



**GREETHAM
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2014**
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Greetham Christingle 2013

*A Happy Christmas and Peaceful
New Year to you all*

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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We are delighted to announce that we have received two grants this month. One for £1500.00 which is for the replacement ceiling and lighting in the extension part of the main hall and £250.00 which will probably go towards the refurbishment of the Committee Room, but this has yet to be decided. We are still awaiting news of a further grant, which will provide our own staging, if we are successful. Fingers crossed.

We have had various parties, weekly bowls and meetings this month. Santa is already "geared up" for the Children's Party on the 21st December. If you haven't booked a place for your children/grandchildren please ring either Maureen or Judy so they don't miss out. No charge for the party, just a little gift to the value of £3.00 (with the child's name on) to put in Santa's sack.

Premier Sports are in again on the 23rd December from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. - a great day for the youngsters. The cost is £10.00 per day per child.

We are already taking bookings for the Barn Dance which is being held on 8th February and the Summer Ball which is on 28th June. Don't miss out, just give either Vicky or Maureen a ring to secure a place.

Temple Theatre is with us on the 24th January and 22nd March, further details are available from Helen McGarrigle.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Greetham Community Centre Committee.

**GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
BARN DANCE**

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2014

7.30 pm start

Come & join us for a great evening of dancing with the Elusive Black Dog ceilidh band.

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Adults: Children £5.00

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Vicky 812893

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CENTRE
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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR greetings from

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Linda and John Hall
Merv and Sue Bamber and family*

*A donation has been made to charity in lieu of sending cards
around the village. - including £90 donated at the Christmas
lunch*

Greetham Valley wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. In lieu of Christmas cards to our village friends we will be making a donation to charity – Arthritis Research UK.

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Carol Singing

Keep Monday evening December 23rd free and join us on the Big Red Bus for carol singing around the village. We will be leaving from the bottom of Great Lane at 7.30pm. Do come and join us for a fun evening that will include a stop at The Plough for mulled wine and refreshments.



As of previous years our gifts support an orphanage in Boleslawiec, Poland. Your financial contributions are very much appreciated. For further details please contact Peter and Clare Hitchcox 812585 or email greethamnews@aol.com

Café Church - Christmas Extravaganza

St. Mary's Church Friday Dec 20th 7.30pm

Carol Service at St. Mary's Church

This will be on Sunday December 22nd at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. **New singers are always welcome to join our choir.** Contact Peter or Clare 812585

Midnight Service at St. Mary's Church

Dec 24th at St. Mary's Church, Greetham 11.30 pm.

Annual Sloe Gin Competition

The sloe gin competition at The Plough will run between Christmas and the New Year. Judging will take place on Sunday afternoon 29th December from 4.30 - 6.30. Entries in by Christmas Eve.

COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

Wed 1st	New Year's Day walk
Sun 5th	Greetham Church 6pm Modern Worship and Bible Study
Wed 8th	Oak House Lunch
	Parish Council meeting/Village Plan meeting
Thu 9th	Mobile library
Sun 12th	Greetham Church 9.30am Modern service with breakfast from 9.00am
Mon 13th	WI
Sun 19th	WI Soups and Deserts
	Evening Prayer 6pm Greetham Church
Mon 20th	Deadline for February edition
Thu 23rd	Mobile library
Fri 24th	Unmythable Temple Theatre
Sun 26th	9.30 Sung Holy Communion Greetham Church
	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Fri 31st	Café Church

New Year's walk

The annual New Year's Day Walk from the Wheatsheaf Plough will leave the Wheatsheaf at 11.00am on 1st January 2014.

A new feature to this year's walk will be the serving of mulled wine before the walk from 10.45am by Carol and Scott at the Wheatsheaf.

The usual bacon butties will also be available at the Plough courtesy of Karen and Mark after the walk.

Everyone welcome Adults, Kids (and Dogs on a lead).

Remember this is not a race but a time to interact with fellow villagers and visitors.

PS from The Plough

You will need a raffle ticket to get your buttie this year - it got a wee bit out of hand last year. Anyone not doing the walk can purchase one with donations to charity. On New Year's Eve we are having a party and hog feast in the evening.

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 8th January - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £5.00.



Please book in advance. Come and be a part of our community!

Oak House Residential Home -
01572 812647

Parish Council

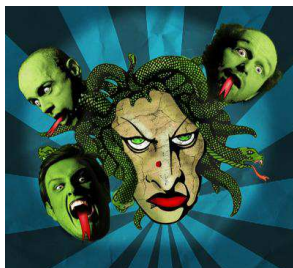
The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at the **Greetham Community Centre** commencing at 18.30hrs.

Correspondence will be available from 1820 hrs.



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812804

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Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday January 9th and 23rd. Times are approximate

Lock's Close Old People's Bungalows 14.00 - 14:15

Church Lane Near Church 14:30 - 14:50

Church Lane The Old School 14:50 - 15.05

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



WI

The next meeting is on Monday January 13th at 7.45pm at the Community Centre. David Hage will talk about 'Winter Driving'.

WI Soups and Deserts

This popular event will be held in the Community Centre Sunday 19th January 12.00 Tickets available from Chris Parkin/ Helen McGarrigle

Tickets are going fast - book soon.

WWI Commemoration meeting

The next meeting is on January 22nd 2014. Please come along to The Plough about 8pm.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At The Wheatsheaf on Sunday January 26th. 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. **Prompt start at 9 pm.**



Café Church

This will be on Friday 31st January at the usual time of 7.15 for 7.30. This will be the 5th Friday, not the 4th Friday for this month only!

REVIEWS

Hope Against Cancer Christmas Lunch

Held on Sunday 24th November '13 raised a grand total of £658.00, wow, well done Greetham. This is a brilliant amount for the Leicestershire & Rutland cancer organisation who we have now been given the title of 'Centre of Excellence' for all their hard work. A very big thank you to all who came to the lunch, donations and raffle prizes generously given. Also thanks to the team of helpers for which this event would not run without you. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sally Cluley

First World War Commemoration meeting

Several people attended the meeting at The Plough on November 27th. Lots of ideas were put forward:

There will be a tour in Sept 2014 of all the houses and cottages in the village where the servicemen lived but not all returned

David and Paul Bland are writing a book about Greetham's WWi history.

Barbara Clarke is to enquire about a touring exhibition that could be put on in the

village.

There will be a WWI Quiz Night and possibly an Old Time Music Hall night.

A film about WWI could be shown.

It was also suggested that we have a trenches re-enactment.

The next meeting is on January 22nd 2014. Please come along to The Plough about 8pm with your suggestions.

Ring Mark Osborn 812807 with any queries

Greetham WI

December is Christmas Dinner month and 20 members met at the White Horse, Empingham and enjoyed a very sociable evening together. The meal was good, the conversation and laughter flowed. We also played our quarter final skittle match against Great Easton WI on the 12th December and we won 3 games to 2. Lorraine was our champion player this month. Well played team. Our first meeting in January will be on Monday 13th January when our speaker will be David Hage on Winter Driving (hope the weather stays mild until then !) If you want to 'come and try' and see if WI is for you please come to a meeting, guests are always welcome.

Christingle Service

Greetham Church was the venue this year for the Christingle Service. About 100 children and adults attended on the 1st December and £204.53 was raised for The Children's Society. The Service was taken by Rev. Marcus Purnell, assisted by "Old Nick", and the singing was accompanied by Heather Cowper and the Cottesmore Hand Bell Ringers. Thank you to everyone who helped and in particular the children, the Youth Alpha girls, and Mums who put the Christingles together. Happy Christmas. Greetham PCC



Greetham Vikongs' Petanque Club

Peter Hitchcox and Pat Evans recently accepted trophies on behalf of the club at a presentation evening. Both teams have been promoted. The Wayfarers won the Central Division and gained promotion to Division 2. The Traders were runners up in their Division 2 and gained promotion to Division 1

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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PCSO6127 steven.houghton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.



Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

Rutland County Council

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Community safety team

Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping,

Environmental Health

fly tipping, dog mess, broken street lighting,

Waste and Amenities

vandalism, graffiti, bullying or criminal damage

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

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 minor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime

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.

Greetham Defibrillator

Just a note to remind village residents that the Defibrillator is located in Oak House should it be required in an emergency. Whilst it should be stressed that Oak House staff have no responsibility to administer treatment. You'll find the unit is easy to use, cannot harm those administering or receiving treatment and most importantly, can save lives.

PLANS FOR GREETHAM! January 8th 7.30 Community Centre

Early next year there will be an IMPORTANT meeting held at the Community Centre to talk about what the future holds for Greetham. Everyone is invited to hear about the recent legislation which will enable the residents of Greetham to have some influence on future developments. We shall be looking for enthusiastic, interested residents to make up a Steering Committee to formulate and guide a Neighbourhood Plan. Please try to attend this Meeting, for your own interests and information. There will be a Flyer delivered to each household, after Christmas So - Happy New Year to all - and remember: if you care, BE THERE!

Neighbourhood Watch

Our local beat officer, PC Laurie Appleton, reports that heating oil supplies are again being targeted in the area.

For advice on security measures visit greethamrutland.com - Village and Community life - Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

David Hodson

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Tel 01572 813902 hodson001@gmail.com

Book of Remembrance

I will be sending the Book of Remembrance away for updating in the New Year. Names of past Greetham residents may be inscribed with the date on which they died. If you have not yet seen it the Book is kept open at the back of the church and the pages turned each month. If you would like a name to be included the cost is £25. Please let me have the details of any new inscriptions by January 20th 2014. Helen Macleod-Smith Tel. 01572 812852

Shattered on Saturday

The church will continue to be open daily but on Saturdays the refreshments, music and papers (and heating) will not be provided during the winter months. This will start again when the clocks go forward at the end of March.

100 Club Subscriptions

100 Club Subscriptions are due in January and collectors will be coming round the village. The annual sub remains at £12 per year and it is open to everyone. The PCC is very grateful for the contribution to church funds made by the 100 Club each year.

Any enquiries please call Helen Macleod-Smith 812852

Stop Press

Greetham has a new Leg Wrestling champion in the guise of the Rev. Marcus Purnell. In a recent nail biting bout in the Plough the previous champion Mr Richard Gregg was thoroughly trounced by Marcus. Thankfully there was no blood injuries. However a spate of counter challenges is now expected in the weeks ahead. But all contenders should be warned, the vicar is no pushover.

Facebook

"Greetham in Rutland" facebook page was set up nearly a year ago now. There are now nearly 100 members. Do check it out and join. This is the virtual village noticeboard for village events, chat, queries and recommendations. Recent discussions have include information on the new fibre broadband, problems with the mobile phone signal, reminders of which bin to put out, advise on local tradesmen and much more, including pictures of village evnts. There are however no adverts other than to promote village events. It is there for everyone to make use of; and the more people who join the more relevant it can be.



Polish Orphanage Boleslawiec Western Poland

Every year since 1998 Greetham has supported a Polish orphanage through its annual carol singing. The connection with the orphanage was made in 1993 when Polish headteachers were hosted by Leicestershire Education Committee and one headteacher spent a week at Exton and Greetham Primary School. Peter, Clare and Oliver Hitchcox visited the town and stayed with Krystyna, the headteacher and decided after visiting the school with the orphanage next door that support was encouraged.

This year we received our annual thank you letter. The children cared for are abandoned, disabled or come from families who are unable to cope with raising children. Alcohol problems are not uncommon within these families. We are most

grateful for the help which is given to these children, through your generous giving, from Greetham. We hope that you will find time to join us on the big red bus and carol sing to support the staff and children in Boleslaviec. Vocal and monetary contributions will be most welcome. Peter Hitchcox

PARISH COUNCIL

December 11th Greetham Parish Council Minutes (Subject to Approval)

In attendance: Mr P. Hitchcox (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice chair); Mr K. Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts. Also 4 members of the public

Apologies for absence : Anne Basden (Clerk)

Resignation Nicole Brown

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 13th 2013

Proposed: D. Hodson Seconded: J. Roberts Carried unanimously.

Matters arising: Progress is being made with the village sign and a further update will be given at the next meeting.

The black bin for the Burial Ground is being sourced.

A quote is awaited for the defibrillator cabinet that will be fitted in the phone box. The speed bumps have not been painted despite a promise to do so.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 27th 2013

Proposed: J.Chapman Seconded: R.Wicks Carried unanimously.

Matters arising: The willow tree for the Burial Ground has been ordered and will hopefully be planted in February.

Finance :

Eon - £430 +VAT (£516) & Eon £106.42

Proposed: D. Hodson Seconded: R. Begy 6 For 1 Against Carried unanimously.

Planning :

2013/1042/FUL – Construction of 19 residential dwellings including garages and associated infrastructure. Land to the rear of North Brook Close, Greetham

Comments to be placed on RCC planning:

Demand shows 1 and 2 bedroom houses are needed. Local needs also show 3 bedrooms are needed. The PC feels this should be reflected in the mix of housing The PC feels the density of the development is too high and also not in keeping with the adjacent housing. The PC suggests that the same criteria apply to the affordable housing for tenants as in other developments in Greetham, namely that first choice should be for Greetham residents or those with close connections with Greetham. Second choice should be people from the surrounding parishes. The PC would like to see a play area incorporated into the design as there are no nearby facilities for children at this end of the village.

2013/1020/FUL – Change of use of land to site for travelling show persons.

Comments to be placed on RCC planning: The PC objects to this planning application. We would direct RCC to look at previous objections. The PC is aware that nothing has changed and there are still spaces available. In addition it is known that caravans are rented to totally unaffiliated people who are not either travellers or belong to the Guild. Please contact the clerk for further information if required.

2013/1021/HDG – Remove hedgerow in the interest of agricultural production. Replant hedgerow in new position. Comments: No objections.

Absences from meetings.

Details of rules regarding absence from meetings by parish councillors will be added to the standing orders. A letter has been received from Nicole Brown resigning in effect from the Parish Council for personal reasons. The Chairman has replied accepting her resignation.

The chair is speaking with RCC regarding the procedure for filling the vacancy.

Neighbourhood Plan.

A leaflet will shortly be delivered to all houses in the parish inviting everyone to a Village Meeting to discuss the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan. A speaker will explain what has to be done and how we would all benefit from the plan.

Traffic Safety

A walk through the village was held with Neil Tomlinson from RCC and PC Laurie Appleton from the local police to observe Greetham's traffic issues. Parish Councillors and one member of the public attended. A letter was sent by J.Roberts to Mr. Tomlinson confirming matters that were discussed so that he could formally reply to us regarding these issues. Widening of very narrow sections of the footpath and a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of the village were discussed.

A1 signage and slip roads.

A reply was received from the Road Agency saying that they felt the road markings were sufficient except for one white line that would be repainted. They also referred to the signs going ahead in June 2014. As there is some uncertainty regarding intent further clarification is required.

It is also deemed appropriate that our MP Alan Duncan is copied into all of all our correspondence on this matter, past and present, with any photos we may have.

Welcome pack.

36 & 3 Great Lane

Correspondence.

Sustainability of Settlements Assessment

Energy Action for Rutland.

Karen Mellor re phone signal (K.Edward has replied)

Wheels to Work scheme

Reports from outside bodies

The Community Centre is holding a Children's Christmas party on 21st December.

Funding has been received for the final lights and ceiling in the hall.

The charges and terms of hire for the hall have been revised for 2014.

The Constitution of the CC is being reviewed by the CC in the New Year.

Any other business

Thistleton Road will be re opened over the Christmas period and then closed again to complete the work needed. The complete project should be finished by the end of February or early March.

R.Begy reminded the PC that the precept needed to be set next month and that any likely expenditure should be discussed at the January meeting. Also he advised that RCC are raising their burial charges by 1%. This should be an agenda item under finance for the January meeting as it was previously decided to match any increases that RCC make regarding burial charges.

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

Thanks to Linda and John Hall who have generously sponsored this edition of the newsletter.

Warmest greetings to all our friends and neighbours for Christmas and the New Year.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox by **Monday 20th January 2014***

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
e mail:greethamnews@aol.com*



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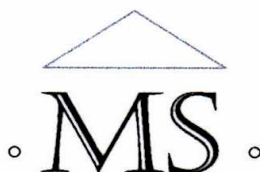
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As I write, the school is full of the sounds and activities of Christmas. Children are busy practising for Nativities and pantomimes, costumes are being collected, props are being made and excitement pervades the school.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be behind us and we will be thinking about the activities and learning of the coming term. Although the tinsel and baubles will have been packed away for another year the school will still be buzzing with a sense of purpose.

We are proud of all the achievements that our children make, from the first time they write their own name in their first year at school, to the longer pieces of work that the children produce as they leave at the end of Year 6. Sometimes those small achievements can be overlooked in the need to progress to the next area of learning, but we know that it is important to recognise everything our children achieve, no matter how small.

One of our favourite school activities takes place in January – our annual trip to the Pantomime in Nottingham. The whole school joins together on this trip, and we enjoy picking up tips and ideas for our own pantomime the following year.

If you have not visited our school website recently, do take the time to have a look. We try to update the website as often as possible, and to update our news and gallery regularly. Dip into the class pages to see what each Key Stage has been up to, or look at our latest news to find out what events we have been involved in. Our 'Key Dates' lets you know what events are coming up.

www.extonschool.co.uk

If you are looking for a place for your child in Reception for September 2014, please phone us on 01572 812380 and ask for a brochure, or arrange an appointment to come and look round your catchment school.

2014 promises to be an exciting year for all at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School. We look forward to what the year will bring!

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