# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

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# GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT IS COMING

### An Ode to Haggis

Scottish culture was celebrated at the community centre for *Burns' Night* with a fantastic event full of fun, good music and dancing. There was traditional and vegetarian haggis, heaps of neeps, homemade apple crumbles

and an excellent Toast to the Lassies to set the proper tone for the evening. The celebrations continued after the feast with dancing and music, including a proper piper to start us off. A huge thanks to all those who helped peeling the vegetables ahead of the feast and the apple crumbles all helped the evening success and added that special touch.

# Rugby Six Nations - Live Streamed at the Community Centre

The Six Nations is underway and there has already been a few surprises in the competition! The Community centre will continue to live-stream England v. France and Ireland v. England as the tournament continues into March. As always, the Club room will be open, along with the bar,

# Greetham Community Centre Presents: Six Nations 2023



### World's greatest Rugby tournament



In the comfort of our Club Room, watch Six Nations matches with family, friends and neighbours

Wide screen TV, guest ales still only £4 a pint, delicious food.

#### Your diary dates:

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 2:15 pm kick- offDoors open 1:30 pm	Wales v Ireland
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 4.45 pm kick-off Doors open 4:00 pm	England v Scotland
Sunday February 12 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm kick-off Doors open 2:15 pm	England v Italy
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 4:45 pm kick-off Doors open 4:00 pm	Wales v England
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 4:45 pm kick-off Doors open 4:00 pm	England v France
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 5.00 pm kick-off Doors open 4:15 pm	Ireland v England

and home cooked tournament food and snacks will be available. A family-friendly environment to show your colours!

### EVENTS for Your March Calendar and beyond!

Arrive at 7pm so you don't miss anything.
Dinner will be served at 8pm
You will be the investigators into what will happen. Watch
carefully so you don't miss any clues.
Police information will be available to help with your
investigation.

Main course is included in the ticket. An optional dessert buffet is available at £2.50 per dessert.



### Tickets £12.50

#### From:

Ken Edward 01572 812136 or ken@kenandlinda.co.uk or Jane Denyer 01572 813994 or janedenyer047@gmail.com



### Lord Bartholomew's Butler

A final reminder for our first interactive murder mystery night at the Community Centre. Enjoy dinner while listening and looking out for clues – including the attached details!

### Meetam 'N Greetham'

Since February 2016, we have run a friendly coffee morning at the Centre every Thursday from 10-12 noon with the aim of good coffee, good cake and good company. It is open to everyone, young, not so young, villages, out of villages, sociable, shy, you name it, you will be welcome. Why not give us a try. We do charge, but it is very reasonable and as a result we have raised over £13,000 for the Centre in our 7 years of service.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March, we will host a special Meetham 'N Greetham' with a visit be *RCC Safer Rutland Partnership and Citizens Advice Rutland*. The Safer Rutland Partnership would be happy to chat to you about an array of topics, including road safety, fire safety, crime and disorder, substance misuse and any other concerns you may have regarding keeping safe in your community. Citizens Advice Rutland will give information on issues such as fuel and food poverty and benefits. For the voluntary and community sector we are promoting our monthly networking meeting and the Volunteer Plus Rutland Website - a matching service for volunteering opportunities.

We would welcome you to join us and discuss any concerns or find out further information you may need. We will be joined by representatives from Rutland County Council's health and wellbeing team, and community support groups such as Age UK. Furthermore, you can always email the Community Safety Team at <a href="Communitysafety@rutland.gov.uk">Communitysafety@rutland.gov.uk</a> or visit <a href="www.Citizensadvicerutland.org.uk">www.Citizensadvicerutland.org.uk</a> for information.



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### The Beast in Me (Devil's Violin Company Production)

The Community Centre is very excited to host our own Greetham theatre night on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7:30pm. The Devil's Violin Company is a profes-

sional theatrical group fusing storytelling and music in their productions. Don't miss this great opportunity to see great theatre in our own community. Tickets are only £12.50 and the bar will be open at 6:45pm for a pretheatre drink as well. For further information and ticket details, please see the advertisement in the newsletter, on our FaceBook page or email helenmcgarrigle48@gmail.com.

### The Coronation Celebrations

A continued reminder to keep in mind the Greetham Coronation celebrations over the extra May Bank holiday weekend, with live screening of the King, a kids disco, parade and village fete all centred around the Community Centre - we have lots to look forwards to again this year, so watch this space for details as the time approaches.

### **COMING EVENTS IN MARCH**

### ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM SERVICES MARCH 2023

Sunday March 5th	9.30am	Our World Service. Ali Wainwright will talk about Rutland Foodbank
Sunday March 12th	9.30am	Breakfast Service. Informal worship. Breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday March 19 <sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday	9.30am	Our World Service

#### ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting at Greetham Community Centre will be on Wednesday March 8th commencing at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting.

### **March Meetings of Craft Group**

Our meetings in March will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. We are at the Community Centre from 9.30 – 12.30. New members are always welcome. If you are unsure, pop in for a coffee and a chat and see what we are doing. Alternatively, ring Gill on 813902.



### Greetham Bowls Club Needs



If you have ever wanted to try bowls, please come along to our;

"Have a Go Day"

Sunday 5th March from 2pm

All you need is flat shoes; we'll provide bowls for anyone who wants to try!

# Come along and have a go!!

www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk
and we are located next to the Greethom Community Centre
Contact 07952538573 if you would like any additional information.



We are now collecting for prizes/raffle,. If anyone has any unwanted gifts or anything they would like to kindly donate please contact Louise on 01572 813007 for collection or drop off 5 Church Lane

### **GENERAL**

### **The Gatherings continue to impress**



With a good year for outdoor events, 2022 has allowed us to have the best Gathering yet when it comes to donations to the local Air Ambulance. We are proud to have handed over a cheque for SIX THOUSAND POUNDS to the Air Ambulance. The picture shows (from left to right), Martin Fairbairn (Gathering), Alan Hoskins (Air Am-

bulance) Gilbert Thomas and Roly Eason (Air Ambulance) presenting the cheque at Colin Easson Motors, Cottesmore. A big Thank You to all who have

contributed to our fund raising. It won't be long now until the first Gathering of the year, our 10<sup>th</sup> year, will be upon us and over that time we have raised and donated TWENTY TWO THOUSAND POUNDS (£22,000.00) to the Air Ambulance. Let's see how we get on this year.

### PARISH COUNCIL

The following Parish Council report is extracted from the full minutes. Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website www.Greethamrutland.com

### NOTES - GREETHAM VILLAGE MEETING

### Held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ 6.30pm held at the Community Centre Parish Council Election

It was explained that every 4 years the current parish council is disbanded and a new parish council is formed.

Anyone can apply to be a Councillor; it is open to all.

Applications can be made from 28<sup>th</sup> March and nomination forms will be available for completion.

Existing councillors who wish to stand will nominate themselves to be re-elected. If more than 8 people apply an election is held.

### **Biodiversity Plan**

GPC have carried out a full diversity survey of Greetham village and surrounding land. We are now in phase 2 of our Biodiversity project.

The plan is to achieve the surveys recommend goals by establishing 6 project groups to manage the different habitats:

Hedgerows and wildlife corridors

Woodlands

Wildflower meadows

Individual trees

Watercourses

Ponds

Each group will assess the different areas and develop a long-term management plan.

There was a request for villagers to get involved, particularly the younger generation for some of these groups, with mentoring and assistance from those with knowledge and experience.

David Baker is leading the project and there will be a separate meeting for further discussion which will be advertised in the Greetham Newsletter.

### New Housing Plan – Old Quarry

Outline planning permission has been granted for 30 houses in the old quarry site.

The remainder of the old quarry land has been put forward as an industrial site. Planning permission has been refused for a warehouse.

Applicants have 6 months to appeal – until 30th March 2023.

At 30<sup>th</sup> March an enforcement order should be served to restore the old quarry. GPC have been working with Jon Gibbison, Director of Herward Homes Greetham to influence the style of the proposed new houses. GPC have requested smaller houses and some bungalows to be included.

The Call for Sites map was viewed on the screen and discussed.

There are 4 sites, one of which is not under Greetham parish, it is opposite Begy Gardens.

A further 2 sites identified have no access from the road, site at top of Bridge Lane. The other site is behind the containers on Stretton Road.

RCC have sent GPC a response form to be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> March.

GPC Agenda item (opinions to be discussed at the PC Meeting following this meeting)

### **NW Extension to Greetham Quarry**

For the past 3 years the Parish Council together with members of the public have been actively engaged in discussions with RCC and all parties to ensure that if planning permission was granted, the conditions would be the most robust that could be applied to a quarry.

GPC have argued that Phase 4 which brings the quarry workings much closer to the Community Centre should be removed.

In December 2022, Mick George agreed that Phase 4 could be dropped from the application and on this basis the planning application was approved.

There are still ongoing discussions with RCC to negotiate that process operations should be a distance of 350 metres from the Community Centre.

The dust and noise monitoring conditions are very robust and RCC, Environmental Health, North Northamptonshire Minerals Department and the Parish Council will all have access to data.

The Parish Council Quarry Group will draft a complaints procedure and communicate this to all residents via PC Minutes, Village Newsletter and Facebook, prior to any commencement of quarry activity.

It is important that residents help GPC record accurately any issues as and when they arise.

Greetham Parish Council Quarry Focus Group have also been instrumental in setting up the Rutland Quarry Forum (RQF). This group represents other Parish Council's who are affected by quarries in their areas. The RQF together with GPC are actively engaged in providing RCC with issues and options consultation responses in respect of Minerals Policy in the new Local Plan.

GPC will continue to work closely with the Quarry Focus Group on all aspects of quarry activity and planning applications.

# GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

#### **PLANNING**

To receive Decision Notices: Application No: 2022/1070/AGP

Construction to Hay Barn

Land to the NW of Brook Farm, Wood Lane, Greetham

RCC have refused to grant approval.

Application No: 2022/1069/AGP

Alteration to existing agricultural farm access, construction of forest road and service area to serve a new barn (See separate application 2022/1070/AGP)

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AGENDA ITEMS
Kings Coronation

KE ran through the events organised for the Kings Coronation weekend:

Friday - Children's disco

Saturday - Live showing of coronation on big screen at CC

Sunday – Festive day, parade and BBQ

### Deputation to RCC regarding Old Quarry safety and fencing

KE explained that the PC has the power to attend a forthcoming full council meeting at RCC to make a deputation.

It is intended that a GPC councillor attends the RCC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February to put forward a deputation regarding the safety at the old quarry. Fencing and signage is needed. Without this, it is endangering lives.

### Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat - January Crimes Report

The list of crimes during January were highlighted. There were no issues reported for Greetham.

The Tree Warden reported that 3 cherry trees had been planted at the Community Centre field.

### Any other Business

AJ reported that she had still not had any success in contacting Anglian Water about a biodigester, and thought it would hold more weight if a letter was submitted by GPC.

It was agreed for AJ to draft a suitable letter for Clerk to send on behalf of GPC. It was suggested that Anglian Water be invited to make a presentation at a future PC Meeting.

KE outlined forthcoming events at the Community Centre:

Cinema – Elvis – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Rugby Fixtures Live

Murder Mystery – Saturday 4th March

Comedy Évening – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Theatre Production – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

### Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

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

Rutland County Council 01572 722577 Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

### Tree Planting

The Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness completed the planting of flowering cherry trees at The Greetham Community Centre Field on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seven were planted last year to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the remaining three were planted for Her Majesty's initiative known as 'The Queen's Green Canopy'. More than 10,000 trees have been planted in Rutland recently according to Dr Furness. It is hoped that planting can continue, hopefully to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles, who has been an advocate for environmental development for many years.

### FOR YOUR DIARIES





It's Open Gardens time again. This year we are opening gardens at the West end of the village ie gardens west of (and including) Great Lane. The date will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. We are looking for gardens to open as we need between 10 and 12 gardens. Contact Helen on 812852 or Karen on 812808 if you would like your garden to be included this year. There will also be a plant stall on the day so do start potting up spare plants.

#### ADVANCE WARNING

We have received a notification from Highways that there will be a road closure on Main Street, Greetham for approximately 17 days to carry out work and a diversion will be in place.

The duration of the closure will be from 20th March 2023 to 7th April 2023.

During the dates and times specified all vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along the length of road known as Main Street from Church Lane to Little Lane to allow Rutland County Council to undertake drainage works.

Thanks to Greetham's Comedy Evening and Stamford shoestring Theatre for kindly sponsoring this month's newsletter

To demonstrate our pride and gratitude for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a bronze statue is planned for Rutland's county town of Oakham, to provide a lasting tribute to England's longest reigning monarch.



Artist's maquette

If you would like to donate, please visit the Lieutenancy website

https://rutlandlordlieutenant.org/ where there is a Pay Pal Button, or send a cheque marked 'Rutland Lieutenancy Fund' to The Old Vicarage, Whissendine, Rutland LE15 7HG. Thank you



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My name is SODZ	and I live near you on
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If so, I can help!	
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Sooz is passionate about getting Greetham heading towards zero waste. As a small community we can take great steps in reducing waste - our planet cannot continue the way it's going - landfill is out of control. (Sorry about the quality)



### Bytham Community Shop -Approaching 3-year anniversary

It is 10 years since the closure of the last 2 shops serving the Bythams and surrounding villages, leaving a serious gap in the provision of services to those communities.

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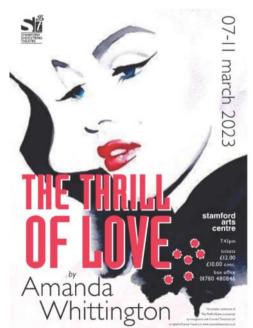
A group of determined locals began a project to fill that gap, resulting in our community opening for business in June 2020.

Notwithstanding the timing and difficulties that Covid caused, we were able provided a vital local service during the pandemic.

The shop stocks locally sourced produce where possible and, alongside staple goods, also provides an outlet for local craft



workers to sell their creations. The cafe offers good quality coffee and tea from Fair Trade sources, as well as freshly cooked food and home-made cakes. Three years on from its opening, the shop Is proving to be a huge asset; it is popular with the local community and passing trade. The shop is far more than simply a convenience store and the café provides an area for local groups to gather in convivial surroundings (e.g. Knit and Natter). The dry-cleaning service is well used and the carpark provides a convenient place for other services such as the Post Office van 4 times each week, the travelling fishmonger etc.



### **Stamford Shoestring Theatre**

Gripping drama about Ruth Ellis. Ruth Ellis was the last woman to be hanged in Britain. A divorcee with a young child, Ruth works in nightclubs where there's more than just a drink on offer. The girls work hard, play hard - and dream of a movie-star life.

Tues 7- Sat 11 March 2023, Stamford Arts Centre

Venue: Stamford Arts Centre Tickets available from <a href="https://www.stamfordartscentre.com/">https://www.stamfordartscentre.com/</a> or box office 01780 763203

Price: £12 (£10)

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRING RATES**

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	15.00	18.00	18.00	21.00
Hall with Bar	19.00	22.00	22.00	25.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	23.00	26.00	26.00	29.00
Meeting Room/Jubilee Room	12.00	15.00	15.00	18.00
Meeting Room with bar	15.00	18.00	18.00	21.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	21.00	21.00	24.00
Whole facility (not incl kitchen)	22.00	25.00	25.00	28.00
Sports Rate	7.00	9.00	7.00	9.00

Single Charge Rates		
Kitchen - Tea/Coffee preparation	2.50	
Kitchen - reheating	5.00	
Kitchen - preparation/cooking	10.00	
Stage	25.00	

The Community Centre's telephone number is 01572 729619. The mobile number is 0750 0079780

#### APRIL NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare
Hitchcox

### by MONDAY March 20th please

The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ email: greethamnews@aol.com
01572 812585

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greethamnews@aol.com or 01572 812585

### The Greetham Advertiser

Promoting local businesses, tradesmen, handymen and others.

To advertise your services here please contact Paul pauldevoto 69@hotmail.com,



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

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We are the Bythams Community Shop & Cafe situated in Castle Bytham by the crossroads to Little Bytham. We supply local produce from award winning Simpsons butchers, Bassingthorpe milk, Float Oat, local veggies, freshly baked bread and handmade cakes.

You can order all of the above for collection, call/email the shop for any help.

We also run a hot food cafe, selling paninis, bacon/sausage/egg baps,
sausage rolls, meat pasties and so much more with superb coffee.

Get one of our loyalty cards and become a regular, we look forward to seeing you

Opening hours: Mon 8.30-1pm Tues-Sat 8.30-5pm Sun 8.30-12. 46 Station Road, Castle Bytham, NG33 4SJ

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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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### **Exton and Greetham CE Primary School**

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

# Visiting other countries and the past..... virtually!

At the end of term 3 we had a fantastic Virtual Reality morning in school, where each class got the opportunity to use virtual reality to enhance their learning.

Our youngest children were able to meet different animals in different habitats, including elephants, rhinos and penguins, as well as going under water with fish.

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Years 2 and 3 stepped back in time and visited London at the time of the Great Fire of London. They then stepped into modern day London and visited St Paul's Cathedral to look for evidence from the Great Fire.

Years 4, 5 and 6 visited Brazil and the rainforest – they were able to look at the different layers in the rainforest, as well as meet some orangutans.



Adults were happy to hold a hand if you were unsure!

It was an amazing experience for all concerned – and great not to have to worry about the cost of coaches! We look forward to being able to use some of what we saw in our learning.

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 the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at

extonoffice@rltschools.com to arrange a visit.