# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2015 www.greethamrutland.com



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### **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

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#### Chair's News

By the time you read this, The Community Centre AGM will have taken place. At this meeting I reiterated my decision, due to personal time constraints, to stand down as Chair. As no one was forthcoming to take on the position, I have agreed to remain in post until the end of this year at the latest.

I have served on the Committee for over 10 years and throughout that time it has been a privilege to work with all concerned, both committee members and volunteers. It is often difficult to highlight all of the work that goes on behind the scenes, but in my experience people have always tried to go the extra mile to maintain and resource the amazing facility we have for our community.

The emphasis we, as a community, place on the Centre was highlighted in the "Greetham Neighborhood Plan Survey." I believe it is something we must work to hold on to for the benefit of all, including future generations. However, it is the people, not a building, which makes a community.

The "Centre" belongs to you, but without fresh input, ideas, enthusiasm and new committee members, it is in danger of growing stale. So, if you would like to get involved and lend a hand, come and see what we do at any of our committee meetings on the first Wednesday of every month.

I believe the future is bright if we all pull together and embrace this great village we live in. Over the coming months we intend to highlight some of the policies we, as a Centre, have in place to prevent precedents being set and therefore protect all parties. Often these can be misunderstood, but they are there to ensure the sustainability of the Centre and to uphold our legal responsibilities as a registered charity.

Merv Bamber GCC Chair

## **COMING EVENTS IN JULY**

Mon 20th	Last day for newsletter items for August newsletter
	Greetham Church 9.30 am Morning Praise
	Church Fete
Thur 16th	Greetham Gathering
Mon 13th	WI
	breakfast from 9am)
Sun 12th	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with
Thu 9th	Mobile library
Wed 8th	Parish Council meeting
	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
Sun 5th	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word
Wed 1st	Oak House Lunch

Sun 26th Greetham Church Sung Eucharist 9.30am

Thu 23rd Mobile library

## MAKE A DATE FOR THE FETE! Greetham Church Fete – Saturday 18 July 2015

#### WANTED:

Good quality items for the stalls and tombola – please bring to the church on Saturday 4 or 11 July 2015. The church will be open during the week too.

Bric-a-brac

Tombola prizes

Books, games/puzzles and DVDs

Jewellery, bags, scarves, ties

Cakes and plants (bring on the day or in advance to Helen MacLeod-Smith, Chris Parkin or Jackie Gauntley)

#### COMPETITIONS:

In memory of Harry Weston are having a 'Young Harry' baker of the year competition for children of primary school age — any type of baked product can be entered. For men, the challenge is to bake a cake including a spice as an ingredient. Photographers should pick a day between now and the fete and take photos of what you have been up to on that day. Bring your display on a board to the fete. More information on our facebook page.

#### RAFFLE AND AUCTION:

We have really amazing raffle prizes this year from our generous local businesses and further afield including meals for two, Thai massage, swimming, family fun golf day, reflexology, champagne and many more. We have a round of golf for four from Stapleford Park Golf Club worth £240 which will be sold by auction. Auction will commence from 4.30pm onwards. Great gift for a golfer or get together with friends to put in a bid! Get an envelope for a secret bid from the raffle boards displayed at the pubs and shop or make your bid on the day.

#### ON THE DAY:

There will be some particularly quirky games this year with some surprises in store for both adults and children. The sl-o-o-o-w bike race is on again. The Fire and Police services will have vehicles at the fete on display with the chance to get behind the wheel! Get your pooches in training and groomed for the dog show. Refreshments will be available in the form of teas and BBQ followed by the bar open mid-afternoon.

Please like our Greetham Church Fete facebook page and look out for posts with more information about competitions and events on the Greetham in Rutland page. Information is also posted on <a href="https://www.greethamchurch.org.uk">www.greethamchurch.org.uk</a> and <a href="https://www.greethamchurch.org.uk">www.greethamchurch.org.uk</a> and <a href="https://www.greethamchurch.org.uk">www.greethamchurch.org.uk</a> and

Please could I ask for cakes for teas at the fete on July 18th. Please bring them to the centre in the morning or I will collect them. Many thanks. Chris Parkin

#### The Greetham Advertiser

Promoting local businesses, tradesmen, handymen and others. To advertise your services here please contact Merv Bamber on 01572 812882

#### Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 1st July - 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

#### Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday July 5th 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.



#### Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs..

#### WI

The next monthly meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Karen Holtom will be leading a line dancing session.

#### Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday July 9th and 23rd. Times are approximate

 Oakham Road
 Lock's Close
 14.00 - 14:20

 Church Lane
 Near No 20
 14:20 - 14:40

 Church Lane
 Oan The Blanch
 14:40

Church Lane Opp. The Plough 14:40 - 15.00

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



#### Greetham Gatherings

The next "Gathering" will take place on Thursday July 16th, from about 4:00pm until dusk (Further "Gatherings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month until September.

## Morning Praise

Do you prefer your worship to be a little more formal? Why not come along to the Morning Praise service at 9.30am every 3rd Sunday in Greetham, where we have several hymns, readings, sometimes read a psalm, creed, sermon, and prayers; followed by refreshments. Do come and join us and see what you think. Diane Creasey

## **REVIEWS**

## The first "Greetham Gatherings" of 2015

Unfortunately, due to a timing issue, we were unable to get the May gathering details into the June newsletter. But that doesn't mean we are not reporting upon it....

### May Gathering

Well, the first of the 2015 Greetham gatherings took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and what a great event it turned out to be. Firstly, we were blessed yet again with the weather which was perfect for a marvellous evening. Added to that, we maintained the formula that was so successful in 2014 and changed very little. That meant a small admission fee of £1 per vehicle; fast food bar, teas coffees and cakes, and a licensed bar, were all on offer. Also a raffle took place and all profits from the event will go to the local Air Ambulance. Many thanks to Loreen Mohammed for collecting the money and to all who purchased tickets.

The event really took off at around 6:00 pm when the enthusiasts started to arrive, and we had a continuous stream from thereon until about 8:00pm. It was soon apparent that the number of vehicles – cars in particular – was going to exceed what we had witnessed at ant Gathering in the previous year. Over 70 classic cars turned out – many of which we had not seen at a Gathering before, and all generating interest from the onlookers and enthusiasts. Of particular interest this time were an Isetta bubble car, Type D Jaguar, 3 wheeler Morgans, Sprites, E-type jaguars, MGC, A unique Mercedes 1940's truck, Renault Caravelle, Lotuses, MG's, and a beautiful cream and pink VW campervan – to name just a few. We also had many other classic cars and Land Rovers, some tractors and a London Routemaster bus in attendance.

In the motorcycle park, we had BMWs, Velocettes, Suzuki 750-3, Triumph Trident, Triton, Sunbeam, BSAs, a Yamaha XS650 special, Honda CB77, Honda CB400-4, as well as about 25 more modern bikes.

The number of visitors who were not showing vehicles had also increased – to about 60. The increase in visitors meant that the parking area for classic vehicles became quite full. *June Gathering* 

Talk among the attendees was of how much they like the event, and we are still seeing a good number of "new" attendees, along with a solid number of returnees. Again, thanks to all the helpers and supporters of this event – without you we could not be so successful. The next Gathering is on July 16<sup>6h</sup> so please make a note in your diary – and bring a friend. We won't run out of beer, cakes or anything - we promise! Lastly, we'd like to set you a picture quiz challenge this month. There are 2 cars pictured from the July Gathering. One is Roly Eassons, the other isn't. Can you work out which is? Sadly, we can't afford a prize – we'll print the answer next month. See you then





#### WANDERLUST!

Wanderlust was performed on the 7th June 2015 at Greetham Community Centre. It was great to see so many faces turn up and enjoy the adventure! The show consisted of four members: three girls embarking on a quest to find out about people's stories and one man, the narrator and the humorous side kick. Throughout the show they used many visual props, which were all sealed in little glass jars. During the break we were encouraged to open and smell, even taste the wonders that were in the jars! These jars were very symbolic as they all told a different story. This was an amazing piece of theatre and I would totally recommend it, This was Greetham's last Centre Stage performance this season and it was an unusual one to end on. If I had to describe it in three words it would have to be: aromatic, thrilling and thought provoking! Two different shows have been booked for next year - look out for dates and times to be announced soon Review by Eleanor Bland

#### Greetham WI Report, June 2015

This month our monthly meeting took the form of our annual Summer Outing. Twenty one members enjoyed a coach trip to the Belvoir Alehouse at Old Dalby, although as we stood in pouring rain awaiting our coach (which was held up by an accident on the Melton Road) some of us were beginning to doubt the wisdom of wearing summer dresses!

After a pleasant drive (in the rain) through the countryside, we arrived at the Alehouse just as the weather improved. We were welcomed by managing director lan Smeeton (formerly of this Parish) and well known to most of us. After restorative drinks we were served a delicious three course meal with drinks (some members just had to sample the beer at this point, although most of us hung on for the free samples)!

After the meal lan gave us a conducted tour of the adjoining brewery. His knowledge of the entire process of brewing is nothing short of encyclopaedic, and the tour included climbing up to peer into vats of seething froth in various stages of the process. Your correspondent found it hard to believe that this could be transformed into the clear amber liquid that emerges at the end of the process. Ian was happy to take questions, following which we moved back to the Alehouse to sample the final result, each of us being offered three different ales to taste. Everyone was very happy by now but eventually we were shepherded back to the coach for the return trip through a spectacular sunset.

Our next meeting will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Community Centre, when Karen Holtom will be leading a line dancing session. Guests are of course welcome—don't forget your dancing shoes!

## Greetham Village Meeting

I would like to thank all the villagers who came to our Village Meeting on Friday 12th June. It was well attended and lots of ideas and experiences were exchanged. Thank you to Steve Houghton, one of our Rutland Community Police Officers, for explaining how the County is policed and how they are dealing with their challenging funding issues.

Also thank you to Helen McGarrigle and Robin Tidd for bringing the village up to speed on the progress of the Community Centre and the Neighbourhood Plan. I hope my resume of the Parish Council's current situation and role made it clear what we can do now and what we will be able to do in the future.

I think that 2015/2016 has some great opportunities for Greetham and I would like to thank all the people on the various committees who will help to make them happen. Ken Edward Chair of Parish Council



#### **GREETHAM OPEN GARDENS 2015**

A huge thankyou to everyone who opened their gardens on Sunday. All the visitors I spoke to said what a great variety of gardens were on show and enjoyed looking at all of them A big thankyou to every one who helped to make this day such a success - we raised £1071.70 which the Friends of Greetham Church are delighted with.

Trevor Hubbert.

## **GENERAL**



#### GREETHAM VILLAGE FETE PRESENTS:

#### THE HARRY WESTON BAKING COMPETITION

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

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## **URGENT** Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

#### Grand Bottle Tombola at the Rutland Show 2015

Thank you to all who gave bottles for the tombola in aid of For Rutland In Rutland in association with the CAB. Despite the weather the tombola made over £4000. Helen Macleod-Smith

#### Greetham Church Book of Remembrance

I will be sending the Book of Remembrance away for updating in the near future. If anyone would like a name to be included please let me know before the end of August.

The cost is £25 per entry payable to Greetham PCC and the information required is the full name to be inscribed and date of death.

Helen Macleod-Smith 812852 or hmacleod@gmail.com

#### Thanks

Audrey Buxton would like to thank those who supported her garage sale. A donation of £15 was made to the Community Centre.

Many thanks for all the wonderful plants that people have left me for the garden stall at Open Gardens. We should have an excellent selection.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Greetham Parish Council Minutes June 10th 2015 (Subject to approval)

**Present:** Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice- Chair); Mr R. Begy; Mr P. Hitchcox; Mrs J. Denver; Mr F. Hinch; Mrs J. Roberts; Mr D. Hodson

Apologies for absence: David Hodson; Peter Hitchcox; Frank Hitch

**Comments from the public:** Issues raided at the May meeting regarding the planting of trees are now resolved.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 13th 2015

Proposed: RB Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

#### Matters arising:

Western Power update. Confirmation that all work required will be done at the same time and confirmation of when this will occur will be sought. Action: RB

There has been no response regarding enquiries about placing a bench at The Wheatsheaf bus stop. Action: RB

Important communication received by the clerk in advance of meetings will be copied and distributed to Councillors where possible. This will be reviewed under 'Communication'.

#### Finance:

J.H.Gardening: £120 Proposed KE Seconded RW. The annual charge will be reviewed in November. Action: Clerk

Clerk's salary. The Clerk left the room. This item was not at the request of the Clerk Following discussion regarding the hours worked by the Clerk it was proposed: An honorarium of £1900 will be paid to the Clerk per annum. This is intended to last the four years of the present Parish council. It will be reviewed annually according to workload and inflation. Proposed: RW Seconded: RB Carried unanimously Annual Returns. The bank reconciliation of £9,300 was agreed. The accounts are currently being audited and will be presented in full at the July meeting.

The Asset Register has been updated. The value placed on the Community Centre and Jacob's Well requires further investigation. Action: FH to contact Steve Coe at RCC to seek advice.

NALC membership £218.03. It is agreed that this membership is not required.

Planning: 2015/0455/FUL: Proposed two storey extension. 2, Stretton Road.

JD – expressed a prejudicial interest and left the room. KE / RW expressed personal but not prejudicial interest. Greetham Parish Council have no objections to this planning application.

2015/0194/ LBA: Wood burning stove installation. 31, Main Street, Greetham. Planning permission refused by RCC.

Appeals approval status of: Development of Greetham Garden Centre. Outline Planning Permission has been approved. This is a brownfield site.

Representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan will approach the developers and Nick Hodgett (Planning Officer) at RCC to represent village views in the development of this site. Greetham Parish Council will continue to liaise with the planners at RCC and the developers to ensure that any financial benefit is procured to the advantage of projects within the village and that the plans are reflective of the village requirements.

Appeals approval status for development in the Northbrook Close area. The Inspector reported that it was a justified request that this was reviewed. Appeal approved. A report will be compiled for inclusion in the June Parish Newsletter. Action: RW/JD

#### **Village Meeting**

This is to take place at 6.30 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Community Centre. Representatives of the Parish Council, Community Centre and Neighbourhood Plan will provide information on current situations. A representative of Leicestershire Police will attend.

#### **Data Protection**

This will be included in the planned overview on communication.

**Communication** For the August agenda.

#### Village Sign

A notice board to match the sign will be ordered. A full specification will be agreed and an official order placed.

Finance has been agreed. Any additional cost will be subject to agreement as a financial item on the July agenda. BT must be contacted regarding the pole.

## Tree Warden update

RCC have appointed a Forestry Officer. A village site visit will be arranged for June. Interested parties are invited to join the tree warden at this visit. The date to be arranged and publicised. Action: PH.

## **Community Centre Update**

The Chairs report from the AGM and the financial report were shared.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

This will take place at the Village Meeting on Friday 12th.

The judicial review for the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan took place on Friday.

## Correspondence

A letter regarding the hedge on Main Street. Action: Clerk to respond with thanks for bringing this to the attention of the PC. PH to address concerns with the property owners.

Letter sent to Church thanking them for use of church

22/6/16 - 26/6/16 Notice of intent to close Main Street to install gas. HGV signage will divert lorries at the A1.

## Reports from outside bodies

Rutland Community Action Seminar – report given

GGNS: A Teddie Raffle is underway to ensure the GGNS is self-funded for 2015 - 2016.

## Greetham Footpaths and the Community Centre Copse

A report on footpaths has been compiled. This will continue to be updated.

The Community Centre Copse. This would benefit from attention. RW proposed that

this is supported by the Parish Council. Seconded: JR Carried unanimously. Action: Volunteer from Neighbourhood Plan to be contacted.

The path from the Community Centre leading to the Old Vicarage requires strimming. Action: Clerk to contact JH Gardening.

## Any other business

Verge cutting on Great Lane is on the highways rota for RCC.

Dog warden report – Following an incident in Great Lane a dog has been removed from village.

RB reported on the lunches for the over 60's held at Oak House.

The path to the cemetery remains a concern. Action: Clerk to follow up previous contact with a neighbouring land owner.

**Drafted by Anne Basden (Clerk to Greetham Parish Council)** 

## <u>A statement from the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan</u> <u>Steering Group</u>

You may be aware of the inspectorate decision regarding the two planning appeals for housing development on North Brook Close and the Garden Centre sites. The developers for both locations have won their appeals and building on these sites is set to go ahead.

Greetham Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan Group and Rutland County Council (RCC) representatives are all disappointed at the appeal decision.

The Neighbourhood Plan document is in the process of being written. These planning appeals have overtaken its implementation. However, this significant document will still go ahead.

The Parish Council will continue to contact both the County Council and the developers to advance your views and influence decision making as to the type and style of houses built on the Garden Centre site. On completion of construction it is anticipated that the developers will release monies to RCC via various levies. Where appropriate the Parish Council will seek these funds to be spent on enhancements that villagers have identified.



## **COMING EVENTS**

There is a bus going to Harrogate from the Community Centre on Sat 5th September leaving the Community Centre 8am cost £22 (this includes bus fare and entry ticket to the fair )

The bus is travelling to Harrogate for the WI Centennial Fair. This is open for non WI members .. The fair will showcase all aspects of the WI from crafts and cookery to campaigns and gardening, along with offering a great variety of stalls and stands from a whole host of different exhibitioners

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A wise teacher once said to me, "You can achieve anything you want, if you try.

Sometimes you will be knocked back, but you have to get up, and try again. With determination and hard work you can succeed." We hope that our year 6 children take that knowledge of determination and hard work with them.

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## Out in the Community

We keep our fingers crossed for good weather for our annual walk to Fort Henry in a few weeks time. We are lucky to be close to such lovely countryside, and we know the children enjoy getting out and about.

It was lovely to meet so many members of the community at Exton Day a few weeks ago. We will also be at the Greetham Church Fete on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Do come and say hello.

We keep our website, www.extonschool.co.uk, up to date and you can read more about our activities and see pictures in the 'Latest News' section. Visitors are always welcome to the school.