

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017

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Not a very nice day for the New Year's Day walk!



Great Lane tree planting



What was in the box?



Hosts Roly and Ruth



The Wapscallions (The Romans)

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

A great start to 2017.

Thank you to all who helped and organised a truly great New Year's Eve celebration.

The committee have lots on the agenda to help improve the facilities this year

We would be delighted to welcome any suggestions, help or skills to ensure that the centre provides a community focus.

If you're interested in getting involved we would like to see you or hear from you.

Planning an Event?

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COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Wed 1st Oak House Lunch

Thu 2nd Mobile Library

Sun 5th Greetham Church Said Communion 8am

Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship

Wed 8th Parish Council

Sun 12th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship (9.00 breakfast)

Mon` 13th WI

Thu 16th Mobile library

Sun 19th Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am

Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

Mon 20th **Last day for newsletter items for March newsletter**

Sat 25th Ceilidh

Sun 26th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise with Holy Communion

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 1st 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'.*



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday February 2nd and 16th. 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



CEILIDH

New Date

Saturday 25th February 2017

Village Ceilidh with McGoo

At Greetham Community Centre

Doors open 7pm

Tickets: £10.00 adult

£5.00 child (under 16)

Food included

I am fund raising for a conservation trip to Sumatra, where I will be working in an Orangutan sanctuary and doing field work for a rainforest restoration project.

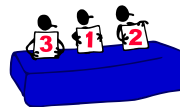
For tickets please contact Maaïke de Vries on 01572 813683.

WI

The next meeting will be on Monday February 13th. Colin Ashpole will present 'Tales of a race-horse owner'. (Not what you think)

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday February 19th 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.



REVIEWS

Greetham Womens' Institute report of meeting, January 2017

We started 2017 with an open meeting, at which Elke and Thomas de Vries gave an excellent presentation about their recent visit to Ghana. This was to thank the many people in the village who had supported them financially. Their group consisted of thirteen students from three schools and began with a 4am start to catch their flight from Heathrow. They had produced an excellent Power Point presentation, operated by Grandad Charles, and brought along gifts and artefacts they had bought. Both said how much of a culture shock the visit had been, involving such issues as lack of sanitation, poor diet, and extreme heat. They took gifts of stationery, football kit and trainers which were very gratefully received by local children. The object of their visit was to help build a new orphanage. Very little was available in the way of serviceable tools so the task was an arduous one. Helen McGarrigle gave a vote of thanks for a most enjoyable talk and refreshments were then served.

After our visitors had left the usual WI business took place. Twenty two members were present and birthday posies were presented to Alison Kirby and Pat Kenworthy. President Lorraine Pearce announced that we have reached the semi-final stage of the county Skittles competition---the next fixture is away to Breedon on the Hill. The raffle was won by Helen McGarrigle. The Spring Horseshoe Group Meeting will be held at Whissendine.

Diana Miller passed on a vote of thanks to Peter and Clare Hitchcox and several WI members for singing carols at Oak House in December.

Members submitted their individual voting papers for the 2017 resolutions, which will be counted and sorted at County HQ.

The meeting closed at 9.10. Next month's meeting will be held on Monday February 13th and will include a talk by Colin Ashpole entitled Tales of a racehorse owner.

Greetham New Year's Eve Party 2016

A great time was had by all at the village's family friendly New Year's Party at the Community Centre! In time honoured tradition it was a cabaret style variety show, with a packed programme of great local acts who all readily volunteered their time and talents for the evening. The acts included three great live bands (The Manky Beds, The Super-group, and WYSIWYG); a Maori-style Hakka sketch by the Three Greetham Geordies; stand-up comedy from 'Greetham's So-called Funny-man' - Tom De Vries; a 70s disco dance show by The Love Trains; smooth Sinatra-style tunes from hosts Ruth and Roly, with Bernie Gamble on the keyboard; Monty Python-esque sketches from 'The Wapscallions'; a mysterious

package in 'The Box'; and pounding musical vibes from DJ Paolo's Disco Shack. The Children's Play Area Group ran a quality raffle. All proceeds went to local fundraising efforts including the Roger Begy Memorial Trust to support educational needs in Rutland, the Greetham Original Drama Project, and the Children's Play Area Project. Many thanks to everyone involved in this successful and fun night that heralded 2017 in true Greetham style! Best wishes, from the Committee (Roly and Debbie Easson, and Paul Bland).

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes January 11th 2017

Greetham Community Centre at 7.30 pm

Members: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) ; Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D. Hodson; Dr R. Oakes; ; Mrs Ann Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy

Apology for absence received from Ward Member.

6 members of the public in attendance (all points raised addressed through agenda items)

1 Apologies for absence Mrs J. Denyer; Dr R. Oakes

2 Co-option

Deferred till February meeting.

The procedure for co-opting requires any Councillor who wishes to nominate a prospective councillor to forward details to the Clerk. The final date for acceptance is 31/1/17

3 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. Procedures.

None given.

3.2. Reminder that once the meeting has commenced additional information can only be given as an exception and at the discretion of the Chair.

3.3. Proposal that GPC meetings be held on the first Monday of every month. Further discussion and consultation will take place prior to action. A second meeting, if required, to be flexible. Standing orders will need amendment to reflect this.

4 Approval of minutes December 14th 2016 Proposed: SB Seconded: AJ

Carried unanimously

5 Matters arising

Ongoing – Highways England. Further contact made.

9a – update as part of agenda

9b – update as part of agenda

13 – Burial Ground: hedge cutting. A quote has not been received. There is a strong opinion that the current hedge provides privacy.
The footpath from the Community Centre to Hooby Lane has been reinstated. GPC thanks the farmer for this.

6 Finance

Budget and setting of precept.

Proposed projects for 2017/8: additional bench £1000, tourist information £500, traffic focus group (20 min waiting/ footpath widening), other traffic projects £500, lawnmower storage and fuel £500.

For 2017/ 2018 the precept to be set at £7000. Propose: KE Seconded: DH Carried unanimously

For approval:

Plinth for memorial bench – a figure not to exceed £400. Proposed: PH Seconded: AJ Carried unanimously

For information:

Bus shelter repair £100

Eon £654.08

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

85, Main Street Porch at Turnabout Cottage – refused.

GPC had no objection to this application. RCC refused permission on the grounds of the porch being out of keeping with properties in the vicinity.A

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSAL: Alterations to barn and garage to facilitate change of use to holiday accommodation

30, Main Street, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland, LE15 7NL

Approved

2016/0930/ RES Greetham Garden Centre – Discharge of conditions. Approved.

2016/1231/FUL 5 Counties Park. Extension to existing site to allow four more showpersons sites. Comment placed on RCC website and copied into Case Officer during the course of the meeting : GPC request that RCC check the current status of persons living at the site as some may not be eligible as residents under the current conditions. GPC also request that the supporting photographic evidence given is checked for accuracy. GPC request placing of a TPO on the tree East of the site and also request additional screening and trees be planted to ensure privacy.

8 Parish Plan Focus Groups and working parties

Group updates and feedback:

Trees and benches. RCC Forestry Officer will discuss a possible Autumn planting programme for the B606. Also possible restoration of hedge and planting of trees at boundary of field after crossroads heading towards A1. Tree planting in Great Lane much appreciated. Barcham trees and the RCC forestry Officer consulted to ensure trees planted so as to not affect hedge cutting.

Grass cutting - RCC are still to present financial information.

Village tidy up – ongoing. Dog mess is an issue and to be addressed through consultation with the Community Centre (Village Newsletter).

Traffic Focus Group. The Village Meeting held in December has not updated the Parish Council so far. Feedback would be welcome.

The 20 minute parking limit at the shop and widening of the path at the junc-

tion of Pond lane and Main Street application is with RCC.
Village Shop. The Focus Group continue an ongoing monitoring of situation.
Village Volunteer Log ongoing. Central Printing Facility established.
Jacob's Well. Consultation is anticipated in 2017
Tourist Information - ongoing.
Planning Focus Group. Monitoring of submitted plans will continue.
Energy Focus Group – ongoing.

9 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation issues

Update on cause of sewerage flood to property in Stretton Road. This was caused by a rag blockage. Illegal surface water is also going into sewer pipes. Anglian Water are to clear more frequently. Anglian Water has sent a letter to all householders reinforcing good practice.

Flooding at corner of Church Lane: RCC to scour more frequently.

Sewerage from new developments of housing within the Village will follow the same route i.e. pumped down the village. Anglian Water and Lovells are both aware and considering action which avoids this.

GPC investigated responsibility for maintaining the stream. Riparian ownership means that relevant land owners are responsible for clearing to the middle of the stream which runs through their land. Letters have been sent to land owners from the Wheatsheaf to Greetham Valley Golf Club to request action, therefore ensuring flooding does not occur. The environmental agency has also been notified that a section of the stream has been diverted.

GPC will continue to monitor the situation and will revisit and update on progress in March.

Greetham House Farm bio mass burner. Complaints continue to be received from residents. RCC have advised GPC to report all complaints to enquiries @environment-agency.co.uk. Recent photographic evidence shows dense black smoke emitted and falling to the ground within feet of the chimney. A letter sent to owner from GPC has not been replied to.

10 Advertisement of shared owner property at Larkfleet

No further information provided.

11 Community Centre Update

New Years Eve. The privately organised party was a huge success

The bar: Employment of young people from the village has proved most successful
LED lights are now fitted in the Club Room

Kitchen update kitchen – quotes for the required building work have been received
The central heating boiler will be replaced in 2017.

12 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Communication with RCC states that the Plan will be submitted to Council at the end of January, beginning of February

13 Welcome Visit Black Horse, actioned by SB

14 Correspondence

Received:

Email from parishioners regarding parking on Main Street near junction with Little Lane. Action: Clerk to contact Paul Slater to discuss white lines.

Email from RCC regarding active public involvement in monitoring development of listed buildings in Greetham.

Email from Andrew Woodhouse (RCC) regarding bio mass boiler.

Emails from parishioners regarding smoke emissions from bio mass boiler

GPC note that communication from RCC is often only prompted by intervention from the Ward Member. Action: Clerk to address with Ward Member.

Sent:

Letter to Paul Hinch regarding bio mass boiler – no response received
Email regarding dissatisfaction with RCC use of a consultant Conservation Officer.
Letter to riparian owners of properties adjacent to stream from Wheatsheaf to Greetham Valley.

Correspondence with Marcelle Gamston. Requests for David Hodson and Ann Jenkins to join working parties acknowledged

15 Reports from outside bodies

16 Items for a future agenda

Review Focus Group membership – February

Co-opt new Councillor - February

Placing of correspondence on Dropbox – February.

Actions:

Creation of 2017/ 18 budget.

Transparency information on website to be updated for 2016/7.

Conservation information regarding lizards

Email: greethampc@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Very sorry to report that there was a break-in to a van parked in North Brook Close overnight on the 17th January.

Gardening equipment was stolen.

If you have any information on this theft, please report it to the police on 101.

This was a particularly nasty crime as the loss of the equipment affected the ability of the owner to earn his living.

David Hodson Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Tel 01572 813902 hodson001@gmail.com

Leicestershire Police



Message sent by

Will Ryan (Police, Enquiry Officer, Rutland)

Rutland neighbourhood officers and Safer Rutland Partnership are offering a free property marking service for Rutland residents in an attempt to reduce local crime. We can mark property that is usually stored outside, in sheds, garages and vans.

For example:

- Bicycles
- Tools
- Garden equipment.

Contact me with your details on 01572 758 415 or pop in to the police front enquiry desk at Rutland County Council between Monday to Friday 10:00 – 16:00 hours to book a visit.

Tree Warden News

The avenue of fifty new trees along the gated area of Great Lane, following the Viking Way long-distance footpath, was planted in December. Without the financial grant from Cory Environmental Trust in Rutland (now Biffa) which covered the cost of the project, the professional help from both our Forestry Officer at RCC and Mike Glover of Barcham Trees, the skill of Walkers of Leicester who planted them so carefully and the unanimous support of our parish council, this project would not have been possible.

The verges and hedges had been cut carefully before the planting and following advice from RCC and Barcham the trees were centrally placed for ease of hedge trimming and possible road use.

I have compiled a site plan and have all the tree details for anyone who would like a copy.

Mike Glover, from Barcham Trees would be happy to arrange a day in June for villagers to visit the extensive nursery at Soham near Ely.

Please let me know if you would be interested in a visit and I can arrange the trip for a convenient day - 812585 or the newsletter email. (The nursery also supplies trees to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.)

I will be meeting with our RCC forestry officer soon to discuss further tree planting within the parish.

Peter Hitchcox Tree Warden

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham's funniest night of the year is back!



Greetham's funniest night of the year is back following on from the huge success of its launch last year!

This year's side-splitting event, held at Greetham Community Centre, will take place on Saturday 25th March, where we have a fresh line-up of comedians booked to entertain us for the evening.

Tickets are now on sale at £10 each and are available from The Plough, The Wheatsheaf and Greetham Village shop. Come along and support live comedy. The bar will be open, food will be available, the welcome will be warm and the laughter hearty!

Over 16's only. Doors open at 7pm.

Email: GreethamComedy@outlook.com or call Stephen Calnan on: 01572 813943 for more information!

OPEN GARDENS 2017

The plan at the moment is for Open Gardens in Greetham to be held on Sunday, 11th June 2017. I will obviously be coming around to see who is interested in the New Year, but in the meantime if anyone would like to take part, I would appreciate contact being made on 813061.
Trevor Hubbert

Friends of Greetham Church Present

Oakham School Big Band

Greetham Community Centre
Sunday April 30th 2017
7.30pm
Licensed Bar, Raffle

A background image showing the silhouettes of five musicians in a big band. From left to right: a saxophone player, a double bass player, a pianist, a trumpet player, and a trombone player. They are all in dynamic poses as if performing.

Book a table of 10 or individual tickets

£12 Adult

£6 Child

Canapes and nibbles included

Tickets Available Helen Macleod—Smith 01572 812852

Chris Parkin 01572 813162

Peggie Butcher 01572 812565

Proceeds in aid of Greetham Church Roof Fund

The Begy family would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the village for helping to raise funds for the Roger Begy Memorial Trust at the village New Year's Eve party. All funds will go to help the young people of Rutland. Thank you so much.

Thanks for the newsletter sponsorship from the family

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

By February 20th please

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
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Rutland County Council is offering some **FREE** refresher driving theory courses aimed at drivers in Rutland.

THE COURSES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Thursday 23rd March	2.00 – 4.00	Council Chambers, Oakham
Friday 21st April	10.00 – 12.00	Council Chambers, Oakham
Monday 18th September	2.00 – 4.00	Council Chambers, Oakham
Thursday 12th October	10.00 – 12.00	Council Chambers, Oakham

These courses are for Rutland residents who would like to update their knowledge as well as learn how to drive more safely and efficiently. There will be an opportunity for a practical driving session at a later date.

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Oh yes we did! Oh yes we will!

The New Year has started well and the children (and staff) returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Thursday 12th January saw our annual trip to the pantomime in Nottingham. As ever, the children were a credit to the school and to their parents, with exemplary behaviour throughout the visit. The pantomime visit is a great opportunity for our children to visit a real theatre, with real lights and special effects. Staff picked up script writing tips for next year's school pantomime, whilst the children can also see how the professionals do it! A fantastic time was had by all!

2017 is the year we will celebrate 50 years on our current site. The school has changed enormously over the past 50 years, and we continue to develop and grow.

We are reviewing our curriculum and how we teach to not only develop range of activities in lessons and develop the children's attitudes to learning, but also to raise their expectations of what they can achieve. We are also working closely with other local schools to develop further educational opportunities for our children.

Do use the website to find out more about the school and look at some of the activities we have been taking part in.

School website:

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

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