

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

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*Come and join us on Thursday
mornings for coffee and cake*

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



*Join your community café,
Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00*



Friday 6th April 24th

Doors Open at 6.30pm Eyes down at 7pm

CALL - Maureen on 01572 813061

**All proceeds to Play area fund &
Community Centre kitchen refurbish-
ment**



Help required for Greetham Car Boot
**Are you a young adult looking for
weekend work.**

£5.00 per hour paid for shifts of 3 or 6
hours.

Sunday 13th May

Sunday 10th June

Sunday 8th July

Sunday 12th August

Sunday 9th September

PLEASE contact via message on Facebook or
by calling:

Pauline on 07977575056

Linda on 07793063649

Planning an Event?

contact us

www.greethamrutland.com/community-centre

Find us on facebook

01572 812389 or mobile 07500 079780

Alternatively email us

at **bookgreetham@gmx.com**

Summer Ball

Only 9 tickets left

Tables for the Summer Ball are going really well.

Don't miss out – let me know if you want to join us.

Reserve either a table of 10 (subject to availability- selling fast) or individual tickets.

Ring Mo on 813061

Greetham Car Boot

**Community Centre
LE15 7NG**

2nd Sunday

of May, June, July, Aug, Sept

Buyers: Free, Parking £1

Sellers: £10

Trade - Please enquire

**To Book call :07500 079780,
bookgreetham@gmx.com**

Saturday March 31st

On Easter Saturday morning, the church will be open for coffee after the winter break, for all who pass our door, from 10.30 to 12.30.

Come and have a chat, or read the newspapers and magazines, enjoy a free drink and biscuit and listen to the music.

There will be people decorating the church for Easter Day on that first Saturday.

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Sun 1st Greetham Church Easter Day
5.45am Dawn Service
9.30am Holy Communion
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Tues 3rd Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 4th Oak House Lunch
- Sun 8th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast from 9am
- Mon 9th WI
- Thu 12th Mobile library
- Sat 14th Greetham Vikings Petanque Club Open Day.
- Sun 15th Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am
- Fri 20th **Last day for newsletter items for May newsletter**
- Sun 22nd Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thu 26th Mobile library
- Sun 29th Benefice Service at Thistleton 10.30am

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday April 1st 9pm and 22nd 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.



Please note the different times.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on **Tuesday April 3rd 2018** 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 4th 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 April 9th. Oil painting and a humorous talk on life as an artist by Michael Peachey.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday April 12th and 26th. 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 72291



Greetham Vikings Petanque Club Open Day

Interested in playing petanque? Come along to the Community Centre from midday to meet the members and enjoy a game or two. Refreshments provided.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Greetham playarea open afternoon at the community centre.

We all enjoyed tea, coffee and lots of cake.

What a fantastic response to the playarea plans and thank you to everyone who volunteered their services for any future events etc.

The playarea plans will be available to view on the community centre noticeboard, village green noticeboard and the playarea facebook page.

 Greetham Community Playarea

REVIEWS

Greetham Women's Institute

Meeting held on March 12th 2018 et cetera.

March has proved to be a busy month for WI members this year. On 7th, a small coach set out in pouring rain from Greetham, heading for Leicester. On arrival we were somewhat perturbed to discover that there had been an alteration to the traffic system and we could not gain access to our intended destination, Curve! With the help of Satnav, our intrepid driver had another attempt and we made it in time to take our seats for a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company of Matilda, The Musical, based on the Children's story by Roald Dahl. The show was amazing from start to finish, with a cast consisting largely of children, who sang, danced and acted with an amazing degree of assurance. The leading lady (aged eight) received a prolonged standing ovation. A rival for the top slot was the gentleman who played the cross-dressing headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. (He has obviously been to gymnastics classes!)

Saturday 9th saw a more serious (but no less fun) outing by seven members from Greetham to the Centenary AGM of Leicester and Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes. This was held in an Aircraft Hangar in rural Leicestershire, which was a much better venue than one might expect. Well over a thousand members attended from all over Leicestershire and Rutland. As ever with the WI, there was plenty of food and drink available for those who had not brought their own as well as those who had! There was also the usual excellent selection of retail therapy as well as an opportunity to see the winning entries for the various art, craft, cookery and flower arranging competitions.

The first speaker was Lady Gretton, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, who gave an enlightening talk on being the Queen's representative in the County. This was followed by a riveting talk from Mandy Hickson, the first female fighter pilot in the RAF. Mandy held a pilot's licence before she was old enough to hold a driving licence and won a flying scholarship to Cranwell. Although her superiors anticipated she would not last the course, she passed out, despite struggling with some of the computer-based learning. As a result of her experiences, the RAF realised that men and women learn differently and subsequently altered some of their training approaches. On leaving Cranwell Mandy trained as a Tornado pilot and saw active service in Iraq. (This included having to take swift action to avoid a Scud missile). Her talk was inspirational - she is living proof that women can do pretty much anything when they are sufficiently determined.

After lunch and AGM business, the afternoon speaker was Edwina Currie MP who spoke about her time in parliament and then took questions - an appropriate speaker when we are celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage.

The meeting ended with the singing of Jerusalem and the National An-

them, leaving time for further shopping before finding our coach back to Oakham

Our regular monthly meeting was held on March 12. Nineteen members were present, with six apologies. Birthday posies were presented to Peggie Butcher, Sue Young, Chris Parkin and Billie Hackett. Tea Hostesses were Sandy Begy and Jane Denyer. Our speaker was Guy Hodgson, a Stipendiary Magistrate from Yorkshire. A stipendiary magistrate is a salaried, trained lawyer who presides over his or her own court in the manner of a judge. He worked mostly in Bradford. He told us about a number of cases that came before him, and his talk was both humorous and humbling, including such characters as Deborah the Glaswegian transvestite who complained about the quality of the breakfast served in the custody suite. A stipendiary Magistrate has no Jury and makes all the decisions about whether the defendant is guilty or innocent. They must hold a Royal Warrant signed by the Queen and the Lord Chancellor. Guy served for seven years before retiring to run a smallholding (he had always wanted to be a Farmer)!

Next month's meeting will be held on April 9th, when Michael Peachy will give a humorous talk on oil painting life as an artist. There may be some audience participation. Visitors are always welcome.

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.

Fix the Roof fundraising for Greetham Church

Roof Numbers quiz

Can you crack the numbers quiz? E.g. 24 = H in a D is 24 Hours in a Day.

Entry forms available in the pubs and at the shop or from any church member.

£2 to enter, cash prize for the winner. You have to be in it to win it.

Entry forms and enquiries from Helen Macleod-Smith 812852

PARISH COUNCIL
Greetham Parish Council Minutes March 5th 2018
Greetham Community Centre @7.30 pm

Members present: Mr K. Edward; Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D Hodson; Mrs A. Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy.

7.20 pm

In advance of the meeting there was a short presentation on behalf of St Mary's Church, Greetham.

In attendance 5 members of the public.

Quarry noise and dust

1 Apologies for absence Mrs R. Marshall; Dr R. Oakes

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None given

3 Approval of minutes from February 5th 2018 Proposed: DH Seconded: AJ
Carried unanimously:

4 Matters arising

Ongoing:

Cycle path signage (Ward Member). RCC are responding to queries raised relating to positioning of signage.

Jacobs Well (DH) The proposed meeting has been re arranged.

The damaged crash gate light has been reported to RCC highways department.

Concerns regarding street scene. RCC have been contacted. RCC only have power to deal with infringement onto public land or situations deemed dangerous. Temporary car park and builders waste at Northbrook. RCC have visited the site.

A further update will be requested in advance of the next meeting. Action: Clerk

5 Finance None

6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC website
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: Provision of stable buildings & storage buildings for alpacas.

The Olde Greetham Inn, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7TX

Comment to be placed on RCC website. GPC have no objection but raise the following concerns: is Defra involvement required in overseeing the development of a new animal farm ? ; reassurance is requested that current screening from the A1 will not be impacted upon; justification for the size of the buildings is requested; reassurance that the animals will be securely penned and will not cause a hazard to A1 traffic is requested. Action: Clerk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: Fell 6 no. Leylandii trees

3, Church Lane, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7NF

The tree warden advises that there are no grounds for objection.

Western Power have identified trees in the village which are impacting on power lines. WP will be advised that they must seek planning permission for any trees which they plan to trim/ cut. Action: Clerk

7 Focus groups.

Lighting appraisal. For next month.

Tree focus group. The RCC Forestry Officer made an inspection visit to the village and reports that:

The recently planted trees have been inspected and required action identified. The trees planted on the verge of the B668 may have severe frost damage. If they cannot be saved replanting will take place at the expense of RCC.

Tree on green near Church Lane. Pruning will take place in March. The need for planning permission will be clarified. The Forestry Officer will draw up a proposed planting plan. Action: PH

A symposium of tree wardens will be arranged in Rutland.

GPC are praised for their proactive approach to tree planting.

Traffic focus group (traffic survey NB). Data from RCC survey will be forwarded to Councillors after the meeting. Options suggested include: amending direction signs to include advisory 'not suitable for HGV'; apply for capital scheme to install traffic calming options. Agenda item for next month.

Tourist Signage. Investigations in progress. Action: JD

Bus stop enhancements. Request seat to be placed in bus shelter at the Wheatsheaf or a total replacement with a seat similar to the shelter at the top end of the village. Action: Clerk

8 Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan

Response to letter to RCC regarding allocation of housing to Greetham in comparison to Ketton/ Market Overton / Ryhall/ Whissendine/ Cottesmore/ Langham/ Empingham/ Edith Weston/ Great Casterton. RCC have acknowledged as received

Response to letter regarding anomalies between Greetham and Empingham site selection. RCC acknowledged as received

Lovell's houses were being marketed as being in Cottesmore. This is acknowledged as an error in marketing and has now been rectified.

9 Playground Project

£44,000 currently raised. Meetings are arranged with possible contractors.

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

A report from RCC regarding condition of road and path alongside quarry details the current cleaning regime as adequate. GPC will further communicate their concerns, specifically with reference to the footpath. Action: Clerk

Avian flu update. Results from tests are inconclusive. Avian flu is confirmed in one location but tests have been unable to identify the cause at another location. Toxicology results are awaited on other animals involved. For a further update at the next meeting.

Parking at both bus bays is reported. GPC have no power to deal with this. Incidents should be reported directly to the police with photographic evidence where possible.

9 Community Centre Update

Boiler / heating high priority. RCC have been contacted for financial support.

Car boot sales are being organised from April to September.

Comedy night and Summer Ball tickets sold out.

Projects for improving the building are needed by GPC in order to apply for CIL monies at future opportunities.

12 Data Protection

The new requirements to meet data protection must be in place by May 25th. LRALC have made a tool kit available.

13 Correspondence and Communication

LRALC will provide training for Councillors on Conduct and interests. A suitable date will be proposed and training booked. Action: Clerk

Email from St Mary's church representative. A presentation has now taken place.

Mobile signal from Church spire. Passed onto St Mary's.

Village Shop – parking restrictions. Referred to RCC

14 Reports from outside bodies

Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan meeting attended by DH and AJ. A copy of campaign for Rural England was received. This shows where the two plans have worked cooperatively in some areas. Following the meeting a report raising concerns will be forwarded to central government. LRALC representation did not seem aware of the level of concern in Rutland. A letter will be sent to LRALC requesting legal guidance.

Letter to RCC questioning figures given regarding housing requirements for Rutland and querying the need to revise allocations in the light of St Georges Barracks developments was given to the Ward Member at the meeting.

Rapple's presentation regarding the Ram Jam Inn on Wednesday February 28th. This was a PR exercise. Plans are not yet submitted to RCC.

Neighbourhood Watch – a report of fraud crime targeting vulnerable residents has been received. GPC will raise awareness within the village. Action: DH/SB
Fraud and cyber prevention event – 23/3/18

15 Items for a future agenda

Church Lane survey. An analysis now being done. There was a very good response. Action: JD

Review of GPC meeting dates (for the AGM.) A canvass of availability will be done in advance. Action: Clerk

Church roof restoration

Quarry noise and dust.

16 Date of next meeting – March 5th 2018

Dates of future meetings –

Tuesday April Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday May 9th – AGM at 7.00 pm followed by May meeting.

COMING EVENTS

The Gathering is coming

Yes, it's only April but it will soon be time to turn your attention to the monthly Greetham Gatherings – the first of which is on Thursday 17th May. We don't plan many changes to our already successful format but

are always looking to make The Gathering attractive to exhibitors and villagers. In May we know that there will be a probable 120 EXTRA people turn out – as a visiting camper van club is staying in the area for several days. Don't let that put you off coming – we are aware and will be prepared! With the expected increase in numbers, we want to ensure that all those good things continue to be available – like the food and drinks (and cars and motorbikes!). Our resident caterer is aware and so are the bar crew. However, this increase in numbers will put more of a strain on the home made cakes that we always offer. So, here comes a plea! If you can bake a cake for the May gathering, or simply help out on the cake/coffee stall on the night, then please contact Carol (Tel: 01572 813717 or email at carol@middle-house.co.uk), as she would really appreciate some extra contributions or helpers. Remember, the Gathering is a charity fund raising event and so some extra support would be much appreciated – no matter how small. If you would like to know a little more about the Greetham Gatherings then visit our website on www.greethamgathering.co.uk, and look at our video.

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that this years Safari Supper will now be held on Saturday 29th September 2018 and not Saturday 6th October.

Don't forget this one will be 25 years !!!!!!! and we are so looking forward to organising it.

Vicky & Helen

**Thanks to Marigold Lamin for
generously sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.**

*With thanks to God for my 80th birthday and
60 years of happy marriage had Henry still
been alive. Also a year in my new home with
Lissie and Bob'.*

MAY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by April 20th please

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Greetham. LE15 7NJ
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MONDAY
5.30pm and 7.30pm

Greetham

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Great Lane, Greetham,
Nr Oakham LE15 7NG
Tel: Sally
07437 010235

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Mon - Homemade pie

Weds - Grill night

Friday - Fish and chips

New tea room in a pub open daily

Open all day weds to Sunday

Please note we are closed Tuesday lunch times



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Greetham Valley Great Night Out



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DISCO**

Friday 20th April

7.30pm til midnight **£15^{pp}**
2 course meal & disco



Race Night



Friday 27th April

£7.50

*includes fish, chips and
mushy peas supper
Arrival from 7pm*

Greetham Valley Wood Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 7SN

01780 460444 info@greethamvalley.co.uk

www.greethamvalley.co.uk



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

We've joined The Rutland Learning Trust!



On 1st March 2018 we became part of The Rutland Learning Trust alongside Whissendine CE School, Langham CE School, Ketton CE School and St Nicholas CE School, Cottesmore. We have been working alongside the Trust for the past year and we are delighted to be officially part of this local multi-academy trust.

Being a part of The Rutland Learning Trust enables us to retain the caring, family ethos which our parents know and love, whilst also developing a wide range of teaching and learning opportunities. The Rutland Learning Trust believes that by working together we can sustain excellence and transform learning and provide an outstanding education for all children. It focuses on valuing and caring for every child in order that they have the very best chance to excel and achieve their potential.

We are excited that children and staff will be able to work in collaboration with other schools, sharing areas of expertise in Exton & Greetham, as well as benefiting from the expertise of other staff within the Trust. We have already been able to share in opportunities such as sports festivals, art days and maths challenges, as well as hosting the 2nd Rutland Learning Trust Music Festival here at Exton in July 2017.

With a growing school roll and lots of exciting opportunities to explore with The Rutland Learning Trust, the future looks bright for Exton & Greetham CE Primary School!

Explore & Grow

School website:

www.extonschool.co.uk

**Phone: 01572 812380 to
arrange a visit.**