

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2015

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS
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Greetham Community Centre

A very Happy New Year to everyone.

With the repairs to the ceiling being completed by lunch time on the 23rd December, we were able to hold the Children's Christmas Party - a big thank you to everyone who helped to get the hall ready. About 45 children attended and were entertained by Jacob on the disco with Carol and Judy organising the games. We all sat down to the party tea followed by the visit from Santa. The Mums and Dads and Grandparents were offered tea and cakes and everyone went home with a party bag. A great afternoon, although a bit hectic!!!

"Putting on the Ritz" was a great success. A big thank you to Roly and his group for this. The Hall looked lovely with balloons and sparkles. Everyone had a wonderful time and the New Year was brought in "Greetham" style with all joining in.

Centre Stage dates for your diaries

Saturday, 24th January - Men in General

Friday, 8th May - Impossible Things

Sunday, 7th June - Wanderlust

The Centre is being used on a regular basis for Pilates, Yoga, The Shires and Youth Chaos and the WI and the Parish Council hold their meetings every month.

To book the Community Centre - call 01572 812389

Greetham Community Centre Committee

COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Sun 1st	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (informal)
Wed 4th	Oak House Lunch
Thu 5th	Mobile library
Sat 7th	Barn Dance
Sun 8th	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with breakfast from 9am)
Mon 9th	WI
Wed 11th	Parish Council meeting
Sun 15th	Greetham Church 9.30 am Morning Praise Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Wed 18th	Greetham Engineering Society
Thu 19th	Mobile library
Fri 20th	Last day for newsletter items
Sun 22nd	Greetham Church Sung Eucharist 9.30am

Oak House lunch



Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th February - 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

Ceilidh barn 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

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday February 5th and 19th . 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 January 25th. 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.

Greetham Engineering Society

The Society will be hosting a talk on the challenges of running the Talylyn Railway and how modern engineering methods have been applied to maintaining historic railway equipment.

It will on 18th February at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. All welcome. No charge.

Bar will be open. Hope to see you there.

Dave Hodson tel 813902

WI

The next monthly meeting will be held on February 9th, when our speaker will be Jenny Welbourne of Itch Gallery, Oakham. 7.45pm at The Community Centre.

Parish Council

The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.

REVIEWS

Greetham WI January 2015

The Speaker for our first meeting of the New Year was Robert Macleod Smith, who spoke about Water Aid. The Charity's Aim is to provide clean water and proper sanitation in those parts of the world where this is not generally available, particularly in parts of Africa and India. His talk included some shattering statistics, such as the fact that there are more mobile phones in India than there are proper toilets. A further shocking revelation was that the total number of deaths to date from Ebola Fever is about 8000 in total, whereas 760,000 children under five die from diseases directly attributable to lack of clean water. A visual aid in the form of two containers of water of the sizes that would be carried from a water hole by a woman and by a child was particularly disturbing. All of the funding from the Rutland group for Water Aid is sent to Mali, a former French colony. Robert showed us a video of women and children carrying water from the waterhole, followed by footage of a well being

sunk courtesy of Water Aid. The general rejoicing with much singing and dancing when the water was pumped to the surface was very moving to see. The charity also provides back up to maintain the infrastructure and training for local people to take over maintenance of their supply. In Mali the French army are also very proactive in helping to dig and maintain wells and pumps.

Following Robert's talk refreshments were served and birthday poses presented to Alison Kirby and Pat Kenworthy. The Quarterly raffle was won by Linda Hall.

A busy week for the WI culminated in our popular annual Soups and Sweets lunch held in the Community centre on Sunday January 18th. The lunch was held in the main hall this year to accommodate the number of people requesting tickets. As always, members rallied round to produce a delicious array of home-made soups and desserts. Seventy four people sat down to lunch, with a formidable back up team of washers up and other helpers. Peggie Butcher presided over the raffle, in which several guests (and the odd member) won prizes.

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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Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

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Community safety team

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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 mi-

nor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

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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 Plan

The five Focus Groups are busy developing their proposed policies for the plan.

We held a useful meeting with the County Council Planning Officer regarding the future allocation of sites and limits of planned development - more on this will be announced in due course.

Information on the plan process is displayed in the village shop window.

Dave Hodson tel 813902

Neighbourhood Watch.

The Police Forces front desk at the Oakham Police station has been closed and has relocated to Rutland County Council offices, Catmose, allowing residents to access police and local authority services in one shared location.

Residents can continue to access a full range of police services at the new location, such as reporting crimes and handing in lost property, and there will be no change to the availability of council services as a result of the move.

The police enquiry service at Catmose will be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. The Council's Customer Service Team will continue to provide assistance to residents between the hours of 8.30am to 5pm (4.30pm Fridays).

There will be a private room in the council reception area for anyone wishing to talk to the police in confidence. A phone will also be installed on the outside of the council building so that people can contact police when the offices are closed.

Dave Hodson tel 813902

OPEN GARDENS 2015

By the time you read this I may already have paid you a visit regarding Open Gardens. If not, and you are interested, would you please let me know on 813061. Open Gardens will take place on Sunday, 21st June from 1.00 to 6.00p.m. Thank you. Trevor Hubbert

Carol Singing with the Red Bus

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to Paul Jenkins for driving the Red Bus around the village for our carol singing just before Christmas. Many people have said how much it was appreciated. As in previous years we were unable to reach everybody in the village, but the result for the Polish Orphanage was £510.00 which should be in Boleslaviec as you read this. I am most grateful for those, both young and old who sang around the village, and by doing so helped those very much less fortunate than ourselves. I look forward to printing the orphanage 'thank you' letter- hopefully in next month's issue.
Peter Hitchcox

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes January 14th 2015

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.

Present: Mr R. Wicks (Acting chair); Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts.

In advance of the meeting: Presentation by dlpc consultants

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Open forum for comments from the public

Apologies for absence :Ken Edward, Peter Hitchcox

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 10th 2014

Comments: Note that the decision was taken at the extraordinary meeting that comments on Oak House planning application would be submitted by email to the Clerk and then placed on the RCC planning web site.

Proposed: DH Seconded: RB Carried unanimously JC abstained (absent from meeting)

Matters arising.

Action – No response has been received regarding potholes in Great Lane– Clerk to contact RCC Highways

Action – feedback from Western Power is still awaited – RB to follow up

Action: Response made to RCC on Oak House planning application does not appear on the RCC website. As this was submitted Clerk will query this with RCC. Clerk

Response to comments from the public. This is to be a Communication item on the February agenda.

Village Notice Board – agenda item for February.

Burial ground access road is currently unadopted – Clerk to investigate options regarding this.

Cottesmore path – the tenant of the adjoining field is instructed by RCC to clear this.

Response to Mervyn Bamber following an update on the Community Centre.

The presentation included a request to consider Precept to grant. It is felt that a proposal for a specific project would be required for the PC to consider. Action: The notes from the presentation will be photocopied and distributed(DH) and this item raised for the June agenda.

Finance –

Anglian Water - £14.93 Proposed: DH Seconded: JR Carried unanimously

Precept – An increase to £5,500 to facilitate funding of capital events discussed.
Proposed: RW Seconded: JR Carried unanimously.

20mph speed limit: £2107.83 Correspondence presented. Proposed: JR Seconded: JC Abstained: RB Carried

A village vote is not called for. The rationale to support this is: the village residents elected the Councillors to make decisions on their behalf; there has been minimal village attendance at meetings where this is a publicised agenda item; the views of residents have been expressed through the Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning

2014/1108/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension 22, Church Lane, Greetham. A personal but not prejudicial interest was expressed by Acting Chair. Comments to be placed on the RCC planning website: The plan supplied is inaccurate as it does not show an adjacent property. The Parish Council is concerned on the issue of light and possible overlooking. This requires investigation. Action: Clerk Refuse planning permission notice received – Old Forge, Greetham. Office use.

Application to open Great Lane gates on behalf of The Greetham Gathering

The Community Centre request permission for the Great Lane gates to be opened on the 3rd Thursday of the month from May to September (4.00pm to 11.00 pm).

The guidelines for unlocking and relocking will be reinforced. Proposed: RW Seconded: JR Carried unanimously Action: Clerk to contact RCC highways and the Community C.

Community Centre Update

The ceiling has been fixed.

Accounts from 6/1/12 to 6/1/15 show a positive situation.

Grant applications £46,000 for heating (solar panels/ boilers) are currently being considered.

A commercial cleaner may be appointed.

Welcome pack

None required

Correspondence

Covered under agenda items.

Reports from outside bodies

GGNS – Sue Bamber is the current Chair. GGNS will sponsor the newsletter this month.

106 – Community Infrastructure overview, update from RB.

Precept – Rutland is paying all of the Government Grant to Parish Councils

Fire service update: includes support from RCC and discussions to be held with the army.

Neighbourhood Plan – focus groups are working on working on 5 different areas.

Future plans include:

- A "Drop in" session for all businesses and working people to give their input to the Neighbourhood Plan, in respect of what Greetham can do to help them. This will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and is open to all persons with a business in or working from Greetham.

- A workshop to sort out a calendar for Greetham for the whole year, featuring all key events - 7.30pm to 8.15pm. Open to everyone who plans events in the village. The Website annual general meeting - a very short affair! 8.15pm to 8.30pm. Open to the whole village.

They are all at the **Greetham Valley Hotel and Conference Centre**. Light refreshments and a glass of wine will be served.

Parish Council Notices

Please note that for the time being, Parish Council notices will be displayed in the Village shop window, as there is a problem with accessing the Village Green Notice-board

COMING EVENTS

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." Tenneva Jordan
Where would we be without our mothers? Well, we wouldn't be here, would we! If you would like to honour your mum, please join us at St Nicholas Church Cottesmore on Sunday 15th March, 9.30am to share in a time of saying thank you for our mums and thank you to God for the gift of motherhood

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

For any interested artists:

Manton Open Art Exhibition

This event will be held in Manton Village Hall in the summer (July 11th and 12th). There will also be some gardens open and teas will be served. Interested artists working in paint, ceramics, wood and sculpture can ring or email for further details.

Sheila Beckingham

01572 737729

Barbara Camp

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Email: [barba-](mailto:barba-rajcamp@yahoo.co.uk)

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Greetham Good Neighbour Scheme

Greetham Good Neighbour Scheme has just celebrated its second anniversary and we would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who are registered with us. Without you there would be no GGNS!

The Scheme is now embedded in village life and we have seen a rise in calls this year, mainly for transport to and from hospitals or doctor's surgeries. We have been able to help out in most instances, but on the odd occasion the request has not fallen within the remit of The Scheme. In these instances we have looked and secured an alternative source of support for the individual concerned.

The Scheme operates between **8am and 8pm** and the duty officer will answer or return all calls as soon as possible. Please note, calls made after 8pm may not be picked up until the following day. We are not an emergency service but we will always help out as and when we can with the volunteers we have available. The more notice a caller can give for the help they require, the easier it will be for us to find a volunteer.

If you would like to know more about The Greetham Good Neighbour Scheme or would be interested in volunteering, please call Sue Bamber on 01572 812882 or Steve Peers on 01572 812893



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Tuesday 3 March 2015, 9:30-12:30, 1 session

Computers for the Terrified

You will create a folder and work with files, produce a small document and use the internet safely to search for information and follow hobbies/interests. Those who already have an email account will learn some useful tips and tricks and those who haven't an email account can set one up.

Starts Thursday 26th February 2015 for 5 weeks, 13:00-15:30

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You will use Microsoft Office 2010 software to produce documents, spreadsheets, flyers, presentation slides, greeting cards and much more!

Starts Tuesday 14th April for 5 weeks, 13:00-15:30

Internet Safety and Online Shopping

Consumers are shopping for gifts, looking for great deals on new digital gadgets, planning family get-togethers and paying online. You will discover hints, tips and bits of advice for shopping online.

Thursday 10 March 2015, 9:30-12:30, 1 session

Laptop Workshop

Bring along your laptop worries and queries for some individual help and advice. Please note—your laptop should be fully charged.

Thursday 26 March 2015, between 9.30-12.30, 1 session

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Lots to Write Home About!

We are having a big focus on writing this year at school. From our youngest children making their first marks and writing their names, to our year 6 children writing more extended stories and pieces of non-fiction writing, we are looking at how to make our writing more interesting and exciting.

Children across the school have been using traditional stories and tales to stimulate their writing and get them thinking about how to make their written work more interesting. Knowledge of fairy tales and other traditional stories helps children develop a good understanding of how stories are structured.

Today I have watched our younger children using the story of the Little Red Hen to write their own stories, while Key Stage 2 have been using nursery rhymes to expand their ideas, considering alternative reasons for why the spider might have wanted to speak to Little Miss Muffet.

It has been lovely to see how inventive and imaginative the children can be.

Community Lunch

Our next community lunch will be our Lenten Lunch on Thursday 19th March. Come and join us for homemade soup. Please phone the school to book your place by the end of February 2015.

It is lovely to watch our school family grow and blossom. We now have 40 pupils on roll, and will be welcoming 3 more in the coming weeks.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff, Mrs Beth Ranson, who will be leading PE provision and teaching KS2 PE, and Mrs Lorayne Hough, who is supporting teaching and learning in Key Stage 1.

Another Huge Thank You!

We always feel very supported by members of the local community, from those who come in and listen to readers, to those who just take the time to take an interest in what we are doing.

We are very grateful to those people who have made contributions towards restocking our library. We were particularly grateful to receive a donation from the Tree of Remembrance in Exton over the Christmas period.

These donations enable us to buy new non-fiction books for the library linked to our topic work, keeping our reference books up to date.