

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

Celebrating the unique community spirit that makes Greetham such a special place to live.

June 23



Community Centre Hiring Rates

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	Resident Rates Per Hour		Non-Resident Rates Per Hour	
	Summer 1 May - 30 Sep	Winter 1 Oct - 30 April	Summer 1 May - 30 Sep	Winter 1 Oct - 30 April
Hall	£16	£21	£19	£24
Hall with bar	£23	£28	£26	£31
Hall with bar after 11pm	£27	£32	£30	£35
Club Room	£13	£18	£16	£21
Club Room with bar	£20	£25	£23	£28
Club Room with bar after 11pm	£24	£29	£27	£32
Jubilee Room	£13	£18	£16	£21
Whole Facility (not including kitchen & bar)	£23	£28	£26	£31
Sports Rate	£7	£10	£7	£10

Thank You

The Community Centre Management Committee would like to say a massive thank you to Clare Hitchcox who has compiled and edited our Community Newsletter for the last 16 years. We know that villagers value the newsletter and it's thanks to Clare that we have been kept so well informed for so long. Enjoy your new "spare time" Clare and thank you.

	Single Charge Items
Kitchen - tea/coffee only	Included
Kitchen - standard	£8
Kitchen - catering	£30
Stage	£25

We are grateful to Billie Faulkner-Hackett for kindly sponsoring this edition of our magazine. She would like to extend her heartfelt thanks for the cards and letters of condolence received after the loss of her husband, Colin. Your support has deeply touched her. Thank you

A Letter From the (New) Editor

“ Dear readers,

I am thrilled to be taking over as the new editor of Greetham Community. First and foremost, I would like to thank Clare for her hard work and dedication to producing such a wonderful publication over the years. Our goal with this newsletter is to celebrate the unique community spirit that makes Greetham such a special place to live, while also providing a valuable source of information and entertainment for all our readers. Please share your stories, events, and any other news that you feel would be of interest to the community. We are always looking for fresh and engaging content, and we welcome your input.

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Thank you,
Zara Young - newsletter@greetham-cc.org



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Cover Image: Coronation Celebrations at Greetham Community Centre

Services in June at St Mary's Church, Greetham

Sunday 4 June	9.30am	Our World Service
Sunday 11 June	9.30am	Morning Service & Breakfast from 9am
Sunday 18 June	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 25 June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 July	9.30am	Our World Service

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Royal Revelry

A Coronation Celebration Fit for a King



With great anticipation, the village recently convened to commemorate the momentous event of King Charles III's Coronation.

The festivities commenced with an exciting Coronation party specially organised for the little ones. Gold paper crowns and Union Jack flag plates were the craft of choice, provided by Mo, while Disco Steve kept the children entertained, allowing the parents to unwind with a refreshing drink at the bar. The turnout was brilliant, and the event received an overwhelming positive response from all attendees.

Saturday was dedicated to the screening of the Coronation ceremony, which brought together both visitors and residents to watch this very special event take place.



However, it was on Sunday that the village truly shone with the much-anticipated "Best of British" parade. Despite initial concerns about roadworks potentially hindering the procession, thanks to the swift action and effective communication of Ken Edward and Nick Begy, the event proceeded flawlessly. Various Greetham-based groups, clubs, and businesses, including The Church, Bowls Club, The Plough, Eassons Vintage Cars, Hinch's Farm, Greetham Valley, and WI, graced the parade, which even saw a visit from a mini Charles and Camilla. The procession made its way up to the Community Centre, and in true Greetham style, the weather was perfect!



The afternoon festivities began with a delightful Bring & Share lunch, followed by field games for the whole family. DJ Paulo (Paul Bland) hosted

an engaging Coronation quiz, while The Plough generously sponsored a paw-fect dog competition. The talented Rachel Bermingham mesmerised the audience with her beautiful music, followed by an extraordinary performance by BlackJack, (thank you Robin Tidd et al.) and then finished off with 'Goo (formally McGoo, but Don was MIA). Thank you Howard, Stef et al. who were wonderful as always, even with a man down. The day ended on a high note with a delicious evening BBQ, with Ken & Linda Edward serving hotdogs as quickly as they could cook them.

As always, a huge thank you to the Community Centre Trustees for their hard work and dedication in holding these events for the village. To the bar staff who worked tirelessly over the busy weekend, to Roly & Debbie Easson and their team for coordinating the parade so brilliantly, to all the volunteer helpers who marshalled the parade, hosted activities at the Centre, poured the tea and coffee, emptied the bins, organised the games etc. THANK YOU ALL for coming and making it another fantastic village event to be remembered!



Ring for the King



In an impressive display of determination and enthusiasm, the novice bellringers known as the 'Greetham Clangers' showcased their budding talents by participating in the "Ring for the King" initiative at Greetham

Church on Saturday 6th May.

The resonance of church bells has played a vital role throughout history, calling people to worship, commemorating special occasions, honouring the departed, and marking significant events. With a national shortage of bell-ringers, the "Ring for the King" appeal aimed to find enough people to peal each of the nation's 38,000 bells on 6 May for the Coronation.

The performance by Greetham Clangers lasted approximately half an hour and marked an important milestone for the aspiring group

along their journey towards achieving bell ringing perfection.

The group expressed their heartfelt gratitude to three individuals who played a pivotal role in their development. Alan, Kerry, and Stephen, hailed as the three most patient men in Rutland, generously offered their support, invaluable time, and unwavering patience while guiding the bellringers through their learning process.

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A Blooming Success

Houseplant Wisdom for Greetham WI

The members of Greetham Women's Institute (WI) gathered at their May meeting for an enlightening and entertaining talk by Susie Lickman. With her expertise as the owner of a plant shop in Market Harborough, Susie took the stage to share a plethora of valuable insights on nurturing houseplants, discovering the perfect spot for them in our homes, and rescuing struggling green companions.

Adding to the excitement of the event, Susie also brought along a delightful array of unique and unusual plants for sale, giving green fingered guests the opportunity to expand their own collections.

The group's newly-introduced monthly competition for May was themed around "The Quirkiest Planter". Among the entries, Carolyn Siddall emerged as the winner, impressing



Susie Lickman shared her invaluable expertise on houseplant care

everyone with her beautiful handmade potholder.

Looking ahead, the WI will not be meeting in June but are eagerly anticipating their annual summer outing.

On Your Bike!

Join RAFA Rides 2023

RAFA Rides 2023 is here, and it's time to gear up for an incredible cycling event in support of the RAF community and its veterans. On June 17th, cyclists of all abilities can participate in this annual fundraising event held at Kendrew Barracks or join virtually from anywhere in the world. With four distance options (25, 50, 75, and 100 miles) to choose from, there's a challenge for everyone.

By registering for £40, participants receive a cycling jersey, a finisher's medal, on-course refreshments, and a delicious beer and burger upon completion. Whether you're an experienced cyclist or a novice, your involvement in RAFA Rides contributes to supporting the RAF community. To sign up and learn more, visit rides.rafa.org.uk/join-us.

Greetham Community Centre Unveils New Website



Greetham Community Centre is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated launch of its brand-new website and booking system. Visitors to the website will be greeted with a user-friendly interface that offers a wealth of information about the centre's offerings as well as a list of what's going on.

One of the key features of the website is the introduction of the seamless online booking system. With just a few clicks, individuals and groups can reserve their preferred time slots for events, meetings, sports activities, and more.

To experience the revamped website and make your next booking, please visit greetham-cc.org



Discover the Beauty of Greetham's Gardens

The village is set to open its hidden treasures to the public on Sunday, 11th June 2023, for the eagerly anticipated Greetham Open Gardens event. From 1 pm to 5 pm, visitors will have the unique opportunity to explore ten stunning gardens located at the West end of the village, all in support of the upkeep of the local church.

Tickets, priced at just £5 per person, can be obtained from the Church and offer access to the diverse range of gardens on display. Children can enter free of charge, making it an ideal family outing for a sunny June day. Visitors can also indulge in tea and cakes at the Church, tempting attendees to take a well-deserved break and soak in the tranquil atmosphere.

Moreover, gardening enthusiasts will find their passions well catered to with the plant stall on Church Lane. The funds raised from the plant sales, as well as ticket sales, will be dedicated to maintaining the fabric of St. Mary's Church, ensuring its preservation for future generations to enjoy.

Contributions of plants are enthusiastically welcomed. If you have plants you would like to donate, please deliver them, labelled, to 10A Church Lane on the Sunday morning.

For any inquiries, please reach out to Karen, the event coordinator, at 01572 812808.

Crafting Connections

Craft Group Welcomes New Members

Are you ready to embark on a creative journey filled with inspiration, camaraderie, and the joy of crafting? Look no further! Our dynamic Craft Group is gearing up for the exciting month of June!

Save the dates for Tuesday 13th June and Tuesday 27th June. The Craft Group meets at the Community Centre, either in The Club Room or the Jubilee Room, between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm and crafters are welcome to drop in whenever it suits them.



Unleash your creativity, make new friends, and discover the joy of crafting

Participation in the Craft Group costs just £1 per hour and refreshments will be available to keep your creative energy flowing.

So, whether you're a seasoned craftsperson or a beginner, you'll find an encouraging, friendly, environment where skills are shared and creativity thrives.

For any inquiries or further information, Gill Hodson, the group coordinator, can be reached at 01572 813902. Don't hesitate to get in touch!

If you have anything you'd like to see featured in our next edition, please send it to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Tuesday 20 June.

Greetham Gathering Returns for 2023

Vintage and classic car enthusiasts eagerly convened for the Greetham Gathering, the much-anticipated first event of the year. Martin Fairbairn, one of the founders, reflects on the triumphs and challenges encountered during the recent gathering.

“ It's May and the first Gathering of 2023. How are we all feeling? Well our primary concern (yes, we do have them) is usually linked to the weather as it has the potential to spoil the event. The forecast was good so that wasn't going to impact us. However, we were faced with a new challenge – namely the Rutland Council Road closures due to drainage pipes being installed AND the laying of electricity cables in Great Lane. We had been advised by the Council as to what was planned, only the messages from the Council were confusing and contradictory.

The main concern was the closing of Main Street between its 2 junctions with Church Lane, which essentially divided the village. As we have no means of contacting our supporters other than through social media and as the Councils diversion routes were unreliable, we took it upon ourselves to put down bright yellow direction boards all around the locality so that supporters could be more confident of getting to the Gathering.

Well the weather and road directions seemed to work well together and we had a superb Gathering. We don't have the figures to hand yet but this was a tremendous event and we thank



you all for attending. It's looking like we had some record breaking stats and we'll publish them next month when we know what they are.

We are always pleased to have volunteer helpers give us a hand – so can you? Whether it be outside marshalling the vehicles, arranging parking, assisting another volunteer or cleaning up when finished, or if you can bake some cakes or serve the teas, and coffees, then that would be a great help to us. Simply approach any volunteer with a yellow fluorescent waistcoat with the Gathering logo on the back or contact Martin on 01572 813717 or by email at Greethamgathering@mail.com.



A big “thank you” to all who support the Gathering. Mention must be made to those that continuously make it happen like Gilbert, Roly, Martin, Mike, Debbie and Sue at the gate, Carol and Maureen on cakes and teas, the bar staff at the Centre, Andy Saunders and his catering crew, Graham Cluley for cutting the grass so beautifully in our overflow field, the Rutland First Responders, all the ladies in the village who have made and donated cakes and all who help and assist, and anyone I've forgotten to mention (Sorry!). A big thank you!

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Save the Date for an Unforgettable Church Fete!

Get ready for another exciting community event as we gear up for the upcoming church fete on July 15th. After the success of the recent Community Centre fete on May 7th, we're thrilled to invite everyone to join us in supporting our beloved church which is 900 years old this year. The festivities will take place from 12 noon to 4pm at the Community Centre, promising a delightful afternoon for all. With an array of activities and attractions, it's the perfect opportunity for our village to come together and enjoy the summer sunshine (fingers crossed!) while contributing to a worthy cause.

The church fete will offer something for everyone, from the famous dog show and mouthwatering barbecue to a tempting cake stall, and bric-a-brac stall. Games suitable for all ages will keep the excitement going, and we'll also have a fabulous raffle and tombola with exciting prizes up for grabs. The bar will also be open.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have already signed up to volunteer on the day. We will soon be reaching out to others to help with teas and various aspects of the event. If you can contribute tombola or raffle prizes, please contact us or drop off items at the church during the week leading up to the fete. Jackie Gauntley and Helen Macleod-Smith, our churchwardens, can be contacted via Facebook if you have any questions or would like to donate a prize or your time. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 10th May 23

Finance

AGAR (Annual Governance Annual Return) 2023/24

The completed Section 2 AGAR Parts 1 and 2 were approved and signed by the Chair.
As Income and Expenditure both fall within £25000 this year, an AGAR Form 2 has been completed.
Clerk to send Certificate of Exemption to External Auditor and put signed paperwork on drobox.

Internal Audit Report

The internal audit meeting took place on 8th May and a pleasing report has been received. The auditor is satisfied that the Council is operating sound policies and procedures to deliver its services and fulfil its responsibilities effectively and efficiently. A few recommendations were suggested which are being taken on board.

Exercise of Public Rights

The dates for the Exercise of Public Rights were agreed – Monday 5th June to Friday 14th July.

Planning

Response from Hereward Homes on outline planning in Old Quarry

A letter from GPC was sent to Hereward Homes following a meeting on the site. GPC suggested a payment of £15000 as S106 funds for the Community Centre to improve its facilities and playground. This was declined.
The Chair went through all points raised in a recent letter from Hereward Homes with their proposals. Responses were discussed and agreed. *Chair to reply with agreed comments.*

Reference 2023/0402/SCO

Proposal: Proposed building stone and limestone extraction
Land off New Road, Stretton
Request for a Scoping Opinion – No comments required.
It was agreed for Clerk to email Justin Johnson at RCC to ask if scoping will include a Health Impact Assessment and Cumulative Impact Assessment.

Planning Application: 2023/0348/FUL

Bullimores Restoration Extension
An extension has been granted to the Bullimores Restoration.
GPC have expressed concern due to the lack of enforcement.

Planning Application: 2020/0971/MIN

Restoration of Old Greetham Quarry

As there has been no appeal, RCC have said that the remainder of the Old Quarry will be restored to the agreed plan. GPC are told by the Legal Officer that they are keen to enforce this.

Update on Fencing on old quarry

This is now with the landowner – GPC are pushing for fencing and signage which is in keeping with the law.
Clerk to email Justin Johnson to ask how the restoration and fencing is progressing.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th June at 7pm

12th July 2023, No August Meeting, 13th September, 4th October, 8th November, No December Meeting, 10th January 2024, 14th February 13th March 10th April 8th May.

For sight of the full minutes just search Parish Council Minutes on www.greethamrutland.com or find them on the Parish Council Noticeboard on the Village Green.

Reference 2023/0168/FUL
<p>Proposal: Erection of agricultural grain store Land to the North of Greetham Wood, Stretton Road, Greetham Revised plans/documents have been received on the height of the store. After discussion it was agreed to OBJECT to the application with previous comments plus a fourth comment as follows: GPC have concerns on the increase of height from 11.3 to 14.1 metres and its visual impact on approach to Greetham. If this height is not reduced suggest tree planting to obscure visibility from the road. <i>Clerk to enter on RCC Planning Portal</i></p>
Reference 2023/0472/FUL
<p>Proposal: Change of roof covering material (thatch) to clay tiles The Barn, Far Wood Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7QT A NEUTRAL response was agreed. GPC feel this should be handled by the Conservation Officer. <i>Clerk to enter on RCC Planning Portal</i></p>
Agenda Items
<p>Road Closure Update During the Great Lane road closure there will be access up Great Lane for residents and the Community Centre. The Main Street road closure will start on Tuesday 16th May – the Gathering is aware of the access route to the Community Centre. National Grid are installing the wiring from Bullfield Close along the verge in Great Lane on the Quarry side of the hedge to the top of Great Lane.</p>
<p>Update on adoption of roads in Begy Gardens Contact made with Robyn Green, RCC Highways. The sewer and drainage work for Begy Gardens on Main Street will be carried out by the Developer during RCC's full road closure. Most of the road remedial works are completed on the site. However, there is still a drainage issue at the start of the site onto the carriageway. The developer is looking at various options on how to remediate the problem. There is no set date for when these works will be completed. <i>Carry forward to next meeting.</i></p>
<p>Proposal for RCC to provide a bollard on entry path to field in Great Lane Request for a lockable bollard opposite the most northerly house on Great Lane to stop vehicles turning round on this path and eroding the verge. Proposed by DB, seconded by KE – unanimous. JE to follow up with Streets and Advisory Team to process request with RCC Highways.</p>
<p>Pot Holes in Greetham – Streets and Services Team JE to arrange a meeting with Streets and Services Team to progress</p>
<p>Advisory Teams have replaced Focus Groups Significant Planning Application Team - Nothing to report. Streets and Services Team - Reports on Highways and Traffic noted – circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Environment Planning Team - Tree Champion Report noted – circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Report from JE on Begy Gardens Western Border Hedge Management Plan 2023-26 The Chair thanked JE for the excellent delivery of this project.</p>
<p>Correspondence and Communication Report on meeting with Mark Andrews, Chief Executive RCC The Chair reported that this had been an excellent and open meeting with positive results. Letter to Chair from Ingrid Hooley, Head of Sustainable Economy, and Place Minutes of Biodiversity Group Meeting held on 14th April and Constitution of the Group</p>



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

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Cultural Development

At Exton & Greetham CE Primary School we work hard to try and provide a range of experiences for the children as they move through the school to help develop their understanding of the world. These experiences include, amongst other things: trips, visiting workshops, performances, whole school days (such as World Book Day), music and sport activities; art workshops and virtual reality. These experiences not only enhance the children's learning but can also help develop their mental well-being and confidence.



For the past year we have been tracking these activities under the heading of 'cultural capital' – to look at where we add to the basic school curriculum offer to provide more opportunities for the children.

As the restrictions of the pandemic now seem to be behind us, we are hoping to develop more of these opportunities into 2023-24 and create a programme of activities that the children will experience across their time in Exton & Greetham CE Primary School. We are calling this our 'Cultural Passport'. It encompasses the activities we hope that children would experience during their time at the school in art, music, drama, history, sports, trips to museums/ theatres/ stately homes/ places of worship and other cultural experiences.



We are interested to know if there is anybody in the local community who would like to come and share their 'skill' with us. Please contact the school office if you feel you have something to offer.

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