

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2014

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The organisers of the Greetham Gathering presenting a cheque to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (DLRAA) for £450.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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We are delighted to announce that with lottery money from Awards For All, we have been able to purchase staging for the Community Centre. The suppliers were Unistage of Blackburn, who delivered the staging to us on the 27th October.

The staging is extremely versatile and can be used for anything from a Big Band performance to a Cat Walk for fashion shows.

We had a great Halloween Night for the children on the 31st. The hall was decorated with ghosts and skeletons and Jacob did a super disco with flashing lights. There was a craft table for the children to make their own ghosts etc. and they enjoyed a supper of hot dogs, cakes and a special punch. All the children dressed up and some of the adult too - a great night.

A week later we had the Firework Party. With the generosity of local sponsors we enjoyed a superb firework display. Luckily the rain held off so everyone was able to be outside to enjoy them. Supper was available in the form of Hot Dogs, Soup and Jacket Potatoes and toffee apples were also on sale. Donation buckets were being passed round and with the sale of the food we raised over £500.00 which will go towards future family events and the refurbishing of the Club Room.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these two events.

The first Community Centre event in December is Andy and Ruth's Christmas lunch on the 7th December. This is to raise funds for the Community Centre. If you haven't already booked your tickets, please ring Ruth/Andy on 01572 812868. Don't dilly dally otherwise you may miss out.

AND then on the 20th December we have the Children's Christmas Party (see separate advert). Please bring your children/grandchildren along for games, soft play and again Jacob with his disco. A party tea will be served and then, hopefully, Santa will appear. There is no cost involved, just a present (about £4.00) for your own child (please label clearly) to put in Santa's sack. If you wish to reserve a place please ring Maureen on 01572 813061. I have quite few names already so don't miss out.

Future events for your diary:

18th January - WI Soup and Sweets

24th January - Centre Stage - Men in General

Lastly we are having the Club Room decorated during the first week of December and then new blinds and pelmets will be fitted - hopefully before Christmas.

Greetham Community Centre

Greetham Community Christmas Lunch

Followed by a showing of the family favourite film

Arthur Christmas (PG)

Sunday 7th December

Greetham Community Centre

Doors open 12pm

Two course traditional Christmas carvery* lunch at 1pm

Film to start at 2.30pm

Bar will be open

Price: Donations on the day

with all proceeds going to the community centre

Booking essential

Call Ruth or Andy on 01572 812868 after 7pm to book.

*vegetarian option available.

**TO BOOK THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE CALL 01572 812389**

Please leave a message of your requirements including your name and telephone number on the answering machine. Please speak clearly and repeat your telephone number. Your call will be returned asap

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2014

4.00 TO 6.00 P.M.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

**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**

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

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Wed 3rd	Oak House Lunch
Sun 7th	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (informal) Community Christmas Lunch Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Mon 8th	WI
Wed 10th	Parish Council meeting
Thu 11th	Mobile library
Sun 14th	Greetham Church 9.30 am Service of the Word (informal with breakfast)
Mon 15th	Last day for newsletter items
Fri 19th	Café Church
Sat 20th	Children's party
Sun 21st	Carol Service Greetham Church 6.00pm
Mon 22nd	Carol singing round the village
Wed 24th	Midnight service
Thur 25th	Christmas Day Holy Communion by extension
Sun 28th	Benefice Holy Communion 10.30am
Wed 31st	Putting on the Ritz

**As usual the Festive January edition will be delivered before Christmas.
Please take note of the early copy date.**

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 3rd December - 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

WI

The next meeting is the Christmas Dinner which will take place on Monday December 8th.

Parish Council

The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available from 19.20 hrs.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday December 11th . 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 7th. 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 new start time at 8pm.



Carol Singing

Keep Monday evening December 22nd free and join us on the Big Red Bus for carol singing around the village.

We will be leaving from the bottom of Great Lane at 7.00pm. Do come and join us for a fun evening.

As of previous years our gifts support an orphanage in Boleslaviec, Poland Your financial contributions are very much appreciated. For further details please contact Peter and Clare Hitchcox 812585 or email greetham-news@aol.com



Café Church - Christmas Extravaganza

St. Mary's Church Friday Dec 19th 7.30pm

Carol Service at St. Mary's Church

This will be on Sunday December 21st at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. **New singers are always welcome to join our choir.**

Contact Peter or Clare 812585

Midnight Service at St. Mary's Church

Dec 24th at St. Mary's Church, Greetham 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion by extension

NEW YEARS EVE "Putting on the Ritz"

This New Year's Eve sees the return of Putting on the Ritz at Greetham Community Centre.

Come & join us for a fabulous full night of non stop entertainment provided by Greetham residents.

There will be various acts for you to enjoy with a band & disco to dance the night away, so put your glad rags on and dress to impress; this is a night not to be missed. This is a charity fundraising event which will be split between Men's Prostate Cancer & Greetham Community Centre.

Doors open 8pm for the nights entertainment to start at 8.30pm.

Pay on the door, Adults £5 and Children under 16 £1. All welcome.

REVIEWS

Greetham Gathering supports local Air Ambulance

Following a very successful first year in 2014, the organisers of the Greetham Gathering were pleased to present a cheque to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (DLRAA) for £450. The presentation took place on 14th November, at Colin Easson Motors and was received by John Nowell – the representative for DLRAA for Rutland, who thanked the Greetham Gathering for their support and that the donation would be put to towards the local service.

Dates for the 2015 Gathering season have been set as 14 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August and 17 September (all the 3rd Thursday of the month), from 5:00pm till dusk, and we look forward to your continued support. We shall make more announcements

closer the time, but will continue to support the DLRAA.

The picture shows, from l to r, Gilbert Thomas, Roland Easson, John Nowell, Loreen Mohammed, and Martin Fairbairn, Gilbert, Roly and Martin (along with Mike Carr who could not be present for the presentation) are the Gathering committee and Loreen has organised fund raising through very successful raffles at the Gatherings.

Greetham Women's Institute.

The Annual General Meeting of Greetham WI was held after the usual monthly meeting on Monday November 10th in the Community Centre. Twenty three members and one guest were present and five members sent their apologies. Before the AGM, members were told about plans for the Christmas Dinner, Carol Concert and the popular Soup and Sweets lunch, to be held on February 18th. Carol Fairbairn gave a report on the recent Horseshoe Group meeting in Whissendine and Lorraine Pearce told us about her recent visit to Denman College as the recipient of our Annual Bursary. She was sporting evidence of her newly learned flower making skills, in the form of a large poppy. President, Helen McGarrigle, spoke about the Rutland Water Centenary Walk and the recent cinema trip to see Effie Gray at Melton cinema. As Helen has recently celebrated a "special" posy she was presented with a card and a posy. This part of the meeting concluded with refreshments by Carol Fairbairn, Peggie Butcher, Lorraine Pearce and Pat Evans.

The Business part of the evening then followed. Most of the committee are willing to stand again. One vacancy remained, so Lorraine Pearce volunteered. The new committee therefore will be;

Helen McGarrigle President

Estelle Allen Treasurer

Carol Fairbairn, Gill Hodson, Lorraine Pearce Judith Roberts and Peggie Butcher.

Reports were given by the President, Secretary and Treasurer and Carol Fairbairn outlined the planned programme for next year.

Under Any Other Business, discussion took place about the Denman Bursary, The WI County Quiz, Horseshoe Group funds and Federation Activities..

Hazel Hinch thanked the committee for the efforts in making a 2014 successful year. The meeting concluded at 10 pm.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Meal, with entertainment by the Greetham Hand Bell Ringers.

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police Team

Any of the team can be contacted by a variety of means –

101– this is the Leicestershire Constabulary main switchboard. **Please note new number** Once talking to an operator they can answer your query or connect you to the officer's voicemail box using their ID number i.e. 2155 or 6127 etc. or press option 2 and follow the prompts

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PC1742 laurie.appleton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO6049 liam.bourne@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO6127 steven.houghton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

Rutland County Council

01572 722577

Community safety team

Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping, Environmental Health

Fly tipping,

dog mess, broken street lighting,

Waste and Amenities

Vandalism, graffiti, bullying or criminal damage

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

To report less urgent crime or disorder: if your car has been stolen; if your property has been damaged; when you suspect drug use or dealing; to report a minor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

For example this is when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Neighbourhood Watch

Online system to report Police performance

Anyone who has recently dealt with the police can rate the service they've received at www.leics.police.uk/rateyourlocalpolice

More details on the village website. Go to "Village and Community Life" - "Neighbourhood Watch".

Rutland Crime reports

I regularly put the Rutland Police weekly crime reports on the website. I flag these reports via the Greetham in Rutland Facebook page so it is another good reason to regularly look at our village Facebook page.

Over the last month, there were burglaries in both Oakham and Clipsham - uncomfortably close.

Greetham Website

We are continuing to develop what we think is probably the best community website in the world.

Our hope has always been to include all business and activities in the village.

To this end we making a special offer, for a limited period, to your list businesses in the Business and Services section for as long as you like for a one off fee of £10.

To take up this offer, please contact Dave Hodson at the e-mail address below.

Check out the website to see a number of new business listings.

David Hodson

e-mail: hodson001@gmail.com

Tel: 01572 813902

Visit www.greethamrutland.com

For all you want to know about the village

BRIDGE

Anyone interested in playing Bridge on Thursday nights in the Community Centre at 7.0pm, please contact

Helen Mcleod Smith 812852 or

Barbara Bowerman 812789 or

Janet Dandeker 869052

If we're not in please leave a message and we'll get back to you

Call Connect

The telephone number has changed. Please use **0345 263 8153**. The old number will remain live for 3 months. The change has been implemented because 0345 calls are cheaper than 0845.

Greetham Bowls Club

Our village Bowls Club is in very real need of new members. We have a fine green and pavilion for outdoor bowling right through the summer months and have two indoor mats in the Community Centre hall which permits a decent length for winter bowling.

It is likely that the winter 'competition season' will start after Christmas, but for now we are encouraging new members to come and 'have a go' on Tuesday evenings at 6.30 pm onwards. We are able to provide instruction in the art of the game and are playing practice contests as numbers permit on the Tuesday evenings. We can provide woods (balls) and help as necessary.

This is a fine, social, sport with Ladies and Gentlemen on a truly equal competitive footing and is open to all ages from teenagers upwards. We are happy to welcome members of other clubs who perhaps do not have indoor facilities.

Please come and join us and receive a warm welcome.

John Hall (treasurer)

Knitted poppies

Those of you who attend the church or walk past it regularly will have realised that the knitted poppies have been removed. I want you to know that we carefully took them down and have stored them away for future events. The ones that were in the churchyard have been washed and have cleaned up beautifully, even the ones from the gate under the lime trees which were in a pretty poor state. It was very moving to look at every one, all hand made by people in the village or with some connection to it. All were slightly different, but done with remembrance in mind. I counted them. There were 342 and that excludes the small ones that were sold for people to wear with the proceeds going to the British Legion and the fund to add the missing name to the memorial plaque in the church.

The plan is to use them again to decorate the church, or other parts of the village if that is wanted, to commemorate the centenary of other key dates from the Great War during the next 4 years, culminating in Remembrance Sunday 2018. These long winter evenings are ideal for knitting, so if you want to carry on knitting poppies, we would be very pleased to have them. If you would like to start, but need some help or encouragement then contact me 868291 or Helen McGarrigle 812804.

There were 888,246 poppies at the Tower of London.... Jackie Gauntley

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes October 2014 (Subject to approval)

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

Open forum for public comments

Apologies for absence – David Hodson

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 12th 2014. Proposed: KE

Seconded JR Carried unanimously

Matters arising: Village Green registration – additional historical evidence is being sourced prior to completion of required paperwork.

The Community Centre has confirmed availability for all future meetings of the Parish Council.

The trees felled in Great Lane have been replaced.

Village Sign. The design is now with the foundry.

Recruitment of Councillors. Elections will take place in 2015. Rutland County Council advise a pro-active recruitment of new councillors. An article will be placed in the village newsletter. Action: Chair

Burial ground. The Parish Council is actively working to ensure that the required hedge trimming and tree maintenance is completed over the winter months.

Planning – 2014/0778/FUL Oak House Greetham: To change two existing doors into new standard size, this will mean existing roof will have to be chopped into and form a dormer type roof over new door heights. Comment: No comment or objection Proposed: KE. Seconded: JR. RB abstention

Town and Country Planning Appeal – Greetham Garden Centre. The following comment: will be submitted to The Planning Inspectorate.

Greetham Parish Council strongly object to this application. This proposal, combined with a plan submitted for an adjacent site (which is within the existing site allocation) would result in a 25% housing increase in the village. The proximity to sewage works is a major concern.

It is of concern that new residential development should be sought in this inappropriate location, particularly when the Rutland Local Plan Core Strategy Development Plan Document is new and up to date, the Site Allocations Policies Development Plan Document has been examined and the Inspectors report is imminent. Rutland's plans for Greetham have been prepared openly and in consultation with the community, and specifically exclude this site from the development opportunities identified in the Parish.

Greetham Parishioners, with Parish Council support have embarked on the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and its intention is to ensure that any new local policies are prepared so as to be in conformity with the strategic policies of the Rutland Local Plan. It would be counter-productive if, at appeal, the first test by a developer of the County Council's up to date planning policies was successful.

Proposed: KE Seconded: JR

Finance. The audited accounts for 2013/2014 have been received. The Parish Council confirm that the internal audit was carried out without any personal interest by Sam Soutar. Proposed KE Seconded RB Carried unanimously

Dog Watch - £34.50 received

Village sign - £300 received in donations

New bus – term time only – will run from the Wheatsheaf at 8.12 returning at 17.26 (to Melton and Brooksby Colleges)

Cycle racks – It is proposed that these be declined Proposed: JR Seconded: KE Abstention RB

Trees update – Hanson Ltd have donated £1500 towards tree planting in the village. This has been placed with Barcham Trees plc who will supply and plant 18 trees over the next 6 months.

Correspondence – various flyers

There is a new Call connect number – this will be publicised in the village magazine

Reports from outside bodies:

B668 – the work involved includes removal of tar which is a hazardous substance. The work will be done in 2 stages – During the first stage of approximately 4 days light traffic will be diverted via the 'Exton triangle'. During the second stage the diversion will be via Thistleton. A shuttle bus will run from Greetham to Market Overton.

The Department of Education has agreed that the Harrington School proposal may proceed.

Rutland County Council have organised an awareness meeting on Child Sexual Exploitation. (9/10/14)

Proposed Wind farm, the noise assessment has been completed. The number of turbines has been reduced and a change of location means no noise impact. Electricity produced will go out via Casterton

Please submit Youth Sports Award nominations to RB

The sub-committee have met regarding speed limit implementation through the village. A final version document is in place following thorough research. For January agenda Neighbourhood Plan – questionnaires have been analysed and summarised. This summary will be publicised this month. Actions will be divided into Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan. The Parish Plan will be passed to PC.

Community Centre – future events include Bonfire, Halloween and New Year parties. The stage will be delivered shortly. A cleaner is required. A grant has been applied for from National Westminster Bank to refurbish the meeting room.

Safari Supper – congratulations were offered to the organisers.

Any other business

Great Lane tree removal – RCC planning to be asked to provide a list of trees in Great Lane which have TPOs.

COMING EVENTS

Advance notice

Greetham WI Scrumptious home made Soups and Delicious Desserts

Sunday 18th January 2015

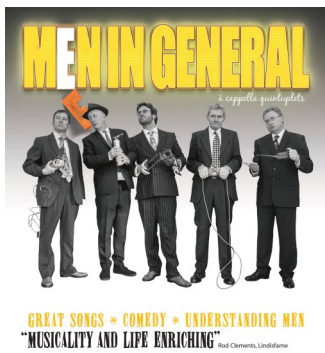
12.00 for 12.30 start

Tickets £7.00 adult /£3.50 per child £20 per family (2x2)

available from Helen McGarrigle or any WI Member

many thanks

Centre Stage production



Appearing at Greetham Community Centre on Sat 24th January An event not to be missed £9.00 adult /£5.00 12-18years

A centre Stage production with an age recommendation of 12+

*Men In General are five ordinary lads separated at birth by the cruel hand of fate, re-united by a social networking site and now talking & singing **Billy Joel, Lou Reed, Red Molly, Marvin Gaye, Joe Jackson, Coope Boyes & Simpson, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Stephen Stills, Tom Jones, The Beach Boys, The Spooky Men's Chorale** & other top lyr-*

ics. Chances of that?

A five-piece force of male vocal antics not to be missed. The show includes indoor parachute jumping, a road movie, the benefits of going barefoot, a painting by Edward Hopper, unusual hobbies for men, a pub at midnight and mistakes anyone could make. Fast-moving and fun

Calling all businesses and service providers in Greetham

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be inviting all businesses and service providers to a drop in session at the Greetham Valley Conference Centre on Janu-

ary 29th at 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

This will be your opportunity to tell us about what you want to help your business in Greetham.

We will be sending out invites in the New Year and are aware of most of the businesses in Greetham. However, if you do think we may not be aware of your business or are in the process of setting one up, please e-mail Dave Hodson to make sure that you are included.

David Hodson

e-mail: hodson001@gmail.com

Tel: 01572 813902

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For all you want to know about the village

OPEN GARDENS 2015

The next Open Gardens will take place on Sunday, 21st June 2015. from 1.00 to 6.00 p.m.

If anyone would like to take part, please let me know at 14 Pond Lane or 01572 813061. We also intend to have a plant stall, so again if anyone would like to supply plants, please let me know.

As usual, tea and cakes will be available in Church. Trevor Hubbert.

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

Thanks to Kit and Judy Swinfen who have generously sponsored this edition "To mark a special wedding anniversary".

A Date for Your Diary...

Nothing to do in February? Then come to the community centre for a meal and a dance.

On Saturday, 7th February 2015 we will be holding a Ceilidh barn dance to raise money for our Morocco Community Project 2016. 'McGoo' will lead the dancing and a meal of sausage, mash and beans plus a pudding is included in the ticket price.

Starts at 7pm

Adult tickets- £10.00

Kids tickets- £5.00

To book your tickets call Thomas or Elke on 01572 813683

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all
forthcoming events to*

Clare Hitchcox

***By December 15th
please***

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

email:

greethamnews@aol.com

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Christmas**

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Rutland Fundraising Group

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Christmas Tree Festival



At Oakham Congregational Church

December 5th, 6th and 8th 2014.

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- Bake or make for the produce stall
- Help us on the day
- Come and admire the trees
- Any or all of the above

A beautiful way to start Christmas.

For further information or to offer support please contact



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for yourself to feel better, physically, mentally and
emotionally*



Laura Goodliffe-Byatt

07951 288801/

lauracharlie@hotmail.com

New Year's Eve Party at Greetham Valley

Sparkling wine on arrival

Gala dinner Disco

Live music from

'Jet Stream'

Black tie or lounge suit

Arrival: 7pm Carriages: 1.30am

Limited availability **£65pp**

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New Year's Day Lunch at Greetham Valley

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For some time we have been discussing a new 'strapline' for the school. We have been looking for something that encapsulates where the school is now, and shows the nature of the school. We are very pleased, therefore, to share with you our new strapline:

Explore & Grow

We feel that this truly represents the school and what we hope to achieve for our children. We want children to leave our primary school as well equipped learners, with the knowledge and skills that they need to develop their learning further. This means that not only do we want children to develop their core skills in reading, writing and maths; but that we also want them to develop their sense of curiosity and explore the world around them and realise that they can grow into whatever they want to be. We are there to guide and nurture them on this path of discovery.

If you have just moved into the area or your child is starting school in September 2015, come and have a look around your catchment school to find out more about us.

For more information about the school please visit our website www.extonschool.co.uk or ring us on 01572 812380. Come and see us in action!

As I write, the children are all dressed in their pyjamas and onesies, and the school is very quiet! The children are all doing a sponsored silence in aid of Children in Need. Even our youngest children have managed at least 20 minutes, and some of our Year 6 are aiming to remain silent for the whole day.

We have also been thinking about making Christmas special for children further afield in other countries, and have again been making Shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. This year we have managed 10 shoeboxes between us.

We have also been collecting for the British Legion through their poppy appeal. All of Key Stage 2 joined with the local community in Exton at the War Memorial on 11th November for our annual Act of Remembrance.

It is sometimes easy to forget how lucky we are. Supporting these charities helps the children understand those who are less fortunate than ourselves.