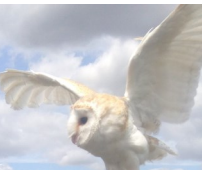


GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2015

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*Greetham
Church fete*



COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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We have had a very busy month, particularly with the Gathering and the Church Fete, both very successful events.

Lettings have included a fund raiser for Stretton, the WI line dancing evening (very enjoyable) and numerous other events, such as parties, Christenings etc. as well as the normal weekly events.

We are planning ahead, so look out for the following:

October - Halloween Evening

November - Fireworks Party

December - Children's Christmas party.

Further details of these will appear in the next Newsletter.

We are still looking for help around the Centre, particularly outside. Richard Gregg does a wonderful job with the grass cutting, but there is always strimming and other jobs which require doing. If you can spare an hour, do please give me a ring (813016) or speak to any member of the Committee.

If you would like to book the Centre, please give our Bookings Secretary a ring on 07500079780.

Have a very happy Summer holiday.

Greetham Community Centre Committee.

COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Sun 2nd Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word

Wed 5th Oak House Lunch

Thu 6th Mobile library

Sun 9th Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with breakfast from 9am)

Mon 10th WI

Sun 16th Greetham Church 9.30 am Morning Praise
Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm

Thur 20th Mobile library
Greetham Gathering

Sat 22nd Morocco fund raising coffee morning

Sun 23rd Last day for newsletter items for September newsletter
Greetham Church Eucharist 9.30am

Sun 30th Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf **9pm**

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 5th August - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50.

Please book in advance. This is essential. Come and be a part of our community! Oak House Residential Home - 01572 812647

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday August 6th and 20th . 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



WI

The next monthly meeting will be held on August 10th.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday August 16th 8pm and 30th 9pm. Please take note of the different starting times this month

due to the Bank Holiday. 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.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will not meet in August unless an extra ordinary meeting is required to discuss any planning applications.

Next meeting - September 9th 2015.

Greetham Gatherings

The next "Gathering" will take place on Thursday August 20th, from about 4:00pm until dusk (Further "Gatherings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month until September.

Morning Praise

Do you prefer your worship to be a little more formal? Why not come along to the Morning Praise service at 9.30am every 3rd Sunday in Greetham, where we have several hymns, readings, sometimes read a psalm, creed, sermon, and prayers; followed by refreshments. Do come and join us and see what you think. Diane Creasey

REVIEWS

The July Gathering

Well, as I'm sure you will understand, we have to address the important subject of last month's quiz question. This, I am sure went viral in the village (certainly it did in the Plough) and everyone was agonising over which car pictured was Roly Easson's. With very few, but subtle, clues I do know that some people managed to work it out, and so I can with great pleasure confirm that it was indeed the E-type Jaguar. Commiserations to all who did not get the answer correct!

On a more serious note, I am pleased to report that the July Gathering was again another outstanding success story. First of all, the weather did what we



hoped it would, and has in the past, and remained dry for the evening – even though the weather forecasts for that day had been very gloomy and uncertain. A dry time is certainly needed to encourage enthusiasts and supporters to attend so we have been blessed in having all 8 of our meetings over the last 2 years as dry meetings. Long may it continue!

On the attendance front we were slightly down on June's classic vehicle numbers, but the number of non-exhibitors was up so overall from a charity raising viewpoint we were almost at the June's figures. That said, the organisers are absolutely delighted with the support we are getting, and we are on course to make a much larger donation to the local Air Ambulance at the end of this year's events. Our success is down to the supporters who generously attend and participate in the spirit of the event – that's you! We thank you and hope you will continue to support us. We were pleased to see an expansion in the hot food offerings with Chilli being added in July as a "special" dish, and it looks like "Curry" will be offered in August – but I cannot guarantee that. Thanks must go to those



who organise the event (Gilbert, Roly, Debbie, Mike and Martin); those who help on the day (Brian K, Janet T, Sue B, Thomas, Malcolm and Bill); the raffle coordinator (Loreen); sustenance providers (Andy and his team); the cakes and drinks ladies (Carol F, Maureen H, Ros M and all who donated cakes), the bar staff, and anyone else who I may have forgotten (Sorry!) – all of whom make the event the success it is.

The event started slowly but as we have now come to expect, many of the attendees arrived after 6:00pm. Based upon June's attendance, when the exhibiting area was looking somewhat crowded, we extended that area this month which meant we had a smaller general car park. There's a law that catches you out when you don't plan properly for things, and it was applied this month! The general car park looked quite crowded but the exhibiting numbers were down (in the enlarged paddock). We'll get it right one day but at least we have the space to take more vehicles. We had a nice mix of classic cars attend, some old favourites and regulars, and some we had not seen before. We were treated to, amongst others, the literally just-restored (hours earlier that day - by Easson's Motors) Austin Mini, a beautiful Lanchester, a Citroen DS, a Bentley, Daimler, Ferrari, Maserati, several Lotuses, MGs Triumph TRs and some classic "everyday" cars like an Austin Maxi, Ford Fiestas,



Morris Minors, Rileys, Wolseleys and VWs. Around 70 classic vehicles (including a tractor) were on display.

In the motorcycle park, we had some nice machines, including a Rudge 500cc Sports Special, a Honda CB750-4 and other Honda 4s, an Ariel single and an Ariel twin, a Kawasaki 750 triple (2 stroke) and a Kawasaki 1000cc six cylinder, a Velocette Venom, a motorised pushbike, a Honda C90 cub, a Norton Dominator and a modified BSA Bantam with a tank mounted gear change. In all there were over 60 motorcycles of all ages present.

The next Gathering is on August 20th so please make a note in your diary – and bring a friend. We didn't run out of beer, cakes or anything this time. No quiz this time but it may return soon if the demand is there! Martin Fairbairn

GREETHAM CHURCH FETE 2015



Beautiful, sunny weather made for a magnificent fete this year! It drew in the crowds who enjoyed sitting outside with their teas watching adults trying their luck on the slow bike ride and kids racing down the rollercoaster. This year the fete was opened by Diane and John Creasey – Diane is a Reader with the church. The surprise activity of the day was the maze which was a triumph of engineering construction! We held the inaugural Young Harry cake baking award in memory of Harry Weston. The winner, Jessica Douglas (age

7), was presented with a trophy sponsored by The Wheatsheaf. Our visitors included Exton and Greetham School together with a crew from Oakham Fire Station and the Police Community Support team. Their vehicles were a big draw for boys of all ages! Animal lovers enjoyed Sally's dog show, Lynne and Sarah's ponies and Anne's owl. The stalls, cakes, tombola and raffle all sold out in record time and once again we guessed where the sheep pooped! It was fantastic to see so many families from the village with young children having a brilliant time.

The Church would like to give massive thanks to all those who contributed to the fete. We are ever grateful for your support and generosity in making this event a success. Thank you for your donations to the stalls and tombola, for sourcing materials for the games, for cake baking, for providing lots and lots of help on the day and for turning up to enjoy yourselves.

In particular I'd like to thank our local businesses – The Plough, The Wheatsheaf, The Black Horse, the campsite, Estelle (reflexologist), Pippa (hairdresser), the village shop and Snapdragon (shop in Oakham) – for their raffle donations and help. Please support them, more information on www.greethamrutland.com. Also, thanks to Stef Douglas for arranging the fire engine, the Bothwell family for providing sheep and hay bales, and to the Hinch family for more hay bales and toilets.

We are especially grateful to the help from the de Vries family this year – Maaïke presented a lovely posy to Diane; Thomas who did his paper round, helped all day from early morning (did you spot him under the Brucie mask) then went to his third job at The Plough; and Elke who, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award, helped with the publicity of the fete, made bunting and ran the rollercoaster (did you see her amazing shop window display?). Their mum and dad, Steph and Harro, also helped extensively and are probably wondering how this all happened!!

Thanks from the Church Fete Committee. **STOP PRESS!** Total raised was £2709

WI Report July 2015

This summer is proving to be a busy one for Greetham WI. June 27th saw Carol Fairbairn and her team catering for the National Handbell Ringers' Convention held in the Community Centre. Their efforts were so much appreciated that the Ringers have asked to come back next year. July 3rd then saw Greetham act as hosts for one section of the county wide annual quiz. Fifteen teams from the North West of the county congregated here, in addition to three other venues elsewhere in Leicestershire. Sue and Merv Bamber manned the Bar and interval cakes and hot drinks were again provided by the Greetham Ladies. We entered two teams (Three plus One and Greetham Grandmas). After scorer Helen McGarrigle had done all her sums, Three plus One proved to be the winners, with a score of 77 out of 90 questions answered correctly. (None of us knew anything about Sport)! To our astonishment, after the scores had been submitted to Headquarters in Leicester, the team also proved to be the overall winners in the Leicestershire and Rutland Federation.

Our July meeting was attended by 23 members and 5 guests. Birthday posies were presented to Carol Freeman and Pat Evans. Our guest for the evening was Karen Holtom from Ripplingale, who tutored us in the art of Line Dancing. This was an open meeting, held in the main hall, with drinks from the bar served by Sue Bamber. After organising everyone into standing properly and facing in the correct direction, Karen explained some of the basic steps and we walked through them without music at first. Much of the music was familiar, including such songs as "Magic Moments" and "Tell me the Way to Amarillo". After being shown how to wiggle our hips correctly, we danced for half an hour, with the dances gradually getting longer and more complicated.

After a break for refreshments a further half hour of dancing followed. "Pick a Bale of Cotton" got gradually faster and faster and it must be admitted, one or two dancers fell by the way-side! Two visitors who clearly are experienced in such matters gave us a demonstration of Rock and Roll.

President Helen McGarrigle proposed a vote of thanks and the evening ended with a first practice of our song for the autumn meeting of the Horseshoe Group, to be held in Cottesmore. Unfortunately the planned speaker for next month is now unable to attend, so our meeting on August 10th will be an in-house, but will definitely include singing!

Petanque French lunch

On Sunday 12th July, members and friends of the Greetham Vikings Petanque Club enjoyed a French Style Lunch at the Community Centre prepared by members of the club. The French quiz once again proved to be popular and was won by Sarah Cardew.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the lunch such an enjoyable occasion.

Peter Hitchcox

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Greetham Good Neighbour Scheme

A big thank you to all those people who supported our Teddy Raffle.

We raised over £250, which will be used to cover our telephone and insurance costs in the year ahead.

The winner of the first prize was Wanda Brown and the second prize went to Alison Brett. Ken Edward

Village Rubbish Bin Report

Thank you to all of you who are using our rubbish bins responsibly and helping to keep our streets clean and tidy.

To those who do not, please remember we all share this lovely village and do not need to trip over dog mess and discarded cans, bottles and crisp packets.

If you pick up after your dog, please knot the bag. The 'someone' who is left to deal with it is me, and I am not amused when I encounter an open poo bag.

Please could you try a little harder to keep our village ship shape! Ken Edward

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes July 8th 2015 (Subject to approval)

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

Present: Mr R. Wicks (Acting Chair); Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr R. Begy; Mr D.Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts

In attendance: 2 members of the public

Update from local constabulary

A burglary took place in Greetham on 13/6/15

Open forum for public comments

Agenda.

Apologies for absence: Ken Edward/ Frank Hinch/ Jane Denyer

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 10th 2015

Spelling error 'raised' corrected.

Proposed: RB Seconded: JR. Those not present at the meeting abstained

Matters arising

Western Power – no response. Ongoing

Request for bench at bus shelter. Ongoing: RB

The overgrown hedge reported to the PC will be cut back when birds are no longer nesting.

Stuart Kidd (RCC Tree Warden) will meet with interested parties in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 on Thursday July 10th.

The statement for the Greetham newsletter regarding planning permission on the Garden Centre site has been completed and submitted.

Steve Coe to be contacted by FH – ongoing.

Uppingham judicial review has been completed and was not upheld

Great Lane verge cutting. This has now taken place but the standard is poor. Action: JR to email RCC

BT have been contacted regarding the pole on the Village Green. It is Western Power's responsibility to raise an order for this work.

JH Gardening has confirmed he will deal with the work required on the path to the Vicarage from the playing area. The path which runs alongside the bowling green is in need of attention. Action : Clerk

Path to cemetery. Communication has not been responded to. To be an agenda item for Au-

gust.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 30th 2015

Proposed: DH Seconded: JR. It is to be recorded that PH left the meeting at 7:20.

Matters arising : None

Finance:

Amounts received: £69.00 (Burial ground)

£23.52 (Insurance refund)

Expenditure for information:

E-on - £88.68

RCC - £318.00

Expenditure for approval:

Village noticeboard - £253.75 (additional cost)

Neighbourhood Plan

Current situation: the draft plan is being prepared for approval by the Steering Group before presentation to the village for approval.

20 mph update A completion date of 1st September is promised.

Main Street closure (Great Lane)

Signage was poor. Disruption to business and the village was notable.

It is proposed that a letter is sent to RCC Highways asking for an explanation for such severe disruption and to seek assurances that any future closures will be handled more thoroughly.

Proposed RW Seconded **DH Action : Clerk**

RW/ DH will check the current situation with the Great Lane gates. Action : RW/ DH

Village Noticeboard

A final specification is suggested which will include a 'header' to match the Village Sign. This entails additional costings of £253.75. Proposed: DH Seconded: PH. Carried unanimously

Community Centre

The Finance report shows a positive situation.

A bar manager has been appointed from 1st September.

Lettings – the centre used almost daily now.

Wi- Fi will be installed (funding may be available through contacting Robert Clayton RCC)

New Year's Eve – there will be an event

Welcome Visit

JR has visited three newcomers to the village.

Correspondence:

Email – Community Centre Exhibition. Dlpconsultants. Email – Greetham quarry development

It is proposed that a reply is sent which states the requests made in their email are their job.

Propose: RW Sec: JR Carried unanimously. Action: Clerk

Be1 webpage content contains an incorrect statement with regard to the Parish Council.

Proposal: That a correspondence be placed in the Greetham Newsletter refuting this statement. Proposed: JR Sec DH. Carried unanimously

Proposal: That a letter be sent to Be1 demanding both a retraction and an apology. Proposed: RB Seconded: JR Carried unanimously

Proposal: That the letter be copied to Ivor Crowson/ Hereward Homes/ the Neighbourhood Plan Chairman and Planning Department at RCC. Proposed: DH Seconded: PH Carried unanimously

A strategy for responding to proposed development will be presented to the PC at the August meeting – Action: DC

Great Lane photograph – covered during discussion regarding Main Street closure.

Reports from outside bodies : None

Any other business

RCC have appointed four Community Agents whose role is to establish needs and direct peo-

ple to appropriate resources. A representation from them would be welcome.
Drafted by Anne Basden (Clerk to Greetham Parish Council)

Statement from Greetham Parish Council

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that the architects' be1 Ltd. (appointed to advise the quarry owners on potential development) has placed the following statement on their website: (www.be1architects.co.uk/masterplanning/greetham-quarry)

"be1 produced a design and visualised a concept scheme suitable to present to the Parish Council to secure their support for the proposals. The presentation was successful and the Parish Council supported the principle of development on the site"

This is a misrepresentation of the Parish Council's position.

Be1 made a presentation on their plans for the Quarry prior to the start of a Parish Council meeting

No response to the presentation was made/has been made

Formal proposals have not been part of any Parish council discussions

When economic excavations of the site come to an end the owners of the site must return it to a state pre-agreed with Rutland County Council. In the event that a planning application is submitted to vary the existing agreement, the Parish Council will decide upon its response at that time. It has categorically not implied or given any indication that it would support these specific plans.

We have written to the architects asking for the immediate retraction of their misrepresentation.

COMING EVENTS

There is a bus going to Harrogate from the Community Centre on Sat 5th September leaving the Community Centre 8am cost £22 (this includes bus fare and entry ticket to the fair)

The bus is travelling to Harrogate for the WI Centennial Fair. This is open for non WI members ..

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Out in the Community

We keep our fingers crossed for good weather for our annual walk to Fort Henry in a few weeks time. We are lucky to be close to such lovely countryside, and we know the children enjoy getting out and about.

It was lovely to meet so many members of the community at Exton Day a few weeks ago. We will also be at the Greetham Church Fete on 18th July. Do come and say hello.

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