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Location and dates around Greetham

1st December	26 Main Street	Greetham Shop
2nd	85 Main Street	Alison & Dick
3rd	42 North Brook Close	Rob & Karen
4th	Pond Lane	Oak House
5th	14 Church Lane	Judy & Steve
6th ** 5.30pm	37 Begy Gardens	Ande & Pete
7th	Th Plough, Main Street	Pete & Hayley
8th	2 Begy Gardens	Jo, Rob & Dante
9th	The Vicarage, Church Lane	Sue & Bill
10th	71 Moss Field Cottage, Main Street	Karen
11th	14 Great Lane	Holly & Rory
12th	Clamatis Cottage, 49a Main Street	Eli & Brian
13th	3 Bullfield Close	Lorraine & Steve
14th	10 Pond Lane	Adrian & Alicia
15th	Orchard Cottage, 11 Main Street	Steve & Julie
16th	24 Begy Gardens	Paul & Debbie
17th	The Paddock, Shepherds Lane	Sally, Graham & Catherine Hinch
18th	24 Church Lane	Simon & Jackie
19th	37 Main Street	Will & Lisa
20th	Kippen House, 1a Kirks Close	Paul & Nicky
21st	10 Church Lane	Simon & Chris
22nd **5.30 pm	The Gables, Pond Lane	Kevin & Jane
23rd	10 Begy Gardens	Helen & James
24th	St Mary's Church	Church Lane

Fundraising

Our aim is to bring people together at this time of year and meet our neighbours.

However, we will be having a collection bucket. This year it will be our pleasure to put this money back into our community and donate towards the village VE celebrations in May 2020

Greetham Living Advent 2019

Please join our hosts as we celebrate
advent across Greetham Village.
Christmas Eve will be hosted at St
Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

23 windows will be decorated and
revealed at 6.30pm (**5.30pm) each
night unless otherwise stated.

**6th December Christmas Bingo – Community Centre
**22nd December Carols at St Mary's Church



Follow us on Facebook/
Greetham Living Advent



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2019
Greetham Community Centre
4.00 TO 6.00 P.M.

All Children Welcome

FREE ADMISSION

DISCO, FUN & GAMES
PLAY TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

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

TO RESERVE A
PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE RING
MAUREEN ON 813061

BAR OPEN - COME ALONG
JOIN IN THE FUN



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends



Friday 6th December 2019

**DOORS OPEN- 6.30PM
EYES DOWN- 7.00PM**

FANTASTIC PRIZES

LICENSED BAR

*All proceeds towards
Greetham Community
Centre and the Greetham
Bowls Club.*

*Donated prizes are wel-
come to be left either at
coffee morning on a
Thursday or with Louise
Smith 01572 813007*



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Looking Ahead

**Tuesday 31st December – New Year's Eve
Party**

6th December - Christmas Bingo 6.30pm

We hope you have noticed the on going improvements behind the Bar !

We are looking for a caption for the wall and would welcome your ideas. Please post them either on Facebook, or by hand to Anne or Pauline at the centre

**We want to
hear from
YOU.**

Engagement Group

We want to hear from you !

*Do you have any ideas of what you
want from your community centre.*

*We are asking for ideas of groups, clubs activities you
would like to attend , or would like to organise.*

By emailing the centre

bookgreetham@gmx.com

*you can also find us on facebook: GreethamCommuni-
tycentre.*

Or Speak to any of the Outreach members:

*Robin Tidd, Ande Peache, Roly Easson, Debbie Eas-
son, Pauline Kelly, Barbara Clarke*



Small Groups ?



Want to set up a group ? Only have a small group ? We can help !

New concession rates for small groups available.

Contact us for further information.

Fireworks

A huge thank you to all our Sponsors for another successful Fireworks evening.

The Plough

Medasun Ltd

Colin Easson Motors

Northgate Well-Being

Paul and Deb Deveto

John and Diane Creasey

Greetham Village Shop

Cristian Gossel

Don and Helen McGarrigle

Ken and Linda Edward



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A Wonderful £316.72 was raised on the night.

This event would not be possible without the support and help of all the wonderful volun-

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

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Sun 1st 8.00am Holy Communion (said service) Greetham Church
9.30am Morning Worship - Greetham Church
4.00pm Benefice Christingle Greetham Church
- Mon 2nd Mobile library
- Fri 6th Christmas Bingo
- Sun 8th 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast served from 9.00am
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Sat 14th **Last day for items for January newsletter. PLEASE
NOTE THE EARLY DATE. As usual Christmas
greetings will be included.**
- Sun 15th 9.30am Morning Praise Greetham Church
- Mon 16th Mobile library
WI
- Thu 19th Coffee and Carols
- Sat 21st Children's Christmas Party
- Sun 22nd 6pm Greetham Carol Service
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Tues 24th 6pm Advent Window in Greetham Church
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Greetham Church
- Sun 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy communion Greetham
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Tues 31st New Year's Eve party Community Centre

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

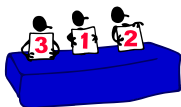
Monday December 2nd and 16th.

Oakham Road Bungalows 1400 - 1420. Times are approximate

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday November 8th, 22nd and 29th at 8pm. 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.

Coffee and Carols

We will be singing carols and enjoying mince pies and other Christmas treats 🎄 at the Community Cafe on Thursday 19th December between 10am -12noon. Come along and get into the festive spirit with your friends and neighbours. Sue and Jackie

WI

Our next meeting on December 16th at 7.30pm will be the Christmas meal.

Parish Council

There will be no meeting in December

REVIEWS

Greetham Women's Institute November 2019

This meeting was our AGM and 24 members attended. Birthday posies were given to Chris Rigby and Helen.

Alison Brett gave us a summary of what we have done this year. We were impressed by the range of activities we have enjoyed, including interesting meetings in the hall, theatre trips, darts matches (we nearly made it to the final of the Federation league), our summer outing and several events organised by other local WI groups and by our Leicestershire and Rutland Federation.

Thanks were given to retiring committee members, Alison Brett and Lorraine Pearce, for their very valuable work and special thanks to Peggie Butcher for supplying beautiful birthday posies every month.

Jackie Cooper gave us a very informative talk on cyber security and social media.

Our next meeting on December 16th will be our Christmas meal, this year in the Community Centre.

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.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much to all who contributed. I received 30 boxes which are now on the next stage of their journey and donations of £60. For those who do not receive an email advising where our boxes have gone I will include a message in the various newsletters as soon as I know.

Happy Christmas to you all. Patricia Hagger

100 Club 2020

The 100 club is a long established Church fundraiser in which there is a monthly draw with 4 cash prizes each month. In 2019 we have raised over £1300. Subscriptions are due in January and remain unchanged at £12 per annum. Collectors will be coming round in the New Year and new subscribers are always welcome. If you would like to join please call me on 812852.

Helen Macleod-Smith

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Members: Mr. Ken Edward (KE), Mrs S. Begy (SB), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr P. Hitchcox (PH), Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)

Ward Member: Nick Begy

13 Members of the public attended

Issues raised by members of the public:

Road sweeping in village – suggestion that we find out from Highways when they are due to carry out road sweeping so parked cars on Main Street can be moved, enabling a more effective clean of the street. *NB to follow up with RCC Highways*

Poppies not on lamp posts

Problems with traffic at the chicane outside the shop

Bollards on chicane outside shop should be yellow so that they stand out

1 Apologies for absence None

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

RFO (DH) does not vote on financial matters

3 Approval of minutes from 9th October 2019

Motion to accept minutes

Proposed: DH, Seconded JD, Voted to accept

4 Matters arising.

4.1 Fix My Street and Highways

Blocked drains Church Lane & Main Street junction and Thistleton Road

Path dust by quarry and accident damage to path by quarry

Church Lane Restriction Signs

Moving of 20 mph sign from current location (entrance of Church Lane) to nearer Begy Gardens

Re-set Speed Indicator at both ends of the village such that it's set point is 20 mph rather than 30 mph

Oak House chicane – smoothing of radius.

Reset kerbs and re-tarmac pavements at various dangerous locations around the village (including re-setting man hole covers). Survey of pavements completed by GPC

Improve kerb line and pavement in front of Jacob's Well

Move Chicane priority sign from village green to outside Oak House

Replace black bollards with yellow

Parking opposite Jacob's Well

Potholes in Wood Lane

Church Lane flooding and road conditions

JD gave an update following a walk through visit around the village (east to west) with 2 councillors from RCC Highways. All the above issues are logged and referenced with RCC and GPC will continue to keep the pressure on.

There is a fix my street app available and all are encouraged to log issues in addition to the Parish Council.

KE read out the response from RCC's Highways Department regarding the Church Lane flooding. They are aware of the drainage issue and it has been investigated by the highways team and contractor. The works are currently scheduled to take place around May when budgets allow.

GPC will continue to keep pressure on our Ward Member to make sure this happens.

4.2 North Brook Tree Planting:

Forestry Commission (Charles Cuthbert) has stated that the trees have been planted satisfactorily. There are rubbish and building rubble left – to be escalated to RCC to find out what can be done.

4.3 Quarry Dust:

A petition with 60 signatures passed to RCC with covering letter.

Mick George meeting (13th November) to talk about proposed extension of quarrying work. This has been covered in the earlier consultation prior to this meeting and it has been agreed that a Liaison Group be formed.

4.4 Bridge Lane Tree Pruning – requested by RCC

There has been an offer from a local resident to carry out the tree pruning, provided we can get the planning permission.

4.5 Safer Villages Scheme:

JD is the village representative for this scheme which is aimed at coordinating all safety issues in the village. JD gave an update on the rollout of the pilot scheme and resources available.

4.6 Wheelie Bin Stickers:

The initiative is to approach all households on Main Street to put a 20mph sticker on wheelie bins to raise awareness of speed. This was agreed and GPC will finance the initiative.

4.7 Decision needed to be made on publishing a 2020 Parish Newsletter:

Agreement to start planning in March for a Parish Newsletter, to include input from the Church and other groups in the village.

5 Finance

5.1 RFO budget report, a bank statement and the Draft Risk Assessment

DH presented his budget report to the meeting and gave an update on the draft risk assessment.

5.2 Resolution to apply for LRALC internal audit.

It was suggested that LRALC be used again to carry out the internal audit. Proposed: KE, Seconded RK

5.3 Monthly Budget – attached, no comments.

5.4 **2020/2021 Precept**

GPC are active in supporting the Community Centre who need to build up reserves for expenditure of building works. An increased contribution from the 2020/21 precept was suggested, amount to be agreed at the January meeting.

Suggestion that money for trees is earmarked.

5.5 **Invoices for Payment –**

KE - £86.40 – mending of defib lock

KE - £29.76 – print cartridges

P.K.F. Littlejohn – £240.00 additional fees for extra work carried off.

2 NALC Guides - £45.90 + £34.92 (The Good Councilors Guide to Finance and Transparency)

LRALC Training - £40 (accounts training for RFO)

£213.69 – Fee from RCC for non-election

Clerks Salary - November £166.73, December £166.73

Proposed: PH, Seconded: JD, carried unanimously

5.6 **Approval to Place an Order**

Proposal - £30 donation to Neighbourhood Watch

Proposal - £50 donation to Royal British Legion

Proposal – To purchase a laser printer for the clerk approx. £200

Proposal – Send the Parish Clerk on Training Courses with LRALC (3 @ £40 each £120)

Planning Application fee for Community Centre - £142.00

Proposed: KE, Seconded AJ, carried unanimously

5.7 Assets Register

This needs updating, volunteer needed to check existing list and photograph assets (no street lights)

SB and RK agreed to carry out this work together.

6 Planning

6.1 In response to a “Freedom of Information Request” RCC to see all the documentation relating to the updating of the Settlement Hierarchy document which is on file ,this information has been received.

Pending – DH to report at next meeting.

6.2 **2019/1116/FUL**– Demolition of Shed and replacement with granny annex 25 Church Lane

DH reported on the plans. No objections from GPC.

6.3 **2019/0965/FUL** – Planning permission granted for 81 Main Street Two storey and single storey rear extension

6.4 **2019/1077/DIS** – MPK Garages Limited (Ram Jam)– Discharge of Conditions No 3 (Surface Water Drainage), Condition No 4 (Details of boundary treatment) and Condition No 5 (Details of external facing and roofing materials) in relation to planning permission 2019/0476/FUL – Approval of details required by Condition

6.5 **2019/0902/FUL** – Planning permission granted for Hill Farmhouse 37 Main Street - construction of a barn for the storage of animal feed and bedding.

6.6 **2019/1095/CAT** – Approval granted for tree felling at Lindow Cottage, 25 Main Street

6.7 **2019/1065/CAT** – Approval granted for felling of conifer trees at 3 Wheatsheaf Lane

7 Standing Orders and Focus Groups

7.1 Standing Orders and all appendices and Contracts

Clerk will log all motions at Parish Council meetings.

Clerk’s contract was approved

RCC have the Clerk’s details and postal address.

Clerk’s details have been added to Greetham website

7.2 Any further updates on Local Plan Review

NB reported there are no further updates at present - further updates will be available January/February 2020

7.3 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting. PH/AJ/RK

Meetings have been held with regard to the A1 – for discussion at the January meeting.

7.4 Burial Ground. SB/KE/JD

Motion: Greetham parish Council put a temporary restriction on giving a “Right to Burial” for persons who have no connection with the village until such time as the Regulations for burials are revised. Greetham funerals costs will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Agreed to put on hold. Burial Committee are putting together new rules to present at next meeting.

7.5 Trees/ Benches/ Clean up SB/PH/AJ

SB gave an update on the clean-up day, noticeably less rubbish.

Benches – Proposal for another bench. Permit forms received

SB is pursuing the acquisition of a bench from a resident. A bench has been sourced for £100. *Action: SB/JD to apply for permit.*

PH gave an update on Grass cutting of Verges up Great Lane. There is concern that the hedge is encroaching towards the trees.

7.6 Jacob’s Well DH/JD

Currently waiting for a response from RCC

7.7 Community Centre Grant Projects JD/KE

A number of plans are currently in the pipeline: installing french windows and a terrace, removing the half wall between the two ends of the club room.

7.8 Community Garden Group DH

The session arranged for 27th October outside the Old Vicarage was cancelled due to a gas leak.

8 Community Centre

KE gave an update. A fantastic job has been done holding a wake at the Community Centre. Thanks to all members of the committee involved and volunteers who helped with the organisation and catering.

9 Welcome Card Visit

A welcome visit made to the new residents in Little Lane.

10 Correspondence and Communication

10.1 Snow Wardens

Request for volunteers included in November newsletter

No applications have been received for volunteers.

10.2 County Community Speed Watch Scheme

GPC want to participate in the County Community Speed Watch Scheme working with the involvement of the village traffic group TRASP.

10.3 Letters from members of the public re drains, Main Street and Church Lane

This has been acknowledged and dealt with under matters arising.

10.4 RCC Annual Report

10.5 Bus Users Group Meeting report

Notice of Bus Users Group Meeting with link to be put on the village noticeboard.

10.6 Crime Report from Rutland North Beat

11 Reports from outside bodies

Parish Forum Meeting – 21st October

DH had attended the meeting and gave an update.

12 Items for future agendas

Set precept in January

Burial charges review

Review data/mail/reports/redaction

Set date for Village Meeting – sometime in march for all groups in the village

Assets update

Update of financial regulations for Greetham Parish Council

Proposal for £250 for dog poo bags

13 Date of next PC Meeting

No meeting for December. Next meeting 8th January 2020

14 Note items to be filed on Dropbox from this meeting for future reference.

All correspondence

Tree Warden news

At a recent tree planning meeting with Stuart Kidd, RCC Forestry Officer, I was informed that Western Power wish to dig a trench, for an electricity cable, the length of Great Lane between the trees and the hedge on the eastern side of the gated area. Stuart has objected strongly to this plan as the avenue of trees would be compromised and root damage could be serious. Digging a trench in the road however would be preferable though more costly (Western Power is suggesting an extra £20,000) but would protect the avenue: for a large company this would appear to be a very small price to pay to ensure the

trees are safe. Whilst I have written to Stuart, putting the case for the road option as the trees belong to the village, are valued and were sponsored mainly by parishioners, he has suggested that if any of you care to write or e mail him it will make our case much stronger in persuading both Western Power and Rutland County Council to take the road option.

Stuart's e mail is skidd@rutland.gov.uk or Stuart Kidd, Forestry Officer, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham LE15 6HP

Please copy me in if you so wish at HCHitch@aol.com

You may be aware that many verges have not been completely cut this year. The hedges along Great Lane are encroaching on the new trees. Having spoken to both the officer and county councillor involved it appears that financial considerations mean that the verges will now be completely cut once every three years. At the November parish council meeting it was suggested that we ask if anyone knows of people who could clear it for us or might there be willing people who would form a working party to clear the verge. Please let me know at HCHitch@aol.com. Peter Hitchcox Tree Warden

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Soups & Sweets

An amazing and delicious selection of homemade soups & desserts from the ladies of Greetham WI.

try something new or enjoy your favourites

All you can eat



19th January 2019

12.30 for 1.00pm

Greetham

Community Centre

Tickets

Adults £8.00

Children £5.00

Family ticket £24.00

(2 adults + 2 children)



For tickets please contact Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804

Ande Peachey 07777646990



New Year's Day Walk

From the Wheatsheaf to the
Plough (via Fort Henry).

Assemble at the Wheatsheaf
at 10.45am for Mulled Wine,
courtesy of Carol and Scott.

Departure 11.00 am

Finish at the Plough, then enjoy a
Bacon Butty, courtesy Peter and
Hayley.

Everyone welcome, Adults, Kids,
Teenagers and Dogs on a Lead.

Start the New Year in Good Company



Greetham Comedy night is back again, currently the headline act booked is "Lost Voice Guy" winner of Britain's got talent! , Saturday 21st March 2020, tickets will go on sale in January

"Save the date" & more info will follow in the New Year



Craft Sessions
Greetham Community Centre
To be held fortnightly
Starting Tuesday 14th January 2020
9.30 – 12.30



Everyone welcome – bring your own project,
learn a new skill or come along for a chat!
Patchwork, rug making, basic sugarcraft,
crochet, knitting plus more.
Whatever your skill come and join in.

Cost £1 per person per hour



Any queries – contact
Gill Hodson 01572 813902
Billie Hackett 01572 813378



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Saturday December 14th please

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

Please note early date - no leeway this month!

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.com



**Exton and Greetham CEVC
Primary School
Wanted!
After School Club Assistant**



The Headteacher and Governors of Exton and Greetham CE Primary School are seeking to appoint an After School Club Assistant. This is an exciting opportunity to work with children in a forward thinking, friendly and caring school.

The starting date for the position is Monday 6th January 2020 but can be delayed for the right candidate.

Hours: 3.20pm-5.45pm (11.55 hours per week)

Salary: £9.00 per hour (pro rata) term time only

This post may be suitable for job shares.

The successful candidate will be required to work together with the After School Club Manager to provide a warm, welcoming, caring and stimulating wrap around care environment in line with the ethos of the school.

Applicants will have:

- An understanding of good quality childcare

- Ability to provide safe and creative play opportunities

- An ability to be cooperative and able to work effectively as part of a team

- A desire to innovate and achieve success for themselves and others

- A commitment to equal opportunities

There is also the additional opportunity to work in our Breakfast Club.

All applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

For an application pack and job description, please contact the school office on 01572 812380 or email extonoffice@rltschools.com. Visits to the school are encouraged.

CLOSING DATE: 12 noon Friday 6th December

START DATE: Monday 6th January 2020 (or asap after this date)



**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a peaceful New Year**

**We look forward to
welcoming you in 2020!**

**With best wishes from Julian and all
the staff at Greetham Garage**

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PIE, PUD & A PARTY

Saturday 18th January

Party away those January Blues

£15^{pp}

Two course meal and disco

Arrive: 7pm Carriages: midnight

Accommodation: £70 B&B per room

Everyone welcome!



TICKETS: 01780 460444 info@greethamvalley.co.uk

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



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Christmas Traditions

As we move through November, the children begin to get excited about the traditional events of Christmas in our Primary School. Our younger children begin to rehearse their nativity, whilst the older children begin to learn their lines for their pantomime - oh yes they do! One of the lovely things about being a small primary school is that every child gets a role on stage and, for our older children, every child has lines to say. The nativity and pantomime performances are a firm part of our Christmas traditions here at Exton, and something the whole community looks forward to.

Another tradition is our 'Christmas in a Day', where we aim to recreate the magic of Christmas Day during a school day. This begins with a visit to church (Exton and Greetham churches in alternate years – this year it is Exton). People from the local community are welcome to join us at 9.30am on Thursday 19th December at Exton Church. The children then go back to school to take part in Christmas activities, before sharing Christmas dinner. After dinner there is time for a few party games before the arrival of Father Christmas (if we've all been good). The day is rounded off with a disco provided by FOEGS – the Friends of Exton & Greetham School.

Christmas is always magical in a primary school. As well as remembering why Christians celebrate, it is also a time for us to come together as a school family to enjoy friendship together.

We hope to see many people in the local community over the next few weeks in person, but would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

Phone: 01572 812380 if you would like to arrange a visit.