

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

The committee looks to plan ahead and work hard to improve the great facilities available to the community. Exciting plans such as supporting the play ground group, the refurbishment of the bar, provision of sports equipment, supporting local event, up grade and improve the heating facilities and to be at the heart of Greetham's great community.

If you would like to share your ideas , pass on your comments or join us in our venture. Please contact us or forward your thoughts to pauline-kelly@mac.com , 07977575056.

Exciting events for 2018 include :

Barn Dance which is to be held on 10th February

Youth gathering Wednesdays (Term Time) watching out for more information

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?

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Alternatively email us at bookgreetham@gmx.com

COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- Thu 1st Mobile Library
 Sun 4th Greetham Church said Communion 8am
 Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
 Mon 5th Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
 Wed 7th Oak House Lunch
 Sat 10th Ceilidh Community Centre
 Sun 11th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with break
 fast
 Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
 Mon 12th WI
 Thu 15th Mobile library
 Sun 18th Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am
Last day for newsletter items for March newsletter
 Sun 25th Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion
 Greetham Vikings Petanque Club French Lunch

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday February 1st and 15th. 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



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday February 5th 2018 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 7th 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'.



Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday February 11th 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.



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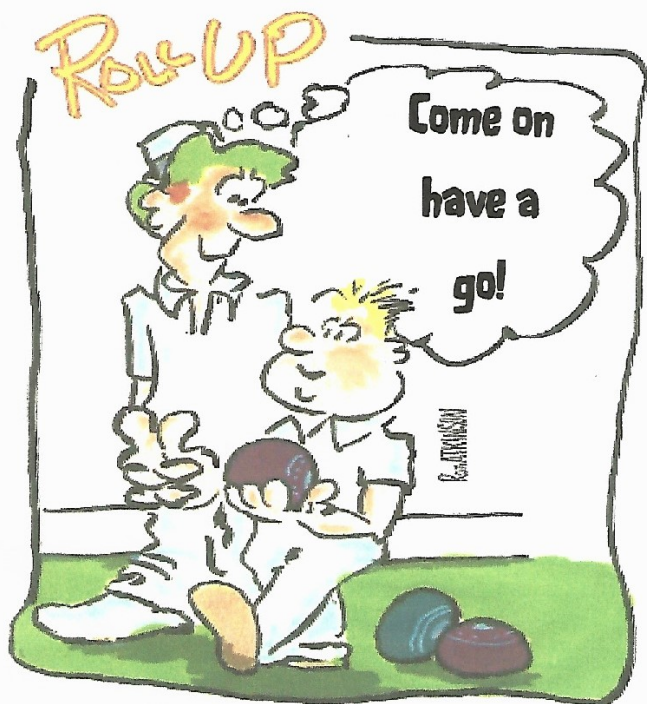
Greetham Vikings Petanque Club

Our delicious French Lunch is scheduled to take place at The Community Centre on Sunday February 25th 12.30 for 1pm.

Tickets remain at £10 per head to include a 2 course lunch plus cheese and biscuits.

Tickets from any Club Member or contact Clare on 812585

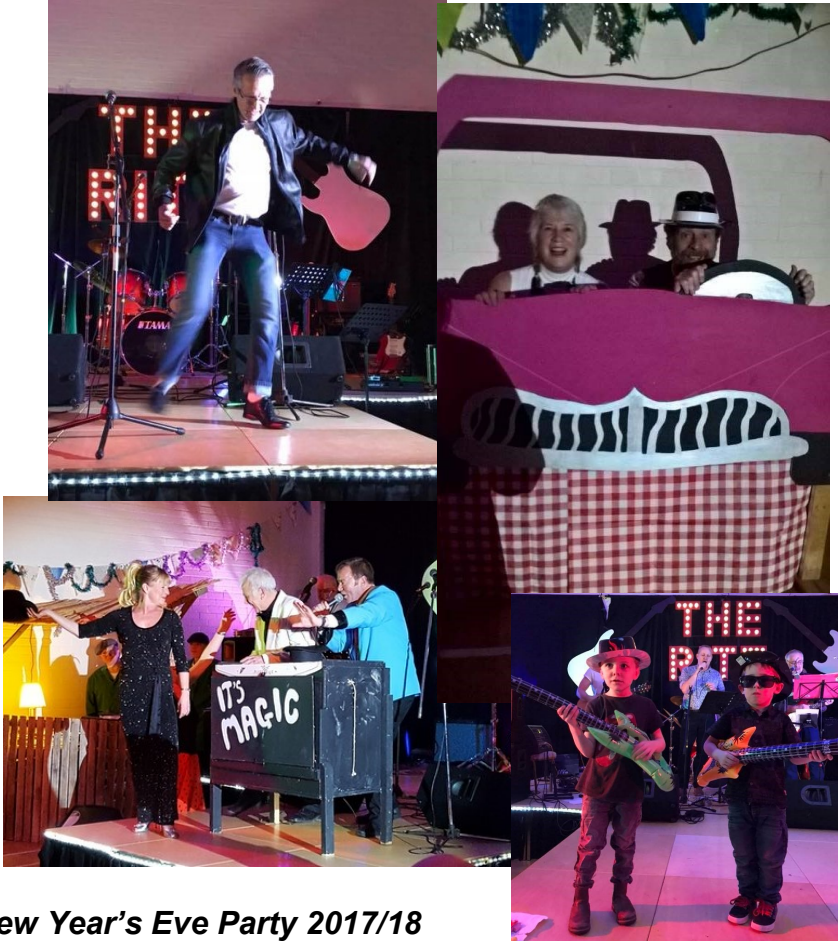
HCHitch@aol.com or Pat 813448 scemaindy@hotmail.com



Greetham Bowls Club

We are looking for Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys and Girls of all ages to join us so we are holding Sunday afternoon free 'taster' bowling sessions at the Community Centre on February 4th, 11th 18th & 25th & March 11th 18th from 2.00 - 4.00pm

REVIEWS



New Year's Eve Party 2017/18

A great night was had by all at the village's New Year's Eve Party held at the Community Centre. This year's theme was the '1950's American Diner', so the night was full of Rock 'n Roll and the hall was fully decorated in 50s style. There was an array of home-grown acts as part of the show, including an array of excellent newcomers taking to the stage with some fine rockin' singing and dancing. The Geordies offered a jaunty rendition of a fishy northern song, and the Calnan Comedy Show gave us jokes old and new. Magical Marco (with his glamorous assistant Deborah) entertained with a stupendous and mysterious show of levitation! Live music was provided by Rockin' Robin and the Tweeters and WYSIWYG, and DJ Paolo was spin-

ning the discs after midnight. Takings on the door have been used to support the Roger Begy Educational Charity, and the Greetham Original Drama Project, and the raffle proceeds went to the Community Centre's Playground Project. Thanks to all who helped to put on the big show, and to all those who came along. Special thanks must go to the brave new villagers who willingly got involved in providing some excellent singing and dancing. Best wishes from 'The Committee' (Roland and Debbie Easson, Paul Bland, and Katy Anderson)

Greetham Women's' Institute

Report of meeting held on Monday Jan 8th 2018

Twenty-two members were present for the first meeting of 2018. Birthday posies were presented to Pat Kenworthy, Cathy Dyson, and Alison Kirby. Our speaker was Adrian Walker, a fund Raiser for LOROS (the Hospice for Leicestershire and Rutland). Adrian has raised over £150,000 for the Hospice, mostly by undertaking guided walks along the coast to coast route (St. Bees to Robin Hoods Bay). He was accompanied by Debbie Illingworth who brought along a selection of merchandise to sell on behalf of the Hospice. The first section of the climb seems to be the most taxing, involving the Fells of the lake District, Lancashire and the Yorkshire Dales. Just when the walkers think the worst is over, they are faced with the steepest climb of the whole trek which is in the North Yorkshire Moors.

Accommodation is mostly in Youth Hostels, which can be described as comfortable but basic. Needless to say, much use is made of wayside inns and pubs for evening meals. One particularly welcome pit stop was coffee and cake courtesy of a Yorkshire WI! The walkers brave the elements in all weathers, and as the walks are usually held in September, wind, rain, and fog are not unknown. Some people are experienced walkers but for others this may be their first extended walk. We were reliably informed that fish and chips in Whitby at the end of the walk is the best tasting meal on the planet! Tea hostesses for the evening were Lorraine Pearce and Estelle Allen. Next month's meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Monday February 12th when Malcolm Britton will tell us the story of Brooksby Village. Guests are always welcome.

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.



Would you like to help the play area group? Do you have ideas for fundraising events? Maybe you have time to donate to help clear the current play area ready for new equipment? We would really like to hear from you.

Please contact:

greethamcommunityplayarea@gmail.co.uk

or

07956 805 643

WE NEED



You!

Thank you!

Just a note of thanks to everyone in Greetham and surrounding area for the warm welcome received whilst our family were staying at Rutland Luxury Lodges over the Christmas period.

We were once again greeted as old friends at The Plough, loved the Christmas lights and enjoyed the Carols, sorry Ann, we will bring Max (the dog) with us next time.

Grandad, Dads, Dylan and Oliver all had a fantastic time at the Community Centre Children's Christmas Party whilst the ladies had a most enjoyable Night at the Movies at Greetham Valley Golf Club.

Christmas Eve was made special with a visit to Oakham Castle, the reindeers were a firm favourite with everyone and we also attended the Crib

Service held at St Nicholas Church in Cottesmore where the Spirit of Christmas was truly in evidence.

After a lovely Boxing Day walk around Greetham we enjoyed our drinks by the fire at The Wheatsheaf Inn where, once again, we were greeted as old friends. Later in the day it snowed, what more could we have asked for, very magical indeed.

The men of the family had a great evening out at The Grainstore Brewery Christmas Comedy Special in Oakham and have vowed a return visit, it was so funny seeing three giggling (not so wise men) staggering in the snow.

The family returned home which just left us to join everyone at the Community Centre for the 50's New Year's Eve extravaganza. Well done on a fantastic evening, the costumes people were wearing and the entertainment, yes even the magician, were brilliant, one of the best New Year Eve's we have ever had.

Thank you all for all your hard work and thank you to everyone who just simply took the time to say hello, memories of our family Christmas in Greetham will remain with us always, long may your community spirit live on.

Best Wishes.

John & Val (aka The Campers).

Empingham Medical Centre

The next meeting of the Empingham Medical Centre Participation and Reference Group will be on Tuesday 20th February at 2pm in The Methodist Hall, Main Street, Empingham.

Jackie McBlain from LOROS will talk about Bereavement Services offered. All patients of the Empingham Surgery are welcome.

The minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the practice website on the "Get involved" link.

empinghammedicalcentre@gp-c82044.nhs

To obtain more information via email please contact the surgery and ask to be added to the "Virtual Group".

If you know of anyone who does not have access to the internet can you help them to keep up to date with Surgery and other healthcare news.

Jane Willis, secretary PPRG

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes January 15th 2018

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 A. Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy; Mrs R. Marshall (RM)

In attendance: 21 members of the public

Comments: Northbrook Close

30, Main Street (Halliday's Folly)

Drains on Thistleton Lane

Church Lane

Road sweeping (Stretton Road)

1 Apologies for absence None received

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda Chair. 6.1

3 Approval of minutes from December 4th 2017

Approval of minutes from extraordinary meeting December 18th 2017

Proposed: JD

Seconded: AJ

Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising

Ongoing

Grass/ verge cutting 2018. Local forum response awaited. Quotes are being pursued.

Request to RCC for grant for heating replacement. A £30,000 Grant has been verbally agreed. Next steps – CCC to obtain 3 quotes to submit.

Letter to RCC from Chair regarding Local Plan potential Cottesmore End development. Issues raised include: this is outside of our Parish therefore all CIL and precept will be payable to Cottesmore; the site is prone to flooding. The response states that all issues raised will be considered before selection and submission to Secretary of State for approval. As yet no decision has been made. Whilst the boundary cannot be amended an agreement regarding finance can be made between the two parishes.

Cycle path signage (Ward Member) For a future agenda.

Jacob's Well (DH) For a future agenda.

New quotes for lawnmower insurance. (RO) – Ongoing, for next meeting.

5 Finance

Projects for 2018/9

Funding allocated as below. Each project will be submitted for approval by the full PC before any action is taken.

All Proposed: DH **All** Seconded: SB **All** Carried unanimously
Jacobs Well.

Tourist Signage. £1000

Benches; proposed to place benches on CC field. £1000

Bat boxes, bird boxes, beetle banks. £150

Lighting in Main Street. £1500

Trees £500

Precept to be set at £7500 : Proposed: KE Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

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

Chair left the room. Meeting chaired by Vice Chair.

6.1 2017/1185/FUL 30, Main Street. Greetham. Change of use of barn and garage to holiday accommodation, including minor alterations.

Planning issues raised by RCC: carriage doors, parking, front door, rear windows.

Rear windows. Comment to be placed on website: GPC object to the use of an obscure film to the rear windows and would request that the original condition of planning (for the glass to the rear windows to be obscure) be enforced.

Carriage doors – GPC support the retention of the carriage doors with them being retained in a safe place but not in situ.

Front doors – GPC support the placement of the new front door, being outward opening.

Car parking – GPC request that RCC ensure the design and access statement, which states parking, for 5 cars is achievable.

Proposed: RM Seconded: PH Carried unanimously.

Chair returned and resumed role.

TPO – trees to West of Northbrook Close are subject to a temporary TPO. It is requested that any issues are reported GPC/RCC.

PROPOSAL: T1, T2 - 2 no. Conifer trees - reduce height by 3.5m and re-shape sides by 0.5 metres. T3 - 1 no. Conifer tree - reduce height by up to 4.5m and cut back branches overhanging neighbouring property to main stem, to clear chimney and neighbouring property.

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

No objection. Proposed: JD Seconded: SB Carried unanimously

7 Focus groups.

Traffic Focus Group. Church Lane Survey.

The survey has been delivered; for return and report back at March meeting. Crop production has resulted in reports of large numbers of lorries using Church Lane over the past few weeks.

8 Local Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan

The Right Homes Right Places document has been requested. This shows that RCC are already above their quota for building houses.

Western Power indicate that part of the work planned will eventually facilitate high voltage power at the proposed quarry site. A letter is to be sent to RCC questioning this.

An FOI request for working documents from RCC regarding site selection

has been met with a response which indicated there are no records. DH has prepared a letter to RCC to query the anomaly between selections of sites in Empingham v Greetham.

9 Playground Project

The Playground Group met with RCC representatives to discuss the management and conditions of the grant agreement.

Official thanks are given to the Community Centre and Playground team for work on this project.

10 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation and environmental issues

11 Community Centre Update

The committee are preparing a plan of projects going forward. CC to manage GPC Clerk's salary.

12 Standing orders

Focus group terms of reference amendments. Amendments proposed:

DH Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

Meeting date changes. Approved.

13 Correspondence and Communication

Response to letter regarding issues on B668 from Senior Traffic Management Officer. Leicestershire Police are unable to support a weight restriction.

Letter from resident regarding fireworks. This is a community issue.

Highways response to request for additional grit bin - awaited. Request for grit bins to be refilled to be submitted to RCC.

WPD Works in Greetham in 2018. Email to GPC regarding timescale for schedule for placing cables underground.

Benches permits received. Action: PH to liaise to ascertain situation regarding delivery of completed benches and costs of further benches.

14 Reports from outside bodies

Boundaries and voting – AJ to review documents received

15 Items for a future agenda

Lighting appraisal through the village.

Lane to Burial Ground is in need of maintenance.

State of village. RCC to be contacted regarding the condition of some properties in Main Street.

16 Date of next meeting – February 5th 2018

Dates of future meetings –

Monday March 5th

Tuesday April Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday May 9th – AGM followed by May meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch

The following advice has been sent out by the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre.

Better internet security in two minutes

Domain Name Systems (DNS) are like public phone books for the web. They're the reason you only need to remember a website's name and not its IP address (think of these as phone numbers for computers). When you type "www.youtube.com" into a browser, a DNS service translates that into the associated IP address (199.223.232.0) for you. Imagine a phone book that automatically filters and removes phone numbers known to be used for fraud. That's what Quad9 does for websites. Quad9 provides an automated way to protect yourself and your business by blocking access to known malicious websites, like phishing sites designed to steal personal or banking details. Quad9 checks the website to determine if it's malicious. Visit Quad9.net for a step-by-step guide on how to improve your online security in two minutes.

Fake NatWest text messages appearing in message threads – We have received reports about fraudsters sending out a range of messages purporting to be from NatWest that lead to websites harvesting personal banking information.

Fraudsters are using specialist software which alters the sender ID on the message so that it appears as if it's come from NatWest, adding it to any existing message threads on the recipient's phone.

If you already bank with NatWest and had a legitimate message from them in the past this could easily catch you out. It seems to be targeting individuals regardless of whether they are customers of NatWest or not.

If you click on the link you'll be taken to an exact replica of the NatWest website that asks for sensitive personal information including full name, address, contact details, PIN and debit card numbers.

Tree Warden's report

Some of you may know that a copse at the rear of Northbrook Close was removed on December 12th last year. Several months before this, residents of Greetham Square, and the Tree Warden had separately contacted the Rutland County Council to seek advice on the status of the trees as there was concern about their possible removal. –no re-

plies were forthcoming.

In spite of calls to the County Council on December 12th from residents, the on-site appeals from the Chairman of the Parish Council and a visit from the RCC Forestry Officer, the felling continued.

A Forestry Commissioner was contacted and quickly arrived able to visit the site and halt further felling. The County Council has now placed Tree Preservation Orders on the remaining trees. The Commissioner intends to use appropriate powers to seek the replanting of trees in that area.

Peter Hitchcox
Tree Warden

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Comedy night Saturday 24th March

Doors open at 7pm, full bar and food on sale
4 professional comedians booked

Tickets available from Greetham Village Shop,
The Plough & The Wheatsheaf

£12 per person, early bird price of £10 for purchases by 28th February, otherwise it is £15 on the door if there are any left!

For more information call Stephen Calnan on 01572 813943



*Thanks to John and Linda Hall for generously
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by February 18th please

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MONDAY
5.30pm and 7.30pm

Greetham

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FAIL - First Attempt In Learning

It is alright to fail, as FAIL stands for First Attempt in Learning.

This term at school we are focussing on developing our resilience. This is part of our focus on the 6 'R's of learning – being Ready, Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Resourceful and Reflective in our learning.



When things seem hard, it sometimes seems easier to give up – but in keeping going, and striving to solve the problem, that is where the real learning begins. Challenge is a part of our lives as a whole, and we certainly challenge the children in their learning at school. By building our resilience we learn to keep going, even when things are challenging.

Here are a few pictures of our year 2 and 3 children busy with maths activities. In maths the children are being challenged to explain their thinking and reasoning in what they are finding out. This allows the children to really understand the maths that they are learning, rather than just learning abstract methods.



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arrange a visit.**