

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2015

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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**GREETHAM JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE
(INCORPORATING GREETHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB)**

GREAT LANE, GREETHAM, OAKHAM, RUTLAND

Registered Charity No : 513249

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREETHAM JUBILEE**

COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE 2015

AT 7.00 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

We are still looking for a Bar Manager for the Centre. If you are interested please give Mo a ring (813061) or Merv on 812882.

We will still continue to run the bar with paid staff or volunteers. If you would like to train as a bar person please get in touch. Anyone over 18 can apply.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7.00 p.m. Please come along and see if you would like to join the Committee. We meet once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening at the Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along whether you are interested in joining or not. Just pop along. We are always asking for volunteers to do things and if you are not interested in joining the main Committee, perhaps you would like to offer your help.

The "Gathering" starts on Thursday 21st May and will continue every third Thursday in the month until September. Do come along - it's a very enjoyable evening. Hot food and teas, coffees and cakes will again be available.

Greetham Community Centre Committee

COMING EVENTS IN JUNE

- Wed 3rd Oak House Lunch
Community Centre AGM
- Sat 6/7 Garage sale
- Sun 7th Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word
Wanderlust
- Mon 8th WI
- Wed 10th Parish Council meeting
- Thu 11th Mobile library
- Fri 12th Annual Village Meeting
- Sun 14th Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with
breakfast from 9am)
Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Thur 18th Greetham Gathering
- Sat 20th Last day for newsletter items for July**
- Sun 21st Greetham Church 9.30 am Morning Praise
Greetham Open Gardens
- Thu 25th Christian Aid coffee morning
Mobile library
- Sun 28th Greetham Church Sung Eucharist 9.30am

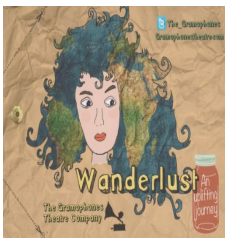
Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 3rd June - 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

Garage Sale

"We came to Rutland in 1959, to RAF North Luffenham, and bought Gemini Cottage, Little Lane in 1965. Fifty years on and with Ian gone nearly eight years, it's far too big and I am moving to a 2-bed flat in Market Harborough. First move = 3 crates; this one = HORRENDOUS! I am holding a 'garage sale' here 6th-7th June; everything from bedside cabinets to cookware, electric drills to strimmers. ALL offers considered - 10% of the proceeds will go to the Community Centre, the rest to charities. Thank you in advance! Audrey Buxton"



Another Live Theatre event at the Community Centre June7th

Following hot on the heels of Six Impossible Things we welcome The Gramophones and their show 'Wanderlust'

Wanderlust is a story about stories: of ordinary and extraordinary tales and the journey, made by three local

women, to collect these stories. It is a lovely piece of theatre which has memory, love and above all life as its subject matter.

Centre stage has showcased in the past some wonderful entertaining and diverse shows and I expect this will be another brilliant show too

7.30pm, doors open 6.30pm £9 adult, £25 family ticket, £4 child

. Tickets are available from Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804 [helenmcgarri-
gle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenmcgarri-
gle@yahoo.co.uk) or on the night at the door

WI

The next monthly meeting will be held on June 8th. This month's meeting is the summer outing.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs..

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday June 11th and 25th . 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 722918



THE VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING

There is going to be a Village Meeting on Friday 12th June 2015

Speakers from our Parish Council, Community Centre, Neighbourhood Plan and our local Police will be attending. They will, briefly, bring you up to date on what is happening in Greetham and listen to your suggestions.

Place: Greetham Community Centre

Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm Bar Open

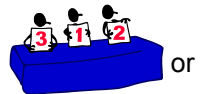
All Greetham residents are welcome, so please come and help help us continue to improve our village.

Bring your ideas and discuss them with everyone else. We need to know what you want so that we can try to make it happen. If you need help with your own projects, this is where to seek support.

Greetham is a brilliant place to live and the community spirit is at the heart of it all. Let's move forward in the next four years of the new Parish Council to an even better Greetham. Ken Edward Chair Greetham

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday June 14th 8pm. Teams of four thereabouts. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.



Greetham Gatherings

The next "Gathering" will take place on Thursday June 18th, from about 4:00pm until dusk (Further "Gatherings will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month until September.

Greetham Open Gardens

Sunday, 21st June 2015 - 1.00 to 6.00 p.m.

We have 12 gardens on show, many being shown for the first time. Tickets with map will be on sale in the Church at £3.00 per head. Children are free.

Refreshments will be available in Church.

There will be a plant stall at Chris Parkin's house (10a Church Lane). For anyone donating plants it would be helpful if they could be with Chris by Saturday, the 20th. Anyone requiring help transporting plants, please give me a ring on 813061. Trevor Hubbert

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 a psalm, creed, sermon, and prayers; followed by refreshments. Do come and join us and see what you think.

Diane Creasey

Christian Aid coffee morning

A coffee morning will be held at The Walnuts, 69 Main Street on Thursday 25th June from 10.30am until noon. Raffle prizes welcome. Peter and Clare Hitchcox



REVIEWS

Greetham live theatre

Six Impossible things happened at the Community Centre on Friday 8th May. It was impossible to see how they were done, Was it science or magic? I don't know!

The Six impossible things were delivered by scientific debate, a bit humour, some mime, music, film and song. Audience participation was encouraged and the screams must have been heard on main street. A very entertaining night performance by Avanti display, worthy of a slot at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Greetham WI Report May 2015

Twenty three members attended the May meeting, which was our annual Resolutions Evening. Apologies were received from Estelle Allen, Jane Denyer, Alison Brett and Carol Freeman. A birthday posy was presented to May Ingamells who celebrates her 90th birthday this month. The quarterly raffle was won by Hazel Hinch.

The business part of the evening was swiftly dealt with by President Helen McGarrigle. The WI are providing the refreshments for a Handbell Ringers' convention on June 27th and as usual will be organising the teas at the Church Fete on July 18th. Langham WI are collecting unwanted spectacles and bras: Judith Roberts will be pleased to receive these before the end of May so she can deliver them to Langham.

The object of this meeting was to vote on the Resolution for the 2015 Annual Meeting of the WI which will take place in the Royal Albert Hall. Our Horseshoe

Group will be represented by the delegate from Whissendine. Our President is hoping to attend as a spectator. The Resolution states that "This meeting calls on HM Government to remove the distinction between Nursing care and Personal care in assessing the needs of individuals, in order to advance Health and Wellbeing." Carol Fairbairn spoke eloquently about the experience of the care system on behalf of her mother. After listening to Carol speak, we divided into groups to discuss the resolution. Although 20 out of 23 were in favour of the resolution, it was thought that the wording fell somewhat short of what is actually needed to clarify the system, therefore we voted to allow our representative to use her discretion and vote on behalf of Greetham WI after hearing the arguments from the various speakers at the Annual Meeting.

After the business we enjoyed refreshments (with cakes and savouries provided by birthday girl May), followed by some very amusing readings and poems from Di Miller and Pat Kenworthy. There will not be a meeting in Greetham next month as we will be enjoying our Summer Outing, to the Belvoir Brewery for a meal and tour of the brewery. The July meeting will be Line Dancing with Karen Holtom, on July 13th in the Community Centre.

THE GREETHAM DUCK RACE

Preparations for the annual Greetham Duck Race started early and the weather was perfect if you happened to be a duck! Tents were erected at the start and finish lines to keep the many spectators dry, and the village scene was set.

At 11 am the rain stopped and we were ready for the start of the first of four heats each with 50 ducks. Steve the starter Crad DUCK and his helper Jessica Easson released the ducks which set off at great pace due to the high level of the stream. The course marshalls Toby, James and Thomas (the comedian Defrees) could hardly keep up. Each race seemed to get faster, with the top 3 of each race going through to the final. The gathered crowd could hardly contain themselves!

The 12 ducks in the final were, 17 Andrew Collin, 49 Sarah J Harding, 14 Oliver Wight, 95 Bill Harding, 76 Paul Simpson, 59 Ann Gould, 113 Rees Richards, 146 Janice Walters, 124 Deb Easson, 154 Tom De Vries 167 Harry Arkle and 155 Bilson, and some of the excited owners were present to witness the spectacle, it was very exciting to see the top ducks set of neck and neck or beak and beak! James was that excited he fell in the stream which wasn't at all funny! (The annual 'I think he's quacking up joke' was murmured)

The results of the close fought final were 1st 76 Paul Simpson £15, 2nd 124 Deb Easson £10 and 3rd 95 Bill Harding £5, and thanks to all podium winners who donated their winnings back to our chosen charity. The booby last place was 154 Tom De Vries who won a giant inflatable duck!

After the race we all adjourned to the Plough where we drew the well supported raffle, all in all we raised £505 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

Brain Tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and young adults under 40, All funds raised will go towards vital research.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day and for all who attended and for your generous support.

Roly & Debbie Easson

GENERAL

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PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council AGM Minutes 13th May 2015

Members: Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D. Hodson; Mr K.Edward; Mrs J.Roberts; Mr R. Begy; Mr R. Wicks; Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch

Present: Members: Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr K.Edward; Mrs J.Roberts; Mr R. Begy; Mr R. Wicks; Mrs J. Denyer; Mr F. Hinch

Apologies for absence. David Hodson

Election of Chair for the coming year.

Nominations: KE Proposed by JR. Seconded: PH. Carried unanimously.

Election of Vice - Chair for the coming year.

Nominations : RW Proposed by PH seconded :JR. Carried unanimously

To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 14th May 2014.

Proposed: RB Seconded: PH Carried unanimously

Matters arising. None

Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Communication amendments ongoing.

Review of Assets For June agenda. Action; Clerk

Review of Insurance To be covered in the agenda of the following Parish council meeting.

Review of Council's membership of other bodies

Wildlife Society. This will be reviewed when it comes up for renewal

Review of Complaints Procedure

Updated by DH In order to ensure procedures are followed upon receipt of complaints the Clerk will liaise with DH.

Review of the procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998

Reviewed. For further discussion: data protection regarding email addresses. Action RW.

Election of Councillors to Community Centre Committee

RW/ KE/ JD proposed by RB Seconded: FH Carried unanimously

Election of Councillors to Village Green Refurbishment Committee.

To be suspended, subject to need and re introduced if needed

Election of Tree Warden PH Proposed: RW Seconded: KE Carried unanimously

Election of Councillors to Neighbourhood Plan Committee

The following Councillors are current members of this committee : FH/ RW/ JD/ Chair/ DH

Election of Burial Ground Committee

Chair and JR Proposed by RW Seconded: RB Carried unanimously. KE/ JR

Bank Signatories The existing signatories remain (RB/ PH/ KE)

Election of Quarterly Account Auditor (with Clerk)

RB Proposed by RW Seconded: chair. Carried unanimously.

A.O.B.

DH has agreed to support Councillors with technical difficulties, access. Documentation on Dropbox will be in pdf format in the future.

Greetham Parish Council Minutes May 13th 2015

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

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

Apologies for absence: David Hodson

Comments from the public:

Reference made to a letter submitted under correspondence.

(Notification of comments made by members of the public at previous meetings on the table.)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 8th 2015

Proposed: RW Seconded: Chair Carried unanimously by all Councillors present at the meeting held on April 8th 2015.

Matters arising.

Leander Architectural. A visual impression of the noticeboard is still required. Action: PH to request.

Western Power – as yet no notification of road closure has been received by RCC. RB and Clerk to liaise regarding contact and future steps.

The comment made on queries raised regarding 'Buildings on the Viking Way' is to be amended to 'Buildings along the Viking Way'.

The email sent regarding the request to place a bench in or near the bus shelter has not been responded to. Action: Clerk to resend and copy in Counsellor Begy.

The Parish Council wish to send an official letter of thanks to Judy Chapman in recognition of her work during her time as a Parish Counsellor. Action: Chair.

Finance:

An update provided the current expenditure balance for 2016/2016.

Came and Company. £470.33, including 6% insurance premium tax. This includes the Council's annual 5% no claims discount. The Policy excess remains £250.00 for each and every claim. or £446.81 inclusive of 6% insurance premium tax, if the Council enters 3-year binding agreement with Aviva until the 31st May 2018.

Acceptance of the 3 year binding agreement proposed by FH. Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously.

Citizens Advice Bureau: £100 donation suggested. A figure of £150 proposed by RB. Seconded: JD. Carried unanimously

Greetham website: £75.00. This figure is agreed for this year and will be resubmitted in May 2016.

Proposal: To approve yearly expenses to enable payment by Standing Order (with an agreed 10% deviation)

RCC: £ 1440

Eon: £426 – maintenance of lights

Eon: £1600 – provision of power

Severn Trent: £30 (burial ground)

Proposed: RW. Seconded: JR Carried unanimously.

Proposal by Chair to review Clerks salary in June. Seconded: JR. Action: June agenda

The yearly expenditure for JH Gardening will be reviewed. Action: Clerk (for inclusion in the June agenda)

Planning: 2015/0327/CAT Proposal: Top off 1 No. Cypress Tree to match hedge on right hand of boundary. Prune off right hand stem and thin tree by approx.20% 1 No, Sycamore Tree. Thin by 20% 1 No. Sycamore Tree. Barnstone House. 2, Shepherds Lane, Greetham. Comment: No

objection.

2015/0363/CAT Proposal: Reduce height of 1 No. Conifer Tree by 3m and trim to shape.

Reduce height of 1 No. Conifer Tree and trim to shape. 3, Great Lane, Greetham.

Action : Tree warden to investigate and communicate with all Councillors for further comments.

2015/0194/ LBA: Wood burning stove installation. 31, Main Street, Greetham.

RB declared a personal but not prejudicial interest.

An objection is to be placed on the RC planning application webpage. Greetham Parish Council objected on the grounds that this installation will impact adversely on the street scene.

Future meetings.

It is agreed that all future meetings will convene at 7.30p.m. Standing Orders will be amended accordingly. (Action : DH). All meetings for the year 2015- 2016 will take place at Greetham Community Centre. This will be publicised in the newsletter. On behalf of Greetham Parish Council the Church will be thanked for providing alternative accommodation in 2013 and 2014. Action: PH

The date will remain as the 2nd Wednesday in the month with provision for additional meetings on the 4th Wednesday if required.

A Village Meeting is proposed at which the Neighbourhood Plan; the Community Centre Committee; and current projects (e.g. playground refurbishment) will provide an update. The police will be invited to attend to further update residents on local initiatives. This will take place on 12th June 2015 at the Greetham Community centre. Action: RB to organise Police representation. Chair/ Clerk to liaise regarding booking venue. Chair to liaise with Neighbourhood Plan

Community Centre Update

A finance report was given.

The appointment of a Bar Manager is ongoing.

One phone line has been disconnected and installation of Wi-Fi is being investigated.

A Spring Clean Day is planned in June

The arrangements for printing of the newsletter are being reviewed

The tennis court netting and surface issues are being addressed

Vista mobile health will use the car park to promote health care

Vicky Peers has resigned from the committee due to personal commitments. Her work in the past is much appreciated and she will be much missed

Future events:

31/10/15 Halloween Party for Children

6/11/15 Fireworks

19/12 15 Children's Christmas Party

Judy Chapman is thanked for her work over many years.

Greetham Community Centre Chair has announced he will stand down as chair at the AGM in June but will continue in role until end of 2015 if needed

The AGM will be held on 3/6/15

Welcome Pack

A Parish Councillor will welcome new residents and highlight the welcome pack

The first visit is required at 1, Tithe Barn Road

Neighbourhood Plan Update

This is postponed until the Village Meeting on June 12th.

Correspondence

Notification of the closure of Hooby Lane from crash gate corner from 13th May 2015

Letter from parishioner regarding Alpha sign. Clerk to respond.

Greetham Garage, an update on current development. No reply required
Letter from parishioner regarding planting of trees. The company who donated the money have corresponded with the Tree Warden to indicate that they are happy with the positioning of the purchased trees. RCC identified the appropriate positioning of the trees. GPC will undertake to plant trees in Great Lane when appropriate. Greetham Parish council is committed to the planting of trees in Greetham and will devise a programme to ensure Great Lane is maintained as a natural habitat. Action: June agenda.

Reports from outside bodies

Good Neighbourhood Scheme has a new phone, but the contact number remains the same. Community Agents will signpost people to the GNS in the future.

Any other business

A request was made to copy letters presented for Parish Council attention in advance of the meeting. This is to be included in a review of communications.

The many footpaths of Greetham need walking and a check kept. Action: JD to undertake this role.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group has now completed its research into what should be the main policies in the plan, so we can move to the next stage of writing a draft plan. When this has been done we will give everyone the chance to comment on the draft. David Hodson

COMING EVENTS

Greetham Church Fete on Saturday 18 July 2015 from 2-5pm

Keep this date free so that you don't miss one of the regular events in the Greetham calendar.

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 at greethamnews@aol.com

Exton Garden open

The garden is at Fair View, Stamford Road, Exton LE15 8QA, and will be open from 11am - 5pm on 7th June 2015. Entrance is £2, and there will be teas and stalls.

The gardener is Marian Foers, who has transformed her plot from a bare stretch of grass into a vibrant yet tranquil haven over the last decade.

Proceeds are in aid of the Sue Ryder Home at Thorpe Hall. The reason for this fundraising is close to home. Marian has been inspired by the story of James Duell, a 12 year old living in Exton (who went to Exton and Greetham School) who raised £600 for Thorpe Hall Hospice after his mum was cared for there.

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SAFARI SUPPER 2015



Enjoy entertaining?

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Perhaps you are new to the village and want to meet new people?

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You can choose to be a "HOST" and offer 1 course (out of 3) in your home. Or you might want to "GUEST" and visit 3 houses in the village for all 3 courses!

So, for an evening of - *Fine Dining

*Good Wine

*Great Company

(AS WELL AS RAISING A HEAP OF MONEY FOR A CHARITY)

This year's Safari Supper is to be held on Saturday 03.10.2015 – get it in your diary folks! Details on how to join in the fun and the application forms will be in the June and July Newsletters.

Contact me for more details:

Sherry Bullough (on facebook and twitter!)

sherrybullough@gmail.com

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Look forward to seeing you all there!

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JULY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

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Greetham Valley
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& junior golf

Fathers' Day Lunch

Sunday 21st June
noon to 3pm

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3 course carvery £15.50
Children's portions and menu
available

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Dad's special day!!



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Over to the children! This month's contribution from the school is given over to some of our Key Stage 2 children. We asked them "What does it mean to be part of Exton & Greetham CE Primary School?"

The school is amazing for lots of reasons. We have a large school field so everyone has space. You can learn very quickly. I would say, "Come to this school and enjoy learning".

The thing I love about the school is it is very friendly and educates you well, and it helps you if you get stuck in your learning.

It means a lot to be at this school. I feel lucky that I have a lot of fun. There are great people to make friends with and amazing members of staff to teach us lots of things.

To be part of Exton and Greetham School is to explore and grow and make friends.

I feel safe and secure here. There are great people to make friends with and you can enjoy learning with other people. The staff and pupils have a good sense of humour.

Exton & Greetham CE Primary School
Explore & Grow

Getting Out and About

The summer term is our favourite time of year here at school, once the SATs are over.

The next few weeks will see trips out to Market Overton Bowls Club, a whole school walk to Fort Henry, a trip to Lincoln Castle and a trip to a Hindu Temple in Leicester, amongst other things.

We will also soon begin rehearsing for our leavers play. There is always something to be getting on with, and life is never dull!

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.