

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

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Martin Fairbairn, Treasurer for the Greetham Gatherings, with Roly Easson, Lorine Mohamed and Gilbert Thomas presenting a cheque for £2200 to the DLRAA, who had the on-duty pilot, paramedic and 2 doctors to accept it.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday 8th December 2017



DOORS OPEN- 6.30PM

EYES DOWN- 7.00PM

FANTASTIC PRIZES

LICENSED BAR



All proceeds to Play area fund &
Community centre kitchen refurbishment



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, 23rd DECEMBER 2017

4.00 TO 6.00 P.M.

All Children Welcome

FREE ADMISSION

DISCO
LOTS OF GAMES AND FUN
PLAY TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

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

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



BAR WILL BE OPEN- COME ALONG
AND
JOIN IN THE FUN



Looking Back

What a wonderful and successful evening of fireworks!
A massive thanks to our generous donations and sponsors.

Mr & Mrs Edward
Stamford Stone Ltd
Andy Saunders Catering Ltd
Mr & Mrs Creasey

**As the year comes to a close we would like to give thanks
to the community of Greetham and beyond, for all the sup-
port
during 2017.**

**A special thanks to the Committee for their hard work
though out the year and keeping this wonderful centre the
heart of the village.**

Looking Forward

The Playground Committee have worked very hard during 2017

What a fantastic fundraising year.

With the hard work of all involved it is exciting to say the Playground Fund has now reached the amazing total of **£36,763.27. More exciting news to come for 2018.**

New Year

Join us at the centre to welcome 2018

Exciting events for 2018 include :

Youth gathering Wednesdays (Term Time)

Summer 1940's dance (Summer Ball). 23rd June

Comedy Night

Thursdays 'Meet'em in Greetham'

Bingo

Summer Family Games events

Greetham Gathering And much more

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	3rd	Greetham Church said Communion 8am Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship Christingle Service 4pm
Mon	4th	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
Wed	6th	Oak House Lunch
Thu	7th	Mobile Library
Fri	8th	Community Centre Bingo
Sun	10th	Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with break fast Community Christmas lunch Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

Mon 11th WI

Fri 15th Last day for newsletter items for January newsletter

Christmas Jumper party at The Plough

Sun 17th Greetham Church Carol Service 6pm

Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

Thu 21st Mobile library

Fri 22nd Carols at The Plough

Sat 23rd Community Centre Children's Party

5.00pm Travelling Nativity around village 5.00pm

Sun 24th 23.30 Midnight Mass

Christingle Service

This year the service will be held at Greetham church on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm led by Rev'd Marcus Purnell. Do come and join us for a fun filled time. There will be a puppet show, singing, refreshments and you can make your own Christingle. The most magical moment will be when all Christingles are lit. There will be a collection for The Children's Society who do amazing work to help and support children with multiple issues throughout the UK. For information or to offer help please contact Patricia 813118 or Maureen 813061 but more importantly just come and have fun!

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday December 4th 2017 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 6th 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'.*



Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday December 7th and 21st. 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 72291



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The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th December. This month it is the annual Christmas Dinner.

Greetham's Community Christmas Lunch

The Community Christmas Lunch will be on
Sunday 10th December.

Greetham Community Centre

Doors open 12pm

Two course traditional Christmas carvery

Lunch at 1pm

Toys, colouring and games for the kids

Raffle

Bar will be open

Price: **Donations on the day**

With all proceeds going to the Community Centre
and playground fund

Booking essential

Call Andy on 07736243119
after 7pm to book.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday December 10th and 17th 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.



Christmas Jumper party

The Plough is holding a Christmas jumper party on Dec 15th for Save the Children. £2 to enter all proceeds to Save the Children. Prize for best jumper.

Carols at The Plough

Also our annual carols in the car park will be 22nd December at 7.30 with mulled wine and mince pies

REVIEWS

Greetham Women's Institute Meeting held on November 13th 2017

The November meeting was the Annual General Meeting, at which a new committee was elected. Twenty-four members and one guest were present. Birthday Posies were presented to Chris Rigby and Helen McGarrigle. Secretary Helen McGarrigle gave a review of the year's meetings and President Lorraine Pearce spoke about extra-curricular activities such as Horse-shoe Group meetings, theatre visits, skittles matches, quiz etc. The President thanked all those that had helped during the year at the various meetings and functions. Billie Hackett gave an outline of next year's programme. The treasurer has resigned leaving a comfortable bank balance and a new treasurer will be elected from the new committee. Elections were held for the new committee and eight members were elected. Next year, subscriptions will rise to £41. Hazel Hinch thanked the committee for all their hard work.

The formal business being over, refreshments were served, and the evening ended with a competition to identify members from childhood photographs. In most cases this proved to be completely impossible.

The December meeting will be the annual Christmas Dinner, complete with carol singing and Secret Santa.

Cottesmore Brownies

Many thanks to the Brownies, Parents and others who attended our Coffee Evening on 12 October at Cottesmore Community Centre in support of Men-cap, Melton Mowbray when almost £300 was raised.

This is to help fund trips out on their Summer Scheme 2018 as this year, due to cuts in funding, they were unable to offer the usual opportunities for the young people who attend their centre.



The idea to fund raise for Mencap came from our Young Leader, Rachel, who volunteered on the scheme for 4 days over the summer, and as a Brownie Unit we came together to keep our Brownie Promise to 'serve our community' by supporting a local charity. We are grateful for the many kind donations of raffle prizes provided by businesses in the High Street, Oakham; Fords of Oakham, Rutland Toy &

Dance Boutique, The Admiral Hornblower, Albar's Den, Kavanagh's Tea Room, Coleman's, Hambletons (butcher), CoCo, Tails and Whiskers, Portess, Baubles and Bangles and Day Lewis Pharmacy. Also Mrs Lillian Burton.

Please remember our local businesses when out shopping!

Gathering donates £2200 to local Air Ambulance

On Wednesday November 8th, some of the Greetham Gathering's Committee and helpers met Jo Payne from the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance Service (DLRAA) at the Air Ambulance base at East Midlands Airport to present a cheque in support of the DRLAA. In 2014, the first year of the Greetham Gatherings, the committee were able to present a cheque to the DRLAA for £450. In 2015 the donation was £1500. In 2016 the donation was £2000. In 2017 we hoped to exceed the previous year's amount, but this has proven to be much more challenging. We had some great sunny days where record attendances were recorded, but in September we had dreadful weather and that, understandably, put a dent in our fund raising hopes. However we still had our most successful year yet for the Gatherings, and with all the extra support from the public, the committee were delighted to present a cheque for £2200 to the DLRAA.

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Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed to the appeal either by filling a box, donating items to be included or donating cash to assist with transport costs. I have now delivered 70 filled boxes and these will soon be on their way in time for Christmas. They will go to Central Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East or Africa and not necessarily all to the same place. Those of you who paid transport costs on line should receive an email at the end of January to advise where your box has gone.

Patricia Hagger

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.

SPARKLERS TODDLER GROUP

We extend a very warm welcome to families (usually about 25 adults + children!) from our group of Churches every Tuesday morning in Cottemore Church between 9.30 – 11am, and new families are always very welcome too.

We would like to expand our group of helpers and are looking for offers of help with the teas, washing up or craft activities. If you have a heart for reaching out to young families and children please contact Bernadette Wallace 01572 812956/07858484918 or bernie.wallace@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council minutes Monday 6th November 2017

Greetham Community Centre @7.30 pm

Members present: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D Hodson;

Dr R. Oakes; Mrs Ann Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy; Mrs R. Marshall.

In attendance: N.Begy. Ward Member

Number of members of public present: 5

Points raised:

Lamp Post Poppies

Cycle path

Church Street traffic questionnaire

Thistleton Road drains

1 Apologies for absence None

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda None

3 Approval of minutes from October 2nd 2017

Proposed: AJ Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising

Ongoing

Grass/ verge cutting 2018. No response has been received from the email sent. Ward member to chase.

Bench permits. Finance item.

RCC Waste disposal service (Dog waste) A request to place an additional bin (emptied by RCC) is awaiting a response.

From September meeting

RCC response to request to intervene with Environmental Agency (smoke emissions). Ward Member feedback. Action taken to date has been outlined. An initial issue with the burning of unsuitable wood has now been resolved. Monitoring will continue.

Western Power response to request for information. No further update.

5 FinanceFor information:

Grant agreement update. RCC request for confirmation that Chair and Vice Chair are empowered to sign. The appropriate section of Standing orders and Minute reference from October forwarded

Quarterly audit. Bank statement received and audit will be completed for the next meeting.

For approval:

Bench permit £172 Proposed: PH Seconded : JD Carried unanimously

Poppies. Purchased for £150. Sponsorship money received £235 (including a pledged donation from Lovells). Cost for placement: to be notified

Replacement dog waste bags £37.75 plus VAT per 800 (5% discount in November). Ongoing annual agreement for purchase £200. Proposed: KE

Seconded:PH Carried unanimously

CAB – request for donation. £200 suggested. Proposed: KE Seconded: PH

Carried unanimously

Church clock donation request towards annual service (£126) Amount agreed £126. The payment of the full amount of the invoice is specific to this financial year and will be reviewed annually.

Proposed: KE Seconded: PH Carried unanimously

Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC website

6.1 Update from Planning Enforcement Officer regarding:

Old Post Office, Main Street. The first meeting arranged for September was cancelled until October. This has also been cancelled and was rearranged for November 3rd. This third meeting was also cancelled. The planning application received for the fence was retrospective. RCC refused permission and an appeal was lodged. The appeal was refused and that is now the final decision. The enforcement officer has advised he will visit the site to determine the status of the opaque glazing to the rear of the property and the status of the wooden doors.

66a Main Street. Revised plans have been submitted but not active as unpaid for.

Hooby Lane Quarry is reported to have one pile over height which is continuing to be reduced. GPC informed RCC of their continued concerns. The Enforcement Officer is satisfied that this is now acceptable.

PROPOSAL: Rear extension to form new utility area and new summer room.

3, Main Street, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7NJ

GPC has no comment to make on this application.

Crown reduction of 1 No. Ash tree by 5 metres.

Pennybrook, 54, Main Street, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7NL

Ash tree, crown removal by 5 metres.

GPC has no comment to make on this application

2017/0561/FUL Greetham Lodge farm – approved with condition that no slurry is 'bought in'.

Outcome of Communication regarding darkness of mortar used at the Lovells development reported to RCC. (GPC to seek confirmation that **all** properties on site have appropriate coloured mortar.) The company are advised by RCC that the mortar used is incorrect and RCC will continue to monitor until this is rectified.

7 Focus groups.

Traffic Focus Group – proposed format of consultation letter to residents of Church Lane. PH

It is confirmed that this will be presented in a tick box format. All residents who access properties via Church Lane will receive an anonymous copy to complete. These will be numbered randomly.

Update of traffic issues. Ward Member. Following lengthy communications with RCC and the police GPC would like to ascertain what positive action can be taken regarding speed, parking, and HGV restrictions.

Planning Focus Group meeting report. **A** strategy to keep pressure on RCC to take notice of Greetham residents' views on the Local Plan Review was presented.

This includes: attending a meeting with the RCC Councillor on the cabinet; contact with LRALC regarding RCC's consideration of the Greetham Neighbourhood Plan in respect of the Local Plan review; submission of a further FOI request regarding inclusion of the quarry as a proposed site as restricted conditions are still in place; a request that RCC Scrutiny Panel review the process by which sites were selected after the appraisal process.

Ward member suggested GPC writes to Police, Road Policing Unit, asking them to enforce a weight ban if RCC Highways approved one.

Cycle path. Ward member. GPC are in favour of the cycle path from Greetham to Stretton in principle but are unable to commit financially.

8 Playground Project

Update.

The plans have been presented to the Community Centre Committee and their agreement is minuted. GPC will now inform RCC that these plans are accepted. Ground preparation is due to start in February (volunteers are being recruited) Grant applications are submitted

9 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation and environmental issues No update

10 Community Centre Update

Quotes are being sought for the upgrade of the heating system.

11 Welcome Visit SB and RM are completing these.

12 Village Clean Up

Feedback. This was a successful event with a minimal amount of rubbish reported.

A report of rubbish at Lovell's site (open skip/ food waste) has been reported to RCC.

13 Correspondence and Communication

Residents regarding Northbrook Close. Action: RCC contacted and appropriate investigations are underway.

Quarry (road cleaning). Following complaints received Stamford Stone contacted. Response received stated that the road is cleaned twice a day.

Allotment request. A reply would be sent by the clerk stating that at the present time we do not have the needed numbers to take this further. Suggest the person asks in the Village Newsletter and on face Book if anyone has land available to offer individuals.

Residents – roads and parking. This is being considered alongside all traffic concerns.

Residents – request for mirror at end of Pond Lane. Clerk to contact RCC highways and request one.

Resident – correspondence addressed to all Councillors personally regarding fence at Old post Office. Response from RCC enforcement shows the current position. GPC have no further part in this dispute between the owner and RCC.

Resident – correspondence regarding the slope created to the footpath behind The Wheatsheaf and the debris in the stream. Action: relevant agencies to be informed

14 Reports from outside bodies None

15 Items for a future agenda

Budget setting 2018. Focus Groups to identify potential projects and present for financial consideration at the December meeting.

Risk assessment for volunteers.

16 Date of next meeting – Monday December 4th 2017

E mail: greethampc@gmail.com

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Comedy Night

Following last year's sell out Comedy night, the Comedy team are pleased to bring you another night of big belly-laughs.

Tickets will go on sale in the new year, so save the date **Saturday 24th March 2018** & please share with your friends and family

More information will follow in the forthcoming editions of the newsletter.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal

Thank you to the people and organisations below who
helped to sponsor our lamppost Poppies.
Their generosity is much appreciated.

**Merv and Sue Bamber
Anne Basden
Nick Begy
Sandy Begy
Pam and Barry Bell
The Bell-Stocker Family
Steve and Julie Bertuzzi
Colin and Linda Bullock
Jane and Howard Denyer
Ken and Linda Edward
The Ellis Family
Pat and Ian Evans
Simon and Jackie Gauntley
Greetham Parish Council
Greetham Village Shop
Peter and Clare Hitchcox
David and Gill Hodson
Trevor and Maureen Hubbert
Paul and Ann Jenkins
Lovell Partnerships Ltd
Roger and Debbie Oakes
George and Sheila Ruff
Neil and Glynis Sellars
Alex and Barbara Watt**



GREETHAM COMMUNITY PLAYAREA 2017

What a fantastic fundraising year for the Greetham Playarea.

The Playground Fund has now reached the amazing total of
£36,763.27

Thank you to all of the organisers and supporters of the fundraising events
and there have been a few!

Lots more Events to come but so far you have supported the Safari Supper,
Comedy Night, Duck Race, Top Banana Band night, Adopt a tree, WI Coffee
morning, Garage Sale, Harvest Supper, Bingo, Scarecrow competition, collection
box donations, Raffles and Tombola's. The fund has also been boosted significantly
by donations from RCC and British Sugar.

WHAT NEXT?

Additional funding is being applied for from local funding bodies.

We will be advised of the outcome in February/ March 2018.

But in the meantime we need



You!

Come and see the plans and find out how you can help on



Saturday 27th January 2pm- 4pm.



Join us for tea, coffee and cake.



MUMS, DADS, GRANDPARENTS, CARERS WE NEED YOU!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

**by December 15th please
PLEASE NOTE EARLY DATE**

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Greetham. LE15 7NJ
email: greethamnews@aol.com

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**MONDAY
5.30pm and 7.30pm**

Greetham

Greetham Community Centre,
Great Lane, Greetham,
Nr Oakham LE15 7NG
Tel: Sally
07437 010235

slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000   



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46 - 48 Main Street
Greetham
LE15 7NL

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Mob 07802 401798

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Wood Lane ~ Greetham ~ Rutland LE15 7SN
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Greetham Garage

Beginning our **41st** year serving
the local community



THE PLOUGH

GREETHAM in RUTLAND



Christmas Menu

2 courses £15.50 | 3 courses £18.50

Served 1st - 24th December (*bookings only*)

Real Ales | Dog Friendly

Christmas Jumper Party - 15th

Carols in the car park - 22nd

23 Main Street, Greetham Oakham
Rutland LE15 7NJ 01572 813613
www.the-plough-greetham.co.uk



Greetham Valley

Dine with us this festive season

Boxing Day Buffet

Feast Luncheon

just £22.50

New Year's Day Luncheon

two courses £13.50

three courses £15.50

**Our Christmas restaurant
menu is now available!**

12 - 3pm & 6 - 9pm

Monday to Saturday

two courses £14.95

three courses £19.95

Table reservation is essential for all festive dining

Luncheons: children 5-12 half price, under 5s free

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." — Garrison Keillor

There are lots of exciting things that happen in school at this time of year. From tinsel to tea towels; from nativities to pantomimes; it really is a magical time of year.

However, developing the school learning environment does not stop for Christmas, and as well as all the things that happen in school to celebrate Christmas, we are also going to be developing a new school library over the next few weeks, ready for a grand opening in January. Our staff room has been relocated, and the old staff room is to be turned into a lovely library space where the children will be able to relax and curl up with a book, as well as use it for research.

In the classrooms we are developing 'Book Talk' to encourage the children to really delve into the books they are reading and to discuss good quality fiction.

Books really are the gateway to a lot of understanding, and the more we can encourage children to read, the more they open up their minds to new ideas and expand their horizons.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the children, staff, governors and parents at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School, to wish the local community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Explore & Grow

School website:

www.extonschool.co.uk

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