

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

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Jan 20th 2016*

*The new Greetham village sign
with Judy Swinfen the artist
and designer*

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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Greetham saw in the New Year in true Greetham style with another night at the 'Ritz'. A great night was enjoyed by all and a very big "Thank You" to all those who made the evening such a success - starting off what we hope will be another busy and successful year for your centre.

Greetham WI held Soups and Sweets on January 17th. This was very well attended despite the snow which had fallen the night before. A wonderful selection of soups and delicious desserts was on offer and enjoyed by all.

This was followed by Burns' night on the 23rd January, another evening of fun and just the thing to chase those winter blues away, again - 'Thank You' to those who put on these wonderful events. These events don't just happen; a lot of hard work goes into putting on events at the centre for all to enjoy so once again a **Big Thank You** to all those involved.

Talking of involvement can you help your village community centre? The centre is still looking for a secretary; this is a vital role in the life of the centre. So if you have some administrative skills and a few hours to spare please consider joining us.

The Centre has got off to a good start with regular weekly bookings throughout the week through to the spring and beyond. You can attend Pilates, Line Dancing, Badminton, a slimming club and **NEW** for this quarter we have **indoor soft ball Cricket for the under 13's** so please look out for the notices around the village. On the **11th February 10.00am -12.00** the first of the drop in **Coffee Mornings** will start. Open to all, young and old do come along for lovely cup of coffee, a slice of cake and some friendly chat!

In addition the Centre has received bookings for private parties, weddings and rallies. The Gathering will be back in May and the Centre is looking at having a family evening once a month throughout the summer. It's wonderful to have the Centre buzzing!

As usual the committee are maintaining the centre and planning improvements; if you would like to be a part of our team either on or off the Committee please make yourself known to Ken Edward 812136 or Roy Wicks 812117. Come along and help make a difference.

Happy New Year – Greetham Community Centre Committee

COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- Wed 3rd Oak House Lunch
 Thu 4th Mobile library
 Sun 7th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
 Mon 8th WI
 Wed 10th Parish Council meeting
 Thu 11th Community Centre weekly coffee morning
 Greetham Engineering Society
 Sun 14th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast
 9.00am
 Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
Thu 18th Last day for newsletter items for March newsletter
 Mobile library
 Sun 21st Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise
 Sun 28th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise with Holy
 Communion

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 3rd February - 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 February 4th and 18th. Times are approximate

Oakham Road Lock's Close 14.00 - 14:20

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

Church Lane Opp. The Plough 14:40 - 15.00

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



WI

Next month's meeting will be held on Feb 8th, when our speaker will be Rob Hill from Hambleton Bakery.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday February 14th. 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.



MEET 'EM in GREETHAM CAFÉ



We are excited to announce that we will be opening the community centre on **Thursday, 11th February** and every Thursday thereafter between 10am - 12 noon for morning coffee / tea and a selection of home baked cakes. (£1 for a hot drink and £1 for a slice of cake)

The idea behind the café is to give people a place to meet up for a chat over a cup of good quality coffee/tea in a warm and friendly environment. Everyone, young and old, will be most welcome.

If the café proves popular, we could develop it further by offering such things as simple computer tuition as the centre now has free wi-fi, an area for those who would like to do some craft activities, a book/DVD swap table and anything else people may come up with.

This is a neighbourly activity making use of our newly refurbished community centre clubroom and it fits well with the requests on the village plan questionnaire for more village activities for young children and older people.

We would value your support in the following ways: -

- By just coming along on the day
- Volunteering to help out on a rota basis with serving the refreshments
- Offering to bake the cakes (on a rota basis too)

If you would like to volunteer or have a chat about what is involved, please contact Sue Bamber on 01572 812882 or Jackie Gauntley on 01572 868291

Please look out for the posters around the village and the flyers that we will be posting through your door.

Greetham Engineering Society

Proudly presents two talks:

7.30pm Thursday 11th February 2016

Greetham Community Centre

Great Lane, Greetham

All welcome ~ No charge

Bar will be open



Talk 1

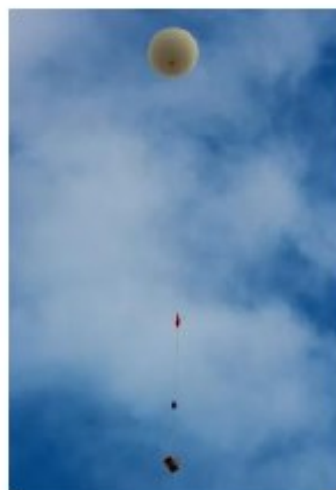
**Building of the
Rutland Lugger
“Alaric”**

**Dick Goodey
describes how he built
a yacht from scratch.**

Talk 2

**Balloon project Phil
Adams**

**Phil Adams
describes how he
inspired a group of
young scientists to
design and build a
balloon project.**



REVIEWS

WI

The first meeting of the New Year was held in the Community Centre on Monday Jan 1. Twenty-three members were present. Our new President (Lorraine Pearce) opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Birthday posies were presented to Pat Kenworthy and Alison Kirby. Our speaker was Rebecca Baguley, a fund raiser for Cancer Research UK. Her presentation was titled "Why I don't like sprouts".

Her talk began with some sobering statistics (330,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with cancer each year). She explained how cancer is a disease of cells and that DNA is in control of cell division in the body. As many people survive each year as die of the many forms of cancer. Forty per cent of cancers are down to lifestyle and are thus avoidable. CRUK employs four thousand scientists and nurses across the UK. Our nearest centre is in Cambridge.

We had some hands on experience as we were all shown how to extract DNA from strawberries---a simple process which takes about ten minutes. We were also all given a small indicator strip to place on our tongue. To some people it tasted bitter, and to others had no taste at all. Those who could taste the bitterness are less likely to like sprouts. The difference between them is a single receptor on the tongue. (So they really do taste horrid to some people)!

Rebecca then spoke about funding for Cancer Research. Shockingly there is no direct government funding. 80p in every £1 donated by the public goes into research. The largest source of income is legacies. She urged us all to learn more about research (via several helpful leaflets), donate our time as volunteers and support fundraising.

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The WI Soups and Desserts was held at the Community Centre on a snowy Sunday lunchtime on the 17th January. We had 12 different varieties of soup to taste and try: mushroom, leek and potato and many more including Gin Soup - and what seemed to be 24 different puddings to taste and try from trifles to crumbles, Pavlova , roulades to chocolate steam, rice and bread and butter puddings ; tarts, pies, flans and cheesecakes . I am sure I have left some out! Not much left either, just the 'recipe' for a cold, snowy Sunday lunch time!! The raffle collected over £200 which will go towards supporting flooded communities.

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.

Rutland Police Report December 2015

The North Beat crime figures for November are as follows: -

A1 – Theft of fuel from HGV's – 5 crimes.

Cottesmore – Kendrew Barracks – 2 thefts

Great Casterton – Domestic assault

Little Casterton – Common Assault (road rage incident outside of village)

Langham – 2 x thefts, 1 criminal damage, and 1 Burglary other than dwelling all linked to Ashwell Rd, Langham. 1 Damage to motor vehicle cars scratched.

Exton – Burglary Dwelling

Stretton – damage to fence to gain entry for a theft, and bilking at garage.

The current Problem Solving Profiles are: -

Hare Coursing and Burglary other than Dwellings.

I was very happy to have the NHW Coordinator from Langham to inform me of the issues at Ashwell Rd on my work mobile 07779422404 which allowed me to respond quickly and speak to residents who had not yet reported the crimes, many thanks Roy.

I am also, with the help of Ellie and Steve, working through all my villages for Property Marking events. If you would like to help us organise an event in your village please let me know.

LauriePC 1742 Appleton

To all dog owners.....

We love dogs. Dogs love us. We give them a great life, on the whole. But if you want to make anyone start loathing them - just stop clearing up the mess. During the last few months dog poo has actually been left in the middle of the Community Centre Car Park (just right for someone all dressed up to ruin a pretty party shoe); in the middle of Great Lane (in the most obvious place for a child or elderly person to slip on); and on the pavement in the centre of the village (ideal spot to cause an accident and send someone slipping on to the main road).

And here's the thing - it's not the dogs we should be loathing - it's the owners!! Or at least the person walking the dog. Dogs can't be blamed - dog walkers can. Greetham does not want to be littered with excrement! It's a pretty village! Let's keep it that way!

Walk the dog - take a bag, or two, - use the bins - be responsible.

PLEASE!!!!!!

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes January 13th 2016 (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); Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch; Mrs J. Roberts; Mr D. Hodson

In attendance: 4 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence Mr R. Begy; Mr P. Hitchcox

2 Disclosure of interests None declared

3 Approval of minutes December 9th 2015 Proposed: DH Seconded: RW –
–Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising from minutes December 9th 2015

a BT / Western Power pole update. No further developments are anticipated in the near future.

b Village Green tree update. RCC agreement for the work required has been received. PH will be arranging for the work to be carried out.

c Update from RCC regarding removal of tree in grounds of Old Post Office. PH will contact RCC to suggest a suitable replacement tree.

d Noticeboard. The headings 'Parish Council' and 'Community Events' are agreed. Action – obtain costings for the agenda next month. A white background with red writing is suggested.

e Church Lane street light report. Clarification on the exact location of faulty lights will be arranged prior to reporting issues to EON.

f RCC confirm that the electricity charge refund will be paid for this financial year but that they will be presenting plans for changes in 2017/8.

g RCC respond that a representative is unable to attend evening meetings. As both the Northbrook and Garden Centre plans were submitted prior to the introduction of CIL approval will show S106 which will not directly benefit Greetham. Representatives from GPC would like to attend a day time meeting in Greetham or at RCC offices to discuss further.

5 Finance

2016 Draft Budget

Precept –

An increase of a £500 increase proposed by FH. Seconded JR. Carried unanimously. Therefore the sum of £5,630.40 plus Local Council Tax Support Grant of £369.60 will be requested.

For approval:

JH Gardening: Additional materials for Village Green Work: £60

Proposed: DH Seconded: JR Carried unanimously

For information:

J.H. Gardening – removal of cherry trees from burial ground: £75.00

Memorials for Joyce Hogben and John Taylor: £105.46

E-on £566.41

6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC webpage.

2015/1061/CAT Reduce height of 2 conifers by 4 metres. Wheatsheaf Inn. Stretton Road, Greetham. Approved

2015/1126 / CAT 43, Main Street, Greetham. Fell No 1 Leylandi. Comment to be placed on RCC website: Greetham Parish Council support this application.

2015/1123/MAJ Erection of specialist facilities including 2 new Technical Stores, a 72 No. bed Junior Ranks Single Living (JRSLA) accommodation block, a Servicing Lanes building, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer's (SNCO's) Mess, Physical and Recreational Training Facility (P&RTF) and obstacle course at Kendrew Barracks, Cottesmore. Action: Focus group to provide suggested response.

7 To approve revised Standing Orders as per draft circulated before the meeting

Section 13 Appendix 6 Proposed text be accepted (as below) JD. Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously.

Standing order 7 – Adoption of Rutland County Council Code of Conduct be adopted in its entirety. Proposed: JD Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously
Financial regulations review to be conducted.

8 Parish Plan

Terms of reference. Action: All group leaders to confirm that all plans are submitted to the Clerk and are in accordance with section 13 of Standing Orders in advance of the next meeting.

9 Community Centre Update

Financial update given.

Lettings update given.

Questions raised regarding the use of sports facilities and field.

10 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Draft Plan is progressing and the steering group are reviewing the latest version. On target for completion within timescale.

11 Transparency Code

The documentation required for compliance is on the Greetham webpage (www.greethamrutland.com) under the Parish Council tab. A link will be provided to the Rutland County Council webpage to show Declarations of Interest by Councillors.

12 Employee's Pension Scheme

GPC is an employer and must provide access to a pension scheme.

13 Risk Assessment

A draft version will be amended to reflect comments received.
The 'What we do' information will be amended to reflect the content of the Risk Assessment .

14 Welcome visit Pond Lane

15 Correspondence

Letter from Community Centre Committee regarding ownership of land designated for play equipment. The PC clarifies that it owns the land. F.H. confirmed this. This response will be sent to the CC Committee. Letter also to be sent to the Playgroup Committee confirming ownership and expressing support for the playground development. Final approval of any plan must be sought from the PC before commencement.

16 Reports from outside bodies

A weekly coffee morning is to be held at the Community Centre. Volunteers to support Sue Bamber, Jackie Gauntley and Sarah in organising this would be most welcome.

The website AGM is to be held at the Plough on 28/1/16. All are welcome.

23rd January. Burns' Supper at the Community Centre. Tickets are available from Mo Hubbard or Vicky Peers.

7 Any other business

Clean for the Queen. A weekend Village Clean to be organised in March. Parishioners have expressed concern that the footpath from Shepherds Lane to the Community Centre has become waterlogged due to high levels of rain this winter.

Dog fouling has increased around the top of Great Lane approaching the Community Centre.

RCC have supported the increase in disabled spaces for residents of the bungalows in Great Lane to park nearer to their homes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Cleaning

The annual church spring clean will take place on **Saturday 12th March** starting at 10.00am. An outdoor group of chaps will be most welcome as well. Tea and cake for all workers.

Easter Cake sale and Shattered on Saturday

There will be a cake sale in the church on **Saturday 26th March** from 10.30 - 12.30. Refreshments will also be available. Proceeds to go towards the church roof fund.

Shattered on Saturday starts again on March 26th and continues throughout the summer months when the church is open from 10.30 - 12.30 every Saturday for refreshments, newspapers, music and fellowship.

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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

Thanks to Jon and Cathy Dyson who have generously sponsored the Greetham Community Newsletter this month.

This is to mark our first two years of living in the village. Thanks to all who have made us so welcome.


MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

By February 18th please

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Our Breakfast Club is very well attended and the children enjoy a wide range of food choices for breakfast, as well as being able to play games, draw, make things and socialise with friends before the day begins. Thursday is a particularly special day, as there is a cooked breakfast!

After school we run a variety of clubs from 3.30pm-4.30pm which include cookery club, arts and crafts club, explorers club and a sports club. In the past we have had opportunities to try line-dancing, develop our DT skills and have held a reporters club, where the children created their own newspaper.

From 4.30pm-5.30pm the children are then able to choose from different activities and games, or just chill out, as well as enjoy a snack tea to keep them going until they get home.

With an increasing number of working parents, it is important that our children are provided for beyond the school day.

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arrange a visit.**

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