

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

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*Another
village
tidy up*





Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

What's On Regular Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency
Monday	Slimming World WI	5.30pm & 7.30pm 7.30pm	Weekly 2 nd Monday monthly
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Community Centre Meeting Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm 7.30pm	1 st Wednesday monthly 2 nd Wednesday monthly
Thursday	Meet 'Em and Greet 'Em Coffee Morning Badminton	10am 7.30pm	Weekly Weekly
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Indoor Bowls	2.30pm	Weekly

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday 5th April



What's On !!

**We would welcome any
Prizes – ring Mo on 813061
for collection**

DOORS OPEN- 6.30PM


EYES DOWN- 7.00PM

FANTASTIC PRIZES

LICENSED BAR

Planning an Event?

Contact us on www.greethamrutland.com/community-centre

Find us on Facebook 

Phone us on 01572 812389 or mobile 07500 079780

Email us at bookgreetham@gmx.com

The Centre is available for hire at the following rates:

	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

Greetham Community Centre Committee

Chair	Colin Bullock
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Pauline Kelly
Treasurer	Linda Bullock
Bar Licensee	Pat Evans
Committee Member	Maureen Hubbert
Committee Member	Sarah Jane Dryland
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
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Parish Council Representatives	Filled
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Greetham Community Centre NEEDS YOUR HELP

We currently have the above vacancies.

On 5th June at our AGM the positions of Chair and Treasurer will also become vacant.

If none of the above vacancies, including Chair and Treasurer are filled then the centre is in danger of having to close as there will not be sufficient members to meet the constitutional requirements.

If you are able to give some of your time and wish to become a committee member please in the first instance contact Colin Bullock via e-mail.

colin_e_bullock@btinternet.com

Alternatively please feel free to come to our next meeting held on the 3rd April at 19.30 in the Community Centre.

Colin Bullock

Chair – On behalf of Greetham Community Centre Committee

POLITE NOTICE

Over Christmas and again more recently, it has been found that some villagers (we have identified culprits through their address being left on labels etc.) have used the centre's rubbish bins as an extension to their own personal bins.

This is really not acceptable

The bins are for the specific use of Greetham Community Centre and marked up accordingly.

Members of the committee have on more than one occasion had to take the rubbish from the overflowing bins to the local tip. Not a pleasant task as you can imagine.

Please refrain from using the Community Centre's Bins as your personal overflow

We politely ask everybody to respect this request.

Colin Bullock Chair – On behalf of Greetham Community Centre Committee

Do you use the tennis court at the Community Centre? Would you like to see it refurbished and improved, with floodlights, a new surface and new fencing? Would you use it more if it was also a five a side football area or basketball court?

Tennis



The Community Centre committee have the opportunity to apply for a sports specific grant which could provide the money to enable them to carry out these improvements. What are your thoughts on this? How much would your family use it? Do you have any ideas for what would really benefit the village, in the tennis court area?

We need your views to support the funding application to make this exciting new project happen. Please phone Linda Edward on 01572 812136 (answerphone if unavailable) or, even better, email on linda@kenandlinda.co.uk. There will be an open meeting, to which all are welcome, on Saturday 27th April at 10am, at the Community Centre tennis court. The more of you who can come along to this meeting, or email your thoughts, the more likely it is that we can secure the funding needed. Thank you in advance for your comments.

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Wed 3rd Oak House Lunch
Fri 5th Easter Bingo
Sat 6th Shattered on Saturday
Sun 7th Greetham Church 8.00 Holy Communion (said service)
9.30am Morning Worship—informal service
Mon 8th WI
Tue 9th Mobile library
Wed 10th Parish Council
Sun 14th Palm Sunday Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
with breakfast from 9am
Greetham Vikings Petanque Club Open Day
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
Fri 19th Good Friday St Mary's Church 1200 - 1500 Devotional
Service - readings, hymns and prayers
Sun 21st Easter Sunday Greetham Church 9.30am Holy
Communion by extension
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf **9pm**
Thu 18th Last day for items for May newsletter
Tues 23rd Mobile library
Sun 28th Greetham Church 9.30 Holy Communion
Rag rug workshop

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 3rd 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'*



SHATTERED ON SATURDAY 6th APRIL in ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM 10.30 -1230

With Spring in the air, we are again open every Saturday for relaxed music and chat with free coffee, tea and biscuits, and a look through papers and magazines.

Everyone welcome of all ages.

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The next Meeting is on 8th April 7.45 at The Community Centre. The talk is 'Dogs for Good'.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday April 14th at 8pm and April 21st at **9pm**. Teams of four please. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.



Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Tuesday April 9th and 23rd. Times are approximate

Oakham Road Lock's Close 12.05—12.25

Main Street Bridge Lane 12.30 - 12.50

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 72291



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday April 10th 2019 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.



Greetham Vikings Petanque Club open day Sunday April 14th

Interested in playing petanque? Want to have a go? New to the village? Then come along to the Community Centre from midday. Meet the members - have a game - partake of some

refreshments.

Enquiries to Peter and Clare Hitchcox 812585 or Pat Evans 813448

Rag Rug workshop

There will be a rag rug workshop using all recycled materials at The Community Centre on Sunday 28th April. 2 till 4pm. All materials will be provided, and rug tool available to purchase (£5). Small cost to cover hire of hall, dependant on how many attending. Contact Karen on 812808 for further information and to express interest.

REVIEWS

Greetham Women's Institute March 2019

34 members and 2 guests were present at our March meeting, with apologies for absence from

Carol Fairbairn, Sue Bamber, Sue Young and Jane Denyer.

Birthday Posies were given to Billie, Chris Parkin, Vicky, Hilary, Claire and Peggie.

Tea Hostesses were Chris Parkin and Irene Elson.

Helen Tipper was our speaker. She gave us a very interesting talk about "Mindfulness". She started by explaining that it requires no particular religious belief and is "simple but not easy". It provides a way of reducing

stress and this brings a number of health benefits. It encourages us to accept situations as they are and stay in the present by “living in our bodies not in our heads”. We need to “maintain a kind and friendly attitude to ourselves and others”.

We did a brief meditation exercise following her simple guidelines. Books and local courses are available. “Resilient Rutland” has been formed to improve the mental health of young people living in Rutland and one of the methods it will use is mindfulness.

We are planning various activities for the coming months including a clothes swap, afternoon tea at a local cafe and various theatre trips. These are in addition to our printed programme which is on the village website - see <http://www.greethamrutland.com/womens-institute/>.

Our next meeting on April 8th will be Danielle Childs talking about “Dogs for Good”

MARCH LITTER PICK

The litter pick took place on a very windy (but, thankfully, not wet) Saturday 16th March.

We had a larger than normal turnout of 14 volunteers, and with these numbers we were able to complete the litter pick in well under 2 hours. We collected 20 dustbin bags full of rubbish from the streets and verges in and around the village.

Many thanks to all those who turned out and to the many Greetham villagers who regularly pick up litter as they walk around the village.

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.

Greetham Open Gardens

The gardening season is now getting underway. When tidying up your garden and setting seeds do set aside some plants for the plant stall at the Greetham Open Gardens on 9th June. Fruit, flowers and vegetables are all welcome. Contact Trevor on 813061 or Karen on 812808 for more information.

OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2019

We are still looking for gardens on the west side of Greetham. If you are interested in opening your garden, please make contact with me on 01572 813061. Thank you, Trevor Hubbert

Greetham Church Fix the Roof update

We are delighted to report that we have received nearly £10,000 in grants as well as a substantial amount in reclaimed Gift Aid largely from the Sponsor a Square Yard of Roof scheme to which so many villagers responded. Our target is getting closer. We also received £250 from the concert held in church in February.

Fundraising continues with the **2019 Numbers Quiz** which will be available at the end of March from the shop, Jackie or Helen. £2 to enter, same as last year and 50 new numbers to test your knowledge and ingenuity. You have until the end of May to complete it.

Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

Helen and Jackie

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Agenda March 13th 2019

Greetham Community Centre @7.30 pm

Members : Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair); Mr P. Hitchcox (PH); Mr D. Hodson (DH); Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ); Dr R. Oakes (RO), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)
Ward Councillor: Nick Begy (NB)

In attendance: 6 members of the public

Church Lane drains – NB

1 Apologies for absence. None

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda and dispensations granted

None given

3 Approval of minutes from February 13th Proposed: DH Seconded: JD

4 Matters arising

Response to comments made by public at February meeting:

Church Lane potholes and drains – actioned by RCC. Now re-blocked (– re-reported by NB)

Cones in Church Lane – removed.

Church Lane signage – update. NB Objection received so on hold till resolved. Possible solution – remove 20 mph sign. This will be discussed at the meeting with Leicestershire Police and RCC Highways next week.

Village Sign – proposed move. Quote for moving required – Clerk.

Ongoing:

Blocked drains in various locations. Work scheduled for March 4th has now started.

Lovell's - tree planting. 44 trees to be planted – 26 done, one of which has blown down. Forestry Officer informed. Concerns to be repeated.

Meeting with Senior Traffic Management Officer (questions prepared). Also Highways Rutland. Questions prepared by GPC and TRASP. Responses to be published
Bench plaques, due to be delivered very shortly.

5 Website

Motion: Greetham Parish Council adopts greethamrutland.com website on behalf of and for the benefit of the Village.

The current Website will close down and then be taken over by over by the PC.

Proposed: DH Seconded: RK Carried unanimously.

Update on current and previous agendas and minutes on website. Currently these documents are 'retired' when new ones are posted. The rebuild will allow them to be stored for 2 years.

6 Finance

Monthly figures presented. Will be on drop box. Prediction of budget will be present-

ed monthly. The new council may change the budget.

The Councillor nominated to oversee finances will be nominated when the new council is voted in.

DH will take this role until then.

For information:

Clerks salary, February: £166.53

HMRC (Clerk's salary – tax, June, September, December) £375

Computer: £340

For approval:

£500 (plus VAT) to rebuild website and make it smartphone friendly (responsive design).

Proposed: JD Seconded: KE

Carried unanimously

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

Update:

Update re dangerous roof – Main Street. The owners will be contacted by RCC Officers as this is considered dangerous.

2019/0149/FUL

Two storey detached dwelling house and associated works. Land adjacent to 29, Stretton Road. Greetham.

Planning Application Reference 2019-0149-FUL

New two storey Dwelling Stretton Road

Planning Focus Group comments

Comment status: Objection

1. This application does not conform to Rutland County Council Core Strategy Development Plan Document, 11th July 2011 as the proposed development is outside the 'Planned Limits of Development'. Policy CS4
2. This application does not conform to Greetham Neighbourhood Plan as the proposed development is outside the 'Planned Limits of Development'. Policy HD 1.
3. The Parish Council views this as a 'ribbon' development, linearly extending the village, which is undesirable.
4. The Parish Council notes that an application for a similar property in 2005 was rejected.
5. The Parish Council notes that the land on which this property is proposed has also been put forward for development in the Local Plan Review.
6. The materials specified in the design and Access statement application states 'ironstone'; the village is traditionally limestone
7. The access point is unsuitable; it is close to a bend in the road where a fatal accident has occurred.

Approved: DH Seconded BW Carried unanimously

Travellers site. GPC request RCC involvement in addressing concerns. Cars appear to have been abandoned in the next field. Clerk to confirm position of site causing concern.

7 Road conditions

A date has been given for repair to Main Street near old Post Office. This will involve a road closure. GPC will publicise the dates.

8 Focus groups and committees

Litter pick 16/3/19 @10.00 am. (Community Centre) Health and safety regulations and equipment supplied.

Proposal by Councillor Hodson to form a new focus group called 'Community Garden Group'. GPC will formally request permission from the Church to utilise the identified land and other areas identified. Delayed until the election of the new council.

Burial Ground Committee. More natural area proposed; for the new council.

Tree warden report; apple trees at Ram Jam. 10 grafts have been taken. GPC thank the villager who undertook the work and will offer to contribute towards the cost. Once estab-

lished the grafted stock will be planted in village.

9 Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan

Next draft of the local Plan due in May. This is a tentative timespan.

Woolfox. GPC have received a letter from Adam Murray regarding consultation on the development of Woolfox. A response will be compiled which states consultation is not planned at the present.

10 Community Centre

Update on bar refurbishment. RCC still to respond regarding grant. Refrigeration in cellar starts this week.

The willow tunnel is now in situ.

Community policeman has further advised on CCTV protocol and the protocol is being redrafted.

11 Welcome Pack

Redesigned contact card.

Ideas for redesigned 'Welcome to Greetham' leaflet. May agenda item

12 Correspondence and Communication

Health Bus. Permission given to park in village.

Safer Village. Applied for.

Rutland Choice Unlimited. 3rd April

Communication from parishioner regarding width of path. Reply; as far as we are aware there is no retrospective legal minimum width.

Communication from parishioner regarding contact details for TRASP; the coordinator will be contacted.

Rural Strategy – PH will review the documentation.

Volunteers to hear reading ; put poster up on PC noticeboard

13 Reports from outside bodies

Parish forum.

LARAC – training courses for newly elected Councillors. RCC may also organise this.

14 Items for a future agenda and election update.

Timetable. Process for applying to be a Councillor. Application forms distributed; due in to RCC on or after the 25th March and before the 3rd April

Roles and responsibilities.

15 Date of next meeting and AGM

April 10th 2019

May 22nd 2019

FOR YOUR DIARIES

GREETHAM OPEN GARDENS 2019

Here we go again! We are planning to have Greetham Open Gardens on Sunday, 9th June 2019 – 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

As usual we will have a plant stall, so if anyone would like to supply plants on the day, it would be much appreciated.

Anyone interested in opening their gardens please make contact on 01572 813061. Trevor Hubbert.

Save the date!

The Greetham Church Fete will take place on Saturday, 13th July starting at noon. Please put it in your diaries now and come along to support us!



Marriage by Design Course

Saturday 6th April, 10am – 4pm

St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore

(£20 payable on the day, to include lunch, refreshments and all materials)

Rev Anthony Oram and his wife Tessa, plus a team from Cottesmore Benefice are running a 'Marriage by Design' course. This course is especially for those who are about to get married or who are thinking about getting engaged.

This course is open to all couples wanting to get married in the Benefice. However, it is also open to couples getting married in other Churches, or those who want to get married but not in Church.

This is a chance in the middle of all the hectic preparation and planning of your wedding to take time to think longer term, and to plan together how you want your marriage to work.

Marriage by Design covers the following topics :

- Communication
- Commitment
- Resolving Conflict
- Friendship
- Values and Expectations
- Sex
- Children
- Financial Management
- In-laws and Wider Family

It is presented in a relaxed and informal way, with short dvds and time for you to chat as a couple. There is no group sharing.

You can find out more about the course here

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/courses/marriage-preparation-prepare-for-marriage-engagement-couples-pre-marriage-day>

Booking by email to Jayne Isaac at cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch scam warning

An ongoing TV Licensing phishing campaign, first identified by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) in September 2018, continues to be reported to Action Fraud in high numbers. Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails that are designed to steal their personal and financial information. Since April 2018, Action Fraud has received over 900 crime reports with victim losses totalling more than £830,000.

How you can protect yourself:

- Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.
 - Don't assume a phone call or email is authentic, even if someone knows your basic details (such as your name or address). Remember, criminals can spoof phone numbers and email addresses to appear as companies you know and trust, such as TV Licensing.
- Your bank will never call and ask you for your PIN, full banking password, or ask you to transfer money out of your account.

What to do if you've fallen victim:

- Let your bank know as soon as possible and monitor your bank statements regularly for any unusual activity.
 - If you suspect your identity may have been stolen you can check your credit file quickly and easily online. Use a reputable service provider and follow up on any unexpected or suspicious results.
- If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Message Sent By

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

MAY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Thurs April 18th please

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

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Easter Sunday Luncheon

Sunday 27th April 2019

12 til 3pm

booking essential

delicious 3 course luncheon
and a chocolate egg for every child!

£18.95 per person

Children 0-4 years complimentary,
5-10 years half price



Greetham Valley

Wood Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland LE15 7SN

t: 01780 460 444 e: info@greethamvalley.co.uk w: www.greethamvalley.co.uk



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

Ospreys...

We are lucky to live so close to Rutland Water and to have such a rich resource on our doorstep. This morning we welcomed three people from Rutland Water who came to tell us all about the Ospreys. We enjoyed learning about the Ospreys, how they live and grow, and watching clips of them fishing. Cobalt class will be visiting the nature reserve later this year to hopefully see some chicks live in their nests. Did you know an osprey's wingspan is bigger than a child's armspan?!



A huge thank you...



to the members of the local community who collected money at Christmas towards new bikes for our youngest children. We would also like to thank the very generous anonymous donor who dropped a cheque into the school towards this project. Here is our first new bike (and a new wheelbarrow!) in use!

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.