

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2016

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# COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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Date for your diary.

\*\*\*\*SUMMER FAMILY EVENING\*\*\*\*

Get involved or just come along, food, games and most of all fun !

Friday 26th August

*This summer's Meet'em in Greetham,*

Your community café, bringing together friends and neighbours of all ages every Thursday 10:00 - 12:00

Bowls Club – meeting every Wednesday at the Pavilion for all ages.

The Gathering' - third Thursday in the month from May to September. Bar is open.

Petanque on Tuesdays, wonderful way to spend a summers evening.

Line dancing on Wednesday evenings.

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Don't be disappointed if you want to use the Centre for a birthday party, a wedding etc. Book early as the Centre is being used more and more.

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What's it all about ?

The community centre is managed by a strong committee of volunteers - with any profit ploughed back into the centre to further improve the facilities.

How ? Then come to the centre meetings first Wednesday of the month and see what we are all about !

## COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Wed 3rd Oak House Lunch

Thu 4th Mobile library

Sun 7th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship

Mon 8th WI

Sun 14th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship (9.00 breakfast)

Thu 18th Mobile library  
The Gathering

**Last day for newsletter items for September newsletter**

Sun 21st Greetham Church Morning Praise

Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm

Fri 26th Bank Holiday fun night

Sun 28th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise with Holy Communion

Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 9pm

## **Oak House lunch**

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



## **Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham**

Thursday August 4th and 18th. 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

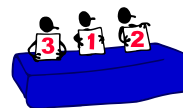


## **WI**

August's meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Richard Adam's presentation has the title 'Up, Up and Away.

## **Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz**

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday August 21st at 8pm and 28th 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.**



## **Bank Holiday Fun Night**

Greetham Community Centre, Friday August 26th, 5.30 pm onwards. Bar, Real Ale, Barbecue on sale. Music, fun and games for all ages. A Greetham Community Centre fund raiser.

## **Parish Council**

Please note there will be no August PC meeting unless there are any urgent matters that need dealing with immediately

## **REVIEWS**

### **Somme ... of Greetham: 1st July 2016**



The church bells rang from 6.45pm on Friday 1st July to mark the run up to 'Somme ... of Greetham'. Why would this be appropriate? There is no traditional stone cross of memorial in our churchyard. Instead, in 1919/20 the people of Greetham, as practical as ever, raised the equivalent of over £25,000 to restore the church bells so that every time they are rung they are a reminder of the Greetham chaps who went to the Great War - but did not return.

And so to the 'Somme ... of Greetham'. Exactly 100 years from the start of the Battle of the Somme - on 1st July 1916 - Greetham remembered four of its men who were there. Chas, Walter, Henry and Harry. Four men who, if we had been here 100 years ago, we all would have known.

180 people filled the church for our commemoration on 1st July, and others came to the dress rehearsal the night before. We were determined to do something special to help remember our chaps. 100 years from the battle was the right time to do it. We know we were the only village in Rutland to do something quite so ambitious - and in fact, we may well have been the only village in the whole of Britain to do quite what we did.

Our village production was unique, because it was based on the experiences of real Greetham people. Our drama, and the songs and poems, and all of the technical work in set building, lighting, sound, and support was performed by locals. Surely, this is what we do best in our village.

Our production brought out the best in us as a community - real commitment by all involved, and lots of positive feedback from those who were able to come along on the night. Many of us in the production rose to challenges that we never expected to be able to meet. I dare say that some members of the audience may have been quite moved by the experience. I can definitely say that most of us involved in the production would admit to shedding more than a tear or two as we got to know the closeness of the relationships in the village - then and now.

It was poignant for me to know that in the audience sat people with the closest of personal connections to the men featured in 'Somme ... of Greetham'. The four grandchildren of Private Henry Bagshaw - a grandfather they never knew. The Great Nephew of Private Harry Weston. Relatives of Bugler Walter Brown. People - even in the cast - who, but for unfortunate circumstance, would have been related to Chief Petty Officer Charles 'Chas' Throsby.

Also there were many descendants of other Greetham men who served in the First World War, but who survived and came home - including the daughter of one, and the extended family of another. Equally, many who are Greetham residents now and have their own relatives from across the British Isles and beyond who all experienced the horrors of that war. This is still close history for many of us. It still resonates powerfully 100 years



on.

I am confident that we in Greetham have done our bit to remember our chaps who were at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. I would like to think that the chaps we honoured would feel that we did justice to them. We did also, together, raise some money for two causes. £650 was raised. Of this £400 will go to BLESMA and £250 towards the Greetham original drama fund.

The first is a charity that was established immediately after the First World War - BLESMA - the British Limbless Ex Service Men's Association. It provides practical help and support to men and women who lose limbs during their military service. If you've heard of the Invictus Games, sponsored by Prince Harry, BLESMA is at the forefront of that. We are hoping that a military veteran involved in BLESMA will be visiting us in the Autumn - it could be an inspiring occasion, and we will let you know if it is to happen.

The second is the start of a fund to promote original drama in the village. We're a creative lot in Greetham, and we can make things happen. This fund will help us to get new things started. Greetham Church and the Community Centre, and also Arts for Rutland helped 'Somme ... of Greetham' to happen. This small fund, which will hopefully grow, is there to help 'get the show on the road' for future new drama. So if you've got an original idea for a show, a script - anything - please get in touch - let's try to make it happen.

To finish off then - we were all involved in something special in Greetham on 1st July. Let's remember it. One way we can do that is by recalling that whenever we hear the church bells ring, they are able to be heard because our forebears thought so much of the poor chaps who left Greetham 100 years ago - and never came back.



With great thanks and best wishes to all. Paul Bland

### ***WI report for the July Meeting***

A small cohort of WI members met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Carol Freeman was welcomed back. The Speaker was Margaret Hudson a Former Tiller Girl. Margaret was a Tiller girl for 6 years and had many stories of her time dancing her way from Blackpool, Bournemouth, to Copenhagen and South Africa. She met many of the celebrities' of the time and had a





wonderful time. Helen McGarrigle represented the WI at the AGM at Brighton and gave a full report. The Outing to the national Arboretum was a success and we gave our best wishes to Nigel Parkin and hope he makes a full recovery from his fall. Plans were made for a meal at the Bakers Yard in September and members and tickets are available for the play the 'importance of being Ernest' at The Curve Theatre, Leicester.

## **GREETHAM CHURCH FETE REVIEW 2016**



What a great day, and the rain held off! The fete was opened by our Rev Marcus Purnell and his wife Jane who was given a posy of flowers by Evie Hines.

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, raffle 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. The winners of the Men's caking baking was returning victor, Robert Macleod-Smith; the Young Harry Weston cake baker was Tiffer Purnell with a close second by Jessica Douglas who also won the vegetable figure competition with a delightful sheep! If you are doing your Duke of Edinburgh award next year and would like to help with the fete as part of your volunteering activity then please contact Sylvia on 812925. We have helped someone with both their bronze and silver awards in the last couple of years. We raised in excess of £2,200 which will go towards our funds for repairing the church roof. Thanks from the Church Fete Committee



## **The Vikings Petanque Club – French Lunch June 26<sup>th</sup>**

On one of the few sunny weekends in June, we enjoyed our annual summer French Lunch. We sat down to a French -style lunch at the Community Centre. Thanks to Clare, Pat and Linda who had prepared a delicious main course and dessert.

The French Quiz- once again organized by Clare and Peter - showed what Francophiles we all must be with everyone once again scoring such high points, though Linda Hall just pipped everyone and won a bottle of French wine.

With games of petanque played during the afternoon it proved once again to be a happy social occasion.

We welcome anyone who would like to come and play and join the club. Just let us know at [HCHitch@aol.com](mailto:HCHitch@aol.com). Peter Hitchcox

## GENERAL

### ***Rutland North Neighbourhood Police***

**Leicestershire Constabulary** 101

Through the force website – [www.leics.police.uk](http://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.**

### ***Cricket East v West cricket match***

Date - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm

Venue – Market Overton cricket club has been booked including full bar will be open for supports and players.

Overs – 40 overs each way

Umpire – Robin Tidd

West selector- Steve Bertuzzi

East selector – Andy Burrough

Teas- to be confirmed

If anyone has not been asked and wants to play or help, please contact Stephen Calnan on [stephen.calnan@btinternet.com](mailto:stephen.calnan@btinternet.com) or 07764 631229

I have also organised new netting to fit the cricket frame down the Community Centre which should be coming early July, for people to practise.

The idea is to get some interest by playing this one off game, so that next season a Sunday friendly team can be formed and play at Greetham once the wicket has been returned to its former glory (if that is possible!)

## PARISH COUNCIL

### **Greetham Parish Council Minutes July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016**

#### **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 J. Roberts; Mr F. Hinch

**Present:** Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J.Denyer (Vice- Chair); Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts  
N. Begy (Ward Member)

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public.

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

Dr R. Oakes; Mr. P. Hitchcox, Mr F. Hinch

Mr R. Wicks has now resigned. His hard work has been much appreciated.

**2 Disclosure of interests** Finance item A3 printer – Mr D. Hodson

**3 Approval of minutes June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016** Proposed: JD Seconded: DH Carried unanimously

#### **4 Matters arising**

##### **Ongoing**

Road naming. A meeting is to be held with Debbie Mogg and N. Begy this week

Further update from RCC regarding fly infestation. RCC response states that the outbreak is still being monitored but has lessened in severity.

Storage of mower. To be referred back to Councillor Hinch.

11.1 Highways England. A response is awaited to communication regarding 1, 2, 3 signage on the slip roads.

17.1 Grass cutting on verges. Communications continue with Councillor Begy.

#### **5 Finance**

Annual Grass Cutting of Village Green. – Eden Landscaping. Quote 1 grass cutting with

weed killing £190; Quote 2 grass cutting only £160. Proposal: Accept quote for £190. Proposed: JR Seconded: JD Carried unanimously  
A3 printer £137.27 Proposed: JD Seconded: JR Carried unanimously  
Adoption of RCC plan for electricity supply and charges. Clerk to contact RCC to accept proposal but request confirmation of responsibility for posts and poles.  
Plaque for Village Sign – option 1 stainless steel: £75; Option 2 brass £65; option 3 laminate £59. Defer till P. Hitchcock present at meeting. Alternative supplier being contacted by N. Begy.  
**6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC website**  
**2016/0599/FUL** - 7 silos with elevators and conveyors. Greetham House Farm. 10, Shepherds Lane. It is noted that this is a retrospective application as the silos, elevators and conveyors are in place. The application is considered to be scant and further clarification of what will be stored is sought. Response to RCC:

GPC have strong objections to retrospective planning permissions being submitted.  
GPC request that a condition of planning is that planting of evergreen screening is enforced.

**2016/0566/ FUL** - use of land for display area for wooden garden furniture and structures. Land north of Greetham Inn. Comment to be placed on RCC planning

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Proposal does not comply with:

**RCC Core Strategy document Policy CS4**

Specifically that development in the Countryside will be strictly limited to that which has an essential need to be located in the countryside. The Parish Council does not believe the proposed use of land is essential.

**RCC Core Strategy document Policy CS 14**

Which specifies where commercial land use should occur.

The argument that the applicant requires this due to changing employment situation is not relevant as this could apply to any number of people in the county who have land and want to use it for another purpose.

Additionally, the proposed site is located on one of the small number of entry points to the Rutland. Potentially the site could negatively impact on the rural nature of the area. The existing caravan site is very untidy with machinery and equipment scattered about. The existing hedge provides a useful screen from the eyesore and should be maintained.

It is an existing condition on the use of the site specifically exclude the use of the site for the proposed use and the Parish Council sees no justification in changing this.

**2016/0621 / FUL** Brook Farm. Wood Lane. Variation of condition 2 in relation to 2015/0621/ FUL  
Comment for RCC website: Objection to retrospective planning application but no objection to apply

**2016/0199/MAJ** Bullimores Sand and Gravel – additional information under reg 22. In response to comments made on the original application Bullimore's confirm that machinery will be installed to cover tyres of Bullimore's lorries. Response by GPC: No comment.

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**30, Main Street**, single storey extension conservatory link. Approved

**3, Great Lane**. RCC have not placed a tree preservation order on the silver birch tree.



**2016/0380/ADV.** New signage. The Plough. Approval for sign on front elevation Refusal for sign on Eastern elevation.

GPC await planning permission for issues raised by RCC enforcement officer:

Fence on Old Post Office (retrospective)

The Granary (retrospective)

The Plough – sign on Eastern elevation.

RCC planning to be contacted by Clerk and Ward Member to raise the issue of retrospective planning applications. These inhibit GPC's ability to represent the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan First Consultation document.

### **7 Parish plan Focus Groups and working parties**

Memorial Bench. To be moved forward for the next meeting.

Traffic Focus Group Proposal - Great Lane. To liaise with RCC to extend disabled bays, mark bay for necessary visitors to adjacent properties and place white line as per map to prevent obstruction to lorries turning at Little Lane junction.

Amendment proposed: That GPC accept the situation as actioned by RCC.

Proposed: DH Seconded: JD

Original proposal and amendment – JD. Seconded: DH carried unanimously.

Update regarding Main Street. Observations were made but the trial abandoned. Communication with RCC Highways indicates that the path near Pond Lane could be widened without the need to install a prioritised traffic flow. However the path at the 'pinchpoint' could only be widened with installation of a priority traffic control. Nearby residents would prefer a dropped kerb though this has safety issues for pedestrians. RCC also suggest a white line giving the illusion of a narrowing road. GPC do not currently support any of these suggestions. Consultation with RCC to will continue.

For the next agenda : Proposal to widen the footpath near Pond Lane with the supporting evidence of a drawing prepared by RCC.

Traffic Focus Group to liaise with Cottesmore Neighbourhood Plan.

GPC request Letter to Kendrew barracks regarding use of Crash Gate Road as main route to barracks.

Village Shop; limited parking proposal update. RCC to be contacted.

Speed bump in Great Lane. The water drainage is reported to have improved.

Revised Burial Ground documents to be placed on Greetham webpage and distributed to

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Tree Focus group. Update – RCC forestry officer will work with GPC to purchase £6000 of trees for the Viking Way. Any plan for the planting of the trees will be proposed to GPC for approval prior to any action. The process for claiming the grant needs clarification.

### **8 Community Centre Update**

AGM – Chaired by RW. The elected officers are : Secretary: Pauline Kelly Treasurer : Pat Evans. The Booking secretary will stand down from 31/12/16 . A replacement is being sought. There is currently no Chair so a rotational chair will operate until one comes forward. July meeting – Sound System now here, August function 26/8/16 – Family Fun Night. St Mary's Church are investigating booking to cover the roof restoration period. Kitchen refurbishment, a focus group has been established to seek grants.

8.1 Election of new Parish Council representative to the CCC. For the September agenda.

### **9 Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan Update**

Consultation documents – resident's comments have now been analysed and a future meeting will discuss them. RCC comments have resulted in the production of the Greetham Character Areas document which includes photographs. Schedule – a Steering Group Meeting is proposed in early September.

9.1 Garden Centre Site developments. Proposed motion: **The Parish Council request a meeting with the developers of the Garden Centre Site to represent the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan First Consultation document.**

**Proposed: DH    Seconded JR    Carried unanimously**

**10 Smoke emission from chimney at Rutland Camping and Caravanning Club**

For September agenda.

**11 Welcome visit**    None identified

**12 Corporate Plan 2016 - 2020**

The RCC corporate plan makes no reference to Neighbourhood plans. This is to be communicated to RCC.

**13 Village Meeting feedback** Full details are on the Greetham webpage.

**14 Correspondence**

Monthly crime figures from PC Appleton.

Parish Council Forum Agenda. 18/7/16.

Letter from parishioner regarding Main Street traffic. TFG to thank for letter and invite to join

**15 Reports from outside bodies** None

**16 Any other business (for information)**

Complaints about the condition of footpaths behind The Wheatsheaf have been reported to RCC. A notice has now been served on the landowner for them to be cleared.

Process for co-option. Closing date for Call for Election is 18/7/16. If no call for election the process for co-option will commence.

**17 Items for a future agenda**

Next meeting – September 14<sup>th</sup> unless any urgent business presents (10/8/16 or 24/8/16).

Finance item – CAB donation

Cycle path signage.

## FOR YOUR DIARIES



### GREETHAM OPEN GARAGES

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9.00am - 12.30pm

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£1 donation per bargain hunters' map, available at the Village Shop from 3rd September

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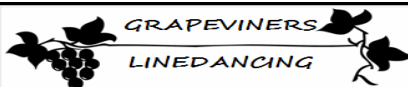
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#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Greetham Community Centre - Cost £5

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS - 7.30PM-8.30PM

BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS - 8.30PM-9.30PM

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