

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2015

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*Presentation of cheque from The Gathering*



*Greetham Bowls Club  
Yvonne Smith receiving the prize for winning the ladies single competition and Mary Easson the new President*

# **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

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## **McGOO CEILIDH NIGHT**

**GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**McGoo invite you to join them for**

**A dynamic evening of dancing and live music  
from 7.30 onwards**

What a busy few weeks. The Halloween party was a great success. All the children dressed up and most of the adults – even if it was only a witch's hat (Carol and Mo). The disco was great and the children decorated bats, did apple bobbing and ate quite a lot of marshmallows. Tea consisted of a hot dog, drinks and fairy cakes. A great evening for all.

The following Saturday we were again up at the Centre, this time for the Fireworks Party. Greetham excelled once more with a superb fireworks display, food was on sale in the

shape of hot dogs, jacket potatoes, soup and toffee apples and everyone joined in and had fun. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

The next event for the kids is your own Christmas Party to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. We are having a disco, soft play for the little ones and a party tea. Santa has been asked to make a call, so don't miss out and

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2015**

**4.00 TO 6.00 P.M.**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**DISCO**

**LOTS OF GAMES AND FUN**

**SOFT PLAY AREA FOR THE LITTLE ONES**

**PLEASE BRING A LITTLE GIFT FOR YOUR  
CHILD/CHILDREN FOR SANTA'S SACK  
(about £3.00)**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO RESERVE A  
PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE RING  
MAUREEN ON 813061**

## ***BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH***

**Saturday 23rd January 2016  
7pm for a 7.30 pm prompt start.**

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a 2 course supper  
of Haggis, Neaps & Tatties.**

**A night of poems, toasts to the lads &  
lasses and Ceilidh dancing by  
our very own band McGoo.**

**Tickets £12.50 available from Vicky  
812893 or Maureen 813061 Dress  
code smart with a touch of tartan !**

**All proceeds to Greetham Community  
Centre**

book your place. Give Mo a ring on 813061. The party is free, just bring a little gift (up to £3.00) for your own child for Santa's sack. A date for your diary is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January when we are holding a Burns Night Supper followed by a Ceilidh. The cost will be £12.50, so book early as seats will be limited. Ring Vicky or Mo.  
Greetham Community Centre Committee

## **COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

Wed 2nd Oak House Lunch  
 Sun 6th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship  
           Wed 9th Parish Council meeting  
 Thu 10th Mobile library  
 Sun 13th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast  
           **Last day for newsletter items for January newsletter**  
           Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm  
 Mon 14th WI  
 Sat 19th Children's Christmas Party  
 Sun 20th Greetham Church Carol Service 6pm  
           Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm  
 Thu 24th Mobile library  
           Greetham Church Midnight Mass  
 Fri 25th Greetham Church Holy Communion 9.30am  
 Sun 27th Greetham Church 10.30am Benefice Service  
           Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm  
 Thu 31st New Year's Eve at the Community Centre

### **Oak House lunch**



Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 2nd December - 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'.*

### **Parish Council**

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

### **Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham**

Thursday December 10th and 24th . Times are approximate

Oakham Road Lock's Close 14.00 - 14:20

Church Lane Near No 20 14:20 - 14:40

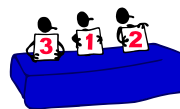
Church Lane Opp. The Plough 14:40 - 15.00

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



## **Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz**

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday December 13th, 20th and 27th 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.



### ***Special services at St Mary's Church, Greetham***

On Sunday 29th Nov there will be a Christingle service at 4.30pm where we shall be joined by the Combined choirs from the schools. All welcome.

The Carol service will be on Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm, please join us - mulled wine and mince pies after the service!  
(There will not be a Morning Praise service that morning)

Midnight Mass will be at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve

Holy Communion by extension (wine and bread from the midnight service) will be at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

Sunday 27th Dec will be a Benefice (all parishes) service at 10.30am

Happy Christmas to you all from your Ministry Team

## **WI**

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. Christmas dinner

## ***New Year's Eve at the Community Centre 31st December 2015 8pm.***



Come celebrate the New Year's Eve with a night of great entertainment.

Music, monologues, magic, and much, much more !

Entrance price £5.00

All profits to be split between a Brain Tumour Charity and The Playground Fund

For further information contact P. Bland, R. Easson or Helen McGarrigle

## REVIEWS

### **Gathering Triples Air Ambulance Donation**

On Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Greetham Gathering's Committee and helpers met with Charlotte Marson from the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance Service (DLRAA) at Colin Easson Motors in Cottesmore, Rutland, to present a cheque in support of the DLRAA. In 2014, the first year of the Greetham Gatherings, the committee were able to present a cheque to the DLRAA for £450. 2015 has proven to be a much more successful year for the Gatherings, and with all the extra support from the public – and in particular from the good folk in Greetham, the committee were delighted to present a cheque for £1500 to the DLRAA.

The picture shows Martin Fairbairn, treasurer for the Greetham Gatherings, present a cheque for £1500 to DLRAA representative Charlotte Marson. In the picture are, from left to right: Gilbert Thomas, Charlotte Marson, Roly Easson, Debbie Easson, Malcolm Radford, Mike Carr and Martin Fairbairn.

The Greetham Gathering is an informal meeting of owners and enthusiasts with interests of classic and vintage motorcycles, cars and other vehicles. It is held once a month on the third Thursday of May, June, July, August and September, in the grounds of Greetham Community Centre, Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG. The event is open from about 5:00pm until dusk. All are welcome – with or without a classic or vintage vehicle! We invite visitors to come along and savor the relaxed setting and informal atmosphere. Relax and enjoy a drink (hot and cold!) and a bite. We offer hot fast-food, cakes, teas, coffees, and a licensed bar. There is ample parking with tarmac for the motorcycles.

All profits are donated to the local Air Ambulance service (DLRAA) and we also have a raffle to further that cause. Further and up-to-date information can be found at our website – [www.greethamgathering.co.uk](http://www.greethamgathering.co.uk) We look forward, with your support, to the 2016 Gatherings being even more successful and raising even more for the DLRAA. Thank you for all your support in 2015.

### ***WI Report, November 2015***

The Annual General Meeting of Greetham Women's Institute was held in the Community Centre on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two members were present and five sent apologies. A birthday posy was presented to retiring President Helen McGarrigle. The evening opened with a demon-

stration of Christmas Wreath Making by Glenis Armstrong. She made a large wreath using wire frames and greenery which was subsequently raffled and won by Hazel Hinch. Retiring President Helen McGarrigle reported on the recent folk singing event at Cottesmore, at which Greetham's WI choir gave a spirited rendition of "Widcombe Fair". They all sported suitable West Country Yokel attire but the star of the show was undoubtedly Tom Pearce's old grey mare, made by Judy Swinfen.

Refreshments followed, during which members were able to view photos of the year's events and see details of future Horseshoe Group events. This was followed by the AGM, with a review of the year given by the President. Voting took place for the new committee, those elected being Lorraine Pearce, Billie Hackett, Gill Hodson, Chris Parkin, Carol Fairbairn and Anne Gorman. Officers will be elected at the first committee meeting. A pot of planted Spring flowers was presented to Helen in appreciation of her four years as president.

The evening finished with entertainment with a Christmas theme, with Chris Parkin reading from "A Wayne in a Manger" by Gervase Phinn, followed by a short playlet from the same book read by Judith Roberts, Pat Evans and Pat Kenworthy. The meeting ended at 10.15 pm with the singing of "Jerusalem." Our next meeting will be the Annual Christmas dinner at the Barn Restaurant in Oakham.

## Greetham Community Centre

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### Family Firework Party

on

**Saturday 7th November 2015**

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Mr Christian Gossel  
Mr Frank Hinch  
Mr Gilbert Thomas  
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*Fireworks Fantastic Mary Easson*





## 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.**

### ***Byrch's Charity***

This charity started in 1688 with property left in the will of Thomas Byrch for the benefit of the poor of Cottesmore, Barrow, Market Overton and Greetham. All the funds are now invested with Community Foundations Leicestershire and Rutland. Each year, Greetham receives a share which can be given to anyone living in the parish who is in need of financial support. Greetham has two trustees, Mr Colin Easson and Mr Frank Hinch. If you need support from the charity, please write or make an appointment to meet with the trustees.

### ***Burial Ground Clear Up***

A group of volunteers turned out in the rain to help tidy up the Village Burial Ground on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> October. With an assortment of brooms, spades and shears, a splendid job was done by the team and we should all be proud to have such a lovely resting place for departed loved ones in our village. A big thank you to Chris, Jane, Judith, Linda, Peter and Brian. If anyone wishes to join us at the next clear up, let me know and I will give you a call when the date is set. Also a big thank you to Richard Gregg and Andrew Smith for their regular cutting of the grass at the burial ground and to Paul Hinch for supplying the fuel for the mowers. Without these volunteers we would not have the well kept burial ground that we are so lucky to have.  
Ken Edward Chair Greetham Parish Council

### ***Greetham Open Gardens Calendar 2016***

Felicity Salmon has produced a lovely calendar photographs of the gardens which were on display at Open Gardens in June.

Only £6 each and available from Maureen 813061 or Helen 812852.

Ideal stocking filler!



### ***Christian Aid***

For some reason we have not received a 'Thank You' from Christian Aid, which is most unusual.

Our collection back in the summer raised £279.88 and as some of this was

Gift Aided we will have exceeded £300.00 so thank you all very much.  
Peter Hitchcox

### ***Greetham Bowls Club***

Mary Easson has been elected president of the Greetham Bowls club for 2016. The Bowls club had a successful year following promotion to the premier league. They finished in the middle, at 9th place. Greetham bowls welcomes anyone who would like to try out the sport. There is great friendship, banter and friendly competitiveness among club members and it's a great sport for getting fit and being out in the fresh air....all enquiries to Don McGarrigle 01572 812804

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Greetham Parish Council Minutes November 11th 2015**

#### **(Subject to approval)**

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

**Present:** Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice- Chair); Mr R. Begy; Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch; Mrs J. Roberts. Representatives from Rutland Police attended. The local crime figures were presented

**1 Apologies for absence** Mr D. Hodson; Mr P. Hitchcox

**2 Approval of minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup> 2015** Proposed: JD Seconded: RW Carried unanimously

#### **3 Matters arising**

Western Power. Currently Western power are liaising with BT to move the telegraph pole on the Village Green.

Community Centre Asset Register. The current insurance details are to be investigated.

Removal of 20 mph signage on road in Church Lane. RCC have this in hand.

Environmental officer response to Rutland Caravanning and Camping

Following the Rutland County Council Tree officer's response regarding trimming of trees on Village Green a date will be arranged for this to take place. All councillors will be notified.

Response to call for employment land:

This e-mail is sent on behalf of the Greetham Parish Council, who have approved the text at a Council meeting on 11th November 2015.

It is in response to a letter dated 2nd October from Rutland County Council entitled "Rutland Employment Land Assessment Update"

Greetham Parish is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and have undertaken a number of consultation exercises with residents, including one to identify business requirements.

The need has been identified for office accommodation for persons primarily working from home, but have the need for small office accommodation nearby.

We envisage that this would be shared office accommodation for up to 10 persons with office facilities such as printing. We are not aware of any suitable property for conversion, but believe suitable sites for a new build would be available.

This also fits in with one of Rutland County Council's Core strategy policies of promoting sustainable communities, by obviating the need for persons to travel long distances to other office accommodation.

It is intended that the draft Neighbourhood plan will include reference to such a



## **provision**

Proposed: RB Seconded: FH Carried unanimously  
Woolfox planning application. This is anticipated in December. Further developments include a 'blimp' being sent up to show heights of blades etc.  
Further development of the Cottesmore cycle path has been delayed by several weeks.

## **4 Finance** For information:

Rutland County Council : £609.65

Leander : £1684.50

## **5 Planning**

2015/0921/FUL The Granary, Great Lane. Proposed carport. Chair expressed a prejudicial and personal interest and left the room. RB abstained. GPC make no comment on this application.

2015/0942/FUL 4, Stretton Road. New vehicular access and car park. GPC have no objection to this application but request that permitted development/ and or building rights are withheld. Concern is also expressed regarding setting a precedence for all other properties on this row of houses which would impact on the street scene and could impinge on highway safety.

2015/0958/FUL 6, bridge Lane. Single storey extension. No comment / no objections

Grant planning permission: 2015/0831/FUL – Conversion of bakery into a dwelling

Appeal under S78 against refusal of a household application. 2, Stretton Road

A tree has been cut down in the grounds of The Old Post Office – the RCC tree warden will be contacted to investigate this

## **6 Community Centre update**

The Community centre Committee meeting was attended by both the playground group and the Safari Supper organisers.

Reports included: Bar manager report; Finance report; Chairman's report

## **7 Neighbourhood Plan update**

The plan is currently being reviewed before going out for consultation.

## **8 Parish plan**

The grid showing the projects and counsellors involved is to be included in the Parish Newsletter

Terms of reference for all focus groups are required for December.

It is proposed that each focus group consist of no more than 3 elected councillors. Each focus groups is limited to 3 councillors but with inclusion of members of public. All suggestions are to be brought to the Parish Council for formal acceptance. Proposed: RW Seconded: RB Carried unanimously

## **9 Welcome visit** The Granary – Great Lane

## **10 Correspondence**

Tesco. Money for local projects is available. Forwarded to Playground Group

Consultation on the housing allocation policy

Neighbourhood Plan (call for land)

Fire service – letter regarding IRMP Consultation

Rutland Local Plan Review – forward to JD/RW (concentrate on issues)

Parish Briefing

Free Trees

Woodland Trust

Eon. Replacement light. (December agenda)

Village Shop. Parking.

## **11 Reports from outside bodies**

2016 – RCC are looking into taking responsibility for lighting

Core strategy is developing (2036) 170 houses a year throughout the county

CIL will be effective from March

**12 Any other business** Christmas Dinner arrangements  
Insurance of mowing equipment

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### ***New Year's Day Walk***

The Annual New Year's Day Walk from the Wheatsheaf to the Plough (via Fort Henry) will take place as usual on 1st January 2016 meeting at the Wheatsheaf at 10.45 for mulled wine and leaving promptly at 11.00am for the Plough where the usual bacon butties will be waiting for walkers and non walkers alike.

Everyone welcome (including dogs on a lead)

### ***Sunday 17th January***

Greetham WI will be holding the very popular Soups and Desserts at the Community Centre. 12 for 12.30. £7.50 adult (£5.00 up to primary school age child)

You have an opportunity to taste and try many different varieties of Soups and Desserts as you can eat .

Tickets available from Helen McGarrigle 01572812804 ;or any WI member

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**Thanks to the Brett family for generously sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.**

*Alison, Dick, George, Hettie and Eloise Brett are now based at 10, Nene Crescent, Oakham LE15 7SG. tel 01572 722008.*

*Thanks for 27 great years - we will still be around in Greetham plenty!*

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor at [greethamnews@aol.co](mailto:greethamnews@aol.co)

### **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox*

***By December 13th please***

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

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**Please note the early copy date to enable the Festive Issue to be delivered before Christmas**



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## LINE DANCE CLASS



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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## **Exton and Greetham CE Primary School**

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### ***It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...***

There is nothing more magical in a primary school than the lead up to Christmas. Step into the school before the end of term, and you are sure to find the school awash with glitter, tinsel and all things Christmassy.

It was this time last year that someone said to me that our Christmas performances were the greatest gift we give to our children, and this was perhaps where we add the most value to their educational experiences. Here at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School, every child plays a part; from the smallest angel, to the oldest children taking the lead in the pantomime. At Key Stage 2, every child is on stage and has lines to say, working together to make a truly magical performance. Although we try to keep the excitement to a minimum until we reach December, our younger children are already practising the songs for their Nativity, whilst the older children are busy learning their lines for the pantomime. (Oh yes they are!)

We were recently visited by an ex-pupil, who is embarking on her A-levels. She spoke with fondness of her memories of this time of year and the confidence she had been given in taking roles in the pantomimes and stepping out onto the stage. She believed it was opportunities like this that helped prepare her for secondary education and gave her additional skills beyond the traditional academic ones by which schools are measured.

*If you would like to join us for our Christmas Celebrations we would welcome you to join us at our Christmas Church Service, this year held at Exton Parish Church, at 9.30am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.*

**School website:**

**[www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk)**

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

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