevention alerts, advice and statistics. It also features a wealth of other useful contact numbers, web addresses, social media links, local news feeds and more.

Jan said: "As the number of police officers on our streets continues to fall, Neighbourhood Watch has never been more important. But it can be a real struggle to get people to attend meetings, to get messages out, and to get feedback. Most people have smartphones these days and the app we have created means we can communicate with them in a much more effective way."

As well as Neighbourhood Watch content, it also carries all sorts of other useful information – such as emergency contacts for gas and electricity suppliers which can be found through the emergency button on the front, bus information, and links to local news feeds which can be accessed through the menu.

Jan added: "The most well used feature is the alerts on the home screen. Alerts for immediate attention – stolen cars – accidents with roads closed – cyber-crime – missing persons and much more delivered to the App with full instant alerts notification for all who have downloaded it."

Russ is keen for local residents to get involved and help drive the app forward as it evolves in the future.

He said: "Rutland is a great place to live and has relatively low crime levels – but that could change if people don't continue to be vigilant and do their bit. Neighbourhood Watch is a really valuable part of the community and the app will hopefully encourage more people than ever to get involved.

"The app allows Neighbourhood Watch members and all who live in, visit or work in Rutland, to share information about suspicious behaviour, missing pets and other matters of local interest. It can also be used to report problems such as abandoned vehicles graffiti, fly-tipping, and broken street lighting via the www.fixmystreet.com system. The latter having already been put to the test and action having been taken immediately by Rutland County Council!"

To see the app search for The Rutland Neighbourhood Watch app at the App store. - version for IOS and Android available.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

At the end of February, Rutland County Council approved the plan to go that next stage. There is now a six week public consultation period after which an independent inspector will be appointed. You can view the current version on the Greetham website, under Village and Community information - Neighbourhood Plan.

David Hodson e-mail: hodson001@gmail.com

Tel: 01572 813902

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FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Parish Council AGM

This is on Wednesday May 3rd and is because the Monday is a Bank Holiday!

The AGM will start at 7.00 and will be followed by the usual meeting

OPEN GARDENS 2017

Open Gardens – 11th June 2017

Please make a note in your diaries for the above event. As usual refreshments are available in Church, there will be a raffle and also a plant stall. This is a great afternoon to walk around the village and peruse the selected gardens.

I could still have a couple of places left if you would like to show your gardens. Please make contact on 813061.

Trevor

SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

The annual Greetham Duck Race will take place on Sunday 28th May 2017 @ 11am with Beer & Bands at The Plough in the afternoon.

This year we are raising money for Diabetes UK, plus the Psoriasis Association (in memory of Teresa Dalby)

We look forward to seeing you again and receiving your support.

More details to be published in April newsletter.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

By April 20th please

The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ

email: greethamnews@aol.com

Greetham Church Fete

2pm on Saturday 8 July 2017

Community Centre, Great Lane, Greetham

All the fun of a traditional church fete!

GREETHAM SCARECROW COMPETITION

This Summer the scarecrows will be coming back to Greetham, and we would like as many as possible to fill the village.

The weekend will run from Friday 7th July to Sunday 9th July 2017 with the winner to be announced at the Church Fete.

More details to follow in the coming months.

Put your thinking caps on !!!!!

For more details please contact Vicky Peers or Ros Marshall

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Easter Sunday Luncheon



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Table booking essential noon – 3pm



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Getting Into Character...

Our school is made up of many interesting characters, but on World Book Day we had superheroes, princesses, wizards and witches and even a Mr Man on site! World Book Day was a riot of colour and costume, and even the staff got involved! The children spent time thinking about their chosen character. Class 1 wrote speech bubbles about their character, Class 2 made Top Trump Cards and Class 3 wrote character descriptions. These are now on display in the school.

Reading is not only a skill for life, but a way to escape to another world. Whether you prefer fairy tales, mysteries, adventures or fantasy; there is a book for every person's taste. As Dr Seuss says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." We encourage our children to read as much as possible, not just their school reading books, but books from home, from the library, magazines, newspapers, signposts – anything that has words on it! It really is the foundation for all learning and enables children to discover so much about the world. It is equally important for children to talk about what they are reading—discussions help with their comprehension skills too.

We are indebted to our volunteers who give up their time to listen to the children read each week. If you feel you have a skill to share, or would like to join our band of volunteers, please contact the school office. We carry out a DBS check on all those who come into school to work with children.

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arrange a visit.