

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

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

October 23



Community Centre Hiring Rates

For more information call 07500 079780 or check out the new Greetham Community Centre website greetham-cc.org which now includes the option to book online.



	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

We Need Your News!

If you have any news, events or interesting stories that you'd like to see featured in our next edition, please send it to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Friday 20 October.

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

Cover Image: Welcoming in Autumn!

Greetham Goes Wild Announces Free Winter Talks Series

Get ready to learn something new this winter! Greetham Goes Wild is excited to announce a series of free winter talks at Greetham Community Centre. Taking place mostly on Monday nights from 7pm till 8pm, these talks are a great way to spend a chilly evening while learning something new. And to make things even better, the bar will be open! Everyone is welcome to attend.



Here’s a quick preview of what’s in store:

20 November 2023: Merry’s Meadows, Greetham’s own Site of Specific Scientific Interest by Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust

22 January 2024: Community Orchards by Adam Cade

16 February 2024: Greetham’s Hedgehogs by Debbie Oakes

Whether you’re a nature lover, interested in sustainability, or just looking for something to do on a winter night, there’s something for everyone.

Services in October at St Mary’s Church, Greetham

Sunday 1 October	9.30am	Our World service – Babs Clarke GREETHAM GOES WILD
Sunday 8 October	9.30am	HARVEST BREAKFAST service. Breakfast will be served from 9.00am
Sunday 15 October	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 22 October	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 October	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Thistleton Church

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Greetham Cinema Club



"Brimming with hijinks, fun, music numbers & laughs"

Friday 27th October

Doors open 18:45

Screening 19:30

Tickets £5 per adult 2.50 per child (under 11)

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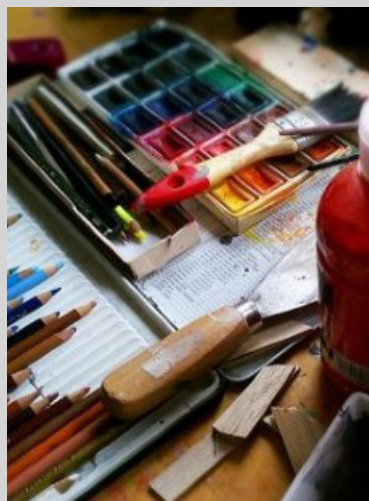
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Bar
Open

October Meetings of Craft Group

Due to the rewiring of the Community Centre, the Centre will be closed from September 25th to October 8th. Therefore, there will be no Craft Group meeting on October 3rd. Their first meeting in October will be on Tuesday, October 17th, followed by October 31st.

The group's regular meeting time is from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, and new members are always welcome to join. If you're unsure about joining, feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat to see what they're doing. Alternatively, you can ring Gill on 813902.



Greetham Production Seeks Talent

The Greetham Through the Ages village production is calling out to all talented individuals who are interested in acting, technical work, production, or support. The production team would like to express their gratitude to everyone who attended their introductory sessions, and especially to those who have already committed to a role. The team is thrilled to see the high level of interest and commitment from the community.

As the production moves forward, the team would like to encourage more people to get involved, particularly young women and men between the ages of 16 and 25 who are interested in key roles.

There won't be any lengthy scripts to memorise, and the



The cast for previous show 'Somme of Greetham'

team will provide participants with plenty of guidance and support.

Anyone who is interested in being part of this exciting production can email the team at greethamshow@gmail.com or let them know personally. Paul Bland, Steve Bertuzzi and the team would like to thank everyone for their interest and support.

Eyes Down for Festive Fun!

It's soon to be that time of the year again and the Greetham Bowls Club Christmas Bingo is ready to bring some much-needed festive cheer to the village. This event promises to be a night of fun, laughter, and of course, bingo!

The event will take place on Friday 1 December at the Greetham Community Centre. Doors open at 6pm, with eyes down at 7pm. Refreshments will be available, and with fabulous prizes up for grabs, it's definitely not one to be missed.

If anyone would kindly like to donate a prize for this event please contact Louise Smith 01572 813007.



Hope Against Cancer Christmas Lunch

Join us in Greetham for a festive feast, all while supporting a noble cause! On Sunday, November 26th, the Greetham Community Centre will host the Hope Against Cancer Christmas Lunch, starting at 1:00 PM.

This special gathering promises a delightful 2-course Christmas lunch with tea or coffee and those beloved mince pies, all for just £12.50 per person. For the little ones under 10, it's just £5.00. Please note that this event requires pre-booking, so make sure to secure your spot in advance. To do so, reach out to



Sally Cluley at 01572 813639.

And here's an opportunity to spread some holiday cheer - raffle prizes are more than welcome for the occasion. Please reach out to Sally if you would like to donate a prize.

Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference and enjoy a memorable Christmas lunch with your community.

Have a Go Day at Greetham Bowls Club!



If you've ever been curious about the sport of bowls, here's your chance to try it! Greetham Bowls Club invites you to join them on Sunday, 22nd October, from 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of bowling fun.

No experience is necessary – all you need are flat shoes, and the club will provide

the bowls for anyone who wants to try their hand at this exciting sport. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill or simply enjoy a leisurely game with friends and neighbours. The club is conveniently located next to the Greetham Community Centre.

For more information about Greetham Bowls Club, visit their website at www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk or contact 07952538573.

Greetham Community Connector

We are looking for volunteer Greetham Community Connectors! Can you help?

The Project

The **Greetham Health and Wellbeing Project** is a neighbourhood approach to community building that starts with **what's strong** and not what's wrong. Residents are supported to consider: what is best done by the community themselves, what is best done by the community with support and what does the community need outside help with. The project builds on the belief that given the tools and the opportunity; small groups of residents can change the things that they believe need changing in their community, because they know better than anyone else. The approach recognises that everyone has something to contribute. It identifies and mobilises individual and community assets, skills, passions and possibilities.

What is a Community Connector?

Greetham Community Connectors are people who live in the area who want to help and/or join in with supporting the community. Anyone living in the local area can get involved and all we ask is for you to be passionate about improving your community!

There is no pressure on how involved you become in the project and you will be able to drop out at any point.

Your responsibilities

- Talk and listen to the people locally, providing a voice to feedback into the project on what people care about and local strengths.
- Be a voice for like people in a similar situation to you. We want to ensure we hear the voice of people from all different backgrounds and households.
- Attend events we arrange to bring Greetham Community Connectors together to discuss how residents can improve the community, with some outside help if required.

Our responsibilities

- We will provide you with the tools to thrive as a Community Connector where we jointly agree that there is an opportunity.
- We will enable Community Connectors to meet and discuss ideas together.
- We will monitor the progress of the project and continue to support you with any changes to make along the way.

How can I get involved?

If you're interested in becoming a Community Connector for Greetham, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at QAssurance@rutland.gov.uk or speak to a staff member/volunteer at the Greetham Community Centre.

Greetham Community Centre



KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO

With Disco Steve

Saturday 28th October

3pm - 5pm

£2.50 per child (including hotdog)

Fancy
dress!

WE ARE YOUR LOCAL PERSONAL TAXATION EXPERTS & BUSINESS ACCOUNTANTS

- Do you need help to complete your Self Assessment Tax Return?
- Do you need fresh eyes to look at your Business Accounts?
- Do you have any other personal tax problems?
- Do you want to learn about Cloud Accounting and understand the benefits to your business from Xero Accounting?

*We have over 30 years' experience advising clients.
Our office is in Oakham town-centre on Gaol Street.*

For a free no-obligation appointment please contact
01572 770552 or hello@arcus-rutland.co.uk

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Greetham Community Centre

ADULTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

SAT 28TH OCTOBER @ 7.30

Tickets

Early bird £5
(Katyanderson80@hotmail.com)

On the door £6.50

Live music



BLACK JACK

FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!



Volunteers Needed for Village Litter Pick

The village is coming together for a litter pick on Saturday, November 11th, at 10am. The event will start at the Community Centre, and volunteers are being asked to help keep our village clean and tidy. The litter pick aims to improve the appearance of our village and make it a nicer place for everyone to enjoy. All equipment will be provided, so all you need to bring is yourself.

Please join us on November 11th at the Community Centre and help make our village a cleaner and more enjoyable place to live.

Sheerwood Skip Services
Recycling & Transfer Station

Wood Lane ~ Greetham ~ Rutland LE15 7SN
email: sheerwoodskipservices@hotmail.co.uk

Suppliers of - Skips
Sand • Gravel • Granite
Ballast • Top soil



Tel: 07850 144 367 • 01780 460065
answer machine service

Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 13th Sep 23

Members Present: Mrs J. Denyer (JD) – Acting Chair, Mr D. Baker (DB), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs. R. Chipperfield (RC), Miss L. Hinch (LH), Cllr. N. Begy (Ward Member), Mrs J. Isaac (Clerk)

Matters Arising:

Update on 38 Main Street: NB advised that the next report from the Empty Homes Officer is due November. Currently awaiting a response to questions raised by neighbours. NB agreed to chase a response and feedback to Mr & Mrs Ruff.

Adoption of roads in Begy Gardens: The Developers are still going through the sewer adoption with Anglian Water. Until the sewers are adopted, RCC Highways cannot progress with the road adoption.

Planning

Approval of details required by Condition Planning Permission Ref: 2020/0297/MIN

Discharge of conditions 18, 21, 23, 25, 46 & 75 in relation to 2020/0297/MIN – North Western extension to Greetham Quarry including the extraction of Limestone and building stone and importation of suitable inert material.

DB reported that GPC have objected to the discharge of conditions put forward by Mick George relating to dust, noise and the security of the old quarry. Comments were added to the planning portal on 2 September for review by RCC planning.

Thanks were expressed for the help given from a resident on the archeological response submitted relating to one of the conditions.

GPC put in a formal complaint regarding the lack of response to concerns over discharge of dust conditions and number of background dust monitors proposed. Following this a response has been received from the RCC Planning Manager.

There is conflicting information from Environmental Health and Planning and GPC are currently awaiting a meeting of all parties to discuss.

Outline planning for 30 residential dwellings at Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road

Updated site plan Ref: 2116-01 11-08-23 to include proposed landscaping and the link footpath to the Community Centre and the Spinney. Draft planning consent received 2021/0170/MAO

Details have been received from Hereward Homes of the proposed footpath linking the development with the Community Centre, together with plans of the proposed style of houses and bungalows. The contractors for the Developer have started to thin down the Spinney and DB has met with Iain Hart who is dealing with this.

Agenda Items

Proposed scheme ideas received from Jon Gibbison at Hereward Homes for Oak House, Greetham Site. The proposed plan and email from Hereward Homes was projected on the screen for discussion. Jon Gibbison from Hereward Homes has asked GPC for their views on the Oak House site which they appear to have an interest. They have suggested drawing up a scheme to look at the site for:

- A development sympathetic to the character of the site.
- A village shop with accommodation over to make it attractive to a purchaser.
- Improvement to the road layout for Pond Lane.
- A road layout which removes the chicane but helps to reduce speed along the main road.

After discussion, members were all in favour of a dialogue with Hereward Homes concerning the future of Oak House and further engagement with the village. GPC would want to discuss impact on visual amenity and street scene, improvements to parking issues, density of development on the site, design and materials and the impact on houses in Pond Lane and Tithe Barn Row. All felt in favour of a new shop with disabled access and accommodation above. JD agreed to draft a response

Proposal to amend the speed limit near Five Counties

RC outlined her proposal to improve signage and lower the speed limit approaching the access road to Five Counties. Motorists need to be made aware of large vehicles entering and exiting Five Counties to avoid any accidents. It was agreed that the proposal be passed onto the Streets and Services Advisory Team for action. Streets and Services Team to contact RCC requesting a reduction of the speed limit from the exit of the A1 to Greetham on the B668 from 60 to 40mph and further signage.

Advisory Teams

Significant Planning Application Team

GPC have been advised by RCC that Hereward Homes have applied to develop the "warehouse" part of the quarry for office units and a care home. DB reported that Regulation 18 (document regarding the Local Plan) is going to Cabinet in October and will be out for review in Nov/Dec.

Streets and Services Team

Traffic and Services Monthly Team Report and Update on village wide Traffic Calming Plan – Agreed to carry forward to October meeting due to JE's absence.

Environment Planning Team

Biodiversity 10 year plan. DB is currently talking to various landowners and to date one positive response has been received. Update on proposed response to RCC on grass cutting policy - Agreed to carry forward to October meeting due to JE's absence. Agreed that the blackthorn should be cut back from October - JE to contact Stuart Kidd at RCC

Burial Ground

Update on consecration of extra land. Biodiversity plan for the area – Agreed to carry forward to October meeting.

Community Centre

Defib. Application has been submitted and awaiting a response. It was noted that the Community Centre will be closed from 25 th September to 8 th October for electrical rewiring. JD reported a very successful financial summer due to the various events held.

Correspondence and Communication

Alicia Kearns is aware of the concern by rural communities of speeding being an issue in our villages. She has launched a survey to identify the hot spots. Residents are urged to respond. The speeding survey link: <https://www.aliciakearns.com/form/speeding-survey>

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 October at Greetham Church

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.



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

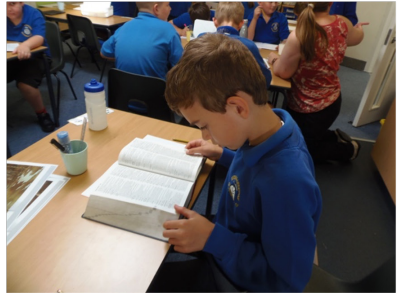
Already Hard at Work!

The school year has started with a full school – we now have 73 children on roll!

All the children, including our new starters have settled in well and are enjoying their new topics and classrooms.

Our classes are all named after shades of blue to reflect our school colour. The topic for our youngest class, Aqua, is 'Ourselves' this term. Our middle class, Teal, is learning about the differences and similarities between France and Great Britain.

In Cobalt Class, where you will find our year 5 and 6 children, they are learning about World War II and what life was like in Britain during this time. There is lots of exciting learning planned. Do visit the website to see more of what we get up to!



If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website

www.extonschool.co.uk

We are always happy to show prospective parents around the school.

Please contact the school office on 01572 812380 or via email at extonoffice@rltschools.com to arrange a visit.