

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2015

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All for Anne Charity Walk in Norfolk

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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Saturday, 24th January was a brilliant night - with a Centre Stage production of - Men in General. We were entertained by five gentlemen singing all variety of songs, which also included audience participation. We had a lovely email from them the following week saying how much they had enjoyed visiting Greetham and meeting such nice people. Thanks go to Helen (Mc) for organising this.

The following Saturday was a special birthday for Debbie and this time the Big Band was in attendance (a huge surprize for Debbie). As usual the music was superb and everyone - young and old - danced the night away. A great night!!!

Everything comes in threes - the third Saturday was the Barn Dance. This was organised by Thomas and Elka to raise funds for their forthcoming trip. This time "McGoo" took the stage with Don being the caller. Supper was cooked by the Grandparents - traditional barn dance food - sausages, jacket potatoes and beans followed by Apple Crumble.

Another great evening.

We have got a little break now, but two new important dates for your diaries:

Wednesday, 15th April and by popular demand - A Pamper Evening - only for ladies, sorry gents. Tickets are available, priced at £6.00 to include a glass of wine, from Vicky (812893) or Maureen (813061). Admission is by ticket only so don't miss out.

Saturday, 18th April - we are holding an Acoustic Evening with a light tapas supper. This will consist of two half hour sessions with background music in between. As this will be held in the newly refurbished Club Room we are limited to 50. Tickets are priced at £10.00 which will include a free draw on ticket numbers, so get your tickets and bring them along to the evening. Again, admission is by ticket only and can be obtained from either Vicky or Maureen.

Other dates in the diary - Centre Stage productions are

Friday, 8th May - Impossible Things

Sunday, 7th June - Wanderlust

Details of these events are on the notice board in the Centre.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run the Centre - either on the Committee or just in an "ad hoc" way - just an hour here and there is a great help. If you feel you can help in any way please give me a ring (813061).

To book the Community Centre - call 01572 812389

Greetham Community Centre Committee

COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Sun 1st	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (informal)
Tues 3rd	Greetham Vikings' Petanque club AGM Bowls' Club Roll Up
Wed 4th	Oak House Lunch
Thu 5th	Mobile library
Sun 8th	Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with breakfast from 9am) Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Mon 9th	WI
Wed 11th	Parish Council meeting
Sat 14th	Church spring clean
Sun 15th	Cottesmore Church 9.30 am Mothering Sunday service Greetham church 6pm Spring Meditation service
Thu 19th	Mobile library
Fri 20th	Last day for newsletter items
Sat 21st	Village Spring Clean
Sun 22nd	Greetham Church Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Wed 25th	Meet and Greet
Sun 29th	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf

Greetham Vikings' Petanque Club AGM

This will take place at the Community Centre on Tuesday March 3rd at 7pm. We would love to meet any prospective new members. Do come along!

Bowls' Club

There will be a Roll Up on Tuesday March 3rd at 6.30pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome

Oak House lunch



Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th March - 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

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday March 5th and 19th . Times are approximate

Oakham Road	Lock's Close	14.00 - 14:20
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Church Lane	Near No 20	14:20 - 14:40
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Church Lane	Opp. The Plough	14:40 - 15.00
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For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz 8pm

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday March 8th and 29th. Teams of four or therea-

bouts. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.

WI

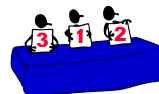
The next monthly meeting will be held on March 9th, when it is Members' Night. 7.45pm at The Community Centre.

Parish Council

The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.

Church Spring clean

The annual church spring clean will be on Saturday March 14th starting at 10.00am. Tea and cake for all workers. Do join us - every little helps!



Greetham Parish Council Election 2015

In May this year, there will be an election for the Parish Council.

If you would like to stand for election, there will be an opportunity to find out what it involves at an informal "Meet and Greet" session on:

Wednesday 25th March 2015
At the Community Centre
7pm to 8pm

Coffee and biscuits will be on offer and the opportunity to chat with the current parish councillors.

Village Spring Clean

The Parish Council has organized a **Village Spring Clean on Saturday 21st March @ 10.00am**

The more volunteers we get, the better job we can do. Last time the entire clear up took about two and a half hours and if we get plenty of volunteers it could be even less.

The Community Centre field is always included and it might be a good chance to give the car park hedge a trim and brush up!

Please can you e mail or phone Judith (Roberts) to confirm you can come along. Even an hour would help, if you cannot spare the morning.

We cover the entire village and its approaches and will leave the village looking spick and span for Easter.

A plan of attack and equipment, litter bags etc, will be at the Community Centre car park from 9.45am

Judith's phone number is 01572 811078 and e mail is

jude.roberts48@btinternet.com

REVIEWS

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Not wishing for New Year's Eve to go un-noticed!

Greetham once again showed an extraordinary range of talent and enthusiasm in a way that only Greetham can do, despite a plague -like flu virus knocking out most of the male population! The particular strain for some reason was called the 'Howard Virus!'

The evening kicked off with top DJ Paul Bland playing top tunes introduced with great style and flair that can only be achieved by someone born of a certain generation.

The first act was Greetham's young comedian of the year Thomas Devries who had put together his own blend of comedy in a hilarious barrage of jokes: well done Tom, but try and get a day job!!

Acts then followed fast and furious as all wanted to get their bit over whilst still sober!

Brian, Wayne and Ruth played a faultless acoustic set just to prove Greetham has got access to proper musicians.

Next up was The Village People, Tom and Harro Devries, Gary Spencer and Stef Douglas, with an unusual version of YMCA. Gary proving that rhythm and timing is not everything (all the right moves but not necessarily in the right order or at the right time!)

The first victim of the Howard virus was Punk/Fusion band The Unwanted who were unable to play, Robin Tidd and Darren Dryland had a particularly violent case or maybe it was the prospect of playing the Bay City Rollers number Bye Bye Baby?, or maybe just playing with me!

More victims if the 'lurgy' were Barrie & Babs and MeJulie as Wet Feet, then to become Wet Foot! Stuart Rowland stepping in at the last minute to help out with his fantastic vocals, a big thanks to Frank, Ruth, Brian and Don for helping me out, although I say it myself it weren't half bad!

Then back by popular demand after a fictitious sell out summer season at the Beavers Retreat at Snettisham, The Marvelous Mark and the beautiful Deborah magic show, which had everyone standing in amazement with plate spinning and Deborah been cut into three leaving everyone guessing where her head was: there was even a small unplanned fire. The village had never seen the like apart from the last time, it was both magical and mysterious!

There was more, Merv Bamber with his hilarious Village Ode!, My mother trying her hardest to get a turn (sorry mother) and the headlining act Wysiwyg with their original line-up minus one (me), Howard proving the show must go on no matter what!

It was a fantastic way to see the New Year in and my personal thanks to everybody involved and for everyone coming along and supporting the event.

The proceeds were split between Prostate Cancer UK and Greetham Community Centre, £300 each. Thanks again and have a great 2015! Roly Easson

WI Report, February 2015

Twenty one members and one guest attended the February meeting on a very wintry evening. Apologies were received from Alison Gossel, Estelle Allan, Chris Parkin, Jessie Evison, Sue Bamber and Ann Gorman. Birthday posies were presented to Gill Hodson, Diana Miller and Linda Hall.

Our Speaker was Greetham girl Jenny Welbourne (née Creasey) of Itch Gallery in Mill Street, Oakham. Jenny told us how she had come to be the owner of the gallery and shared some of the secrets of her trade with us. She studied Applied Art at De Montfort University, Leicester. The first year of the course was an access year, with a chance to try her hand at everything (she particularly disliked ceramics). The second year involved

more specialised studies in certain areas, and in her final year she specialised in blown glass, with some ceramics in the final term. After graduation Jenny chose to stay on as an artist-in-residence and mentor to other students. She was also selected to receive a year's support on mentoring in business.

On leaving university Jenny started work as a self-employed ceramicist, and subsequently worked in the Ferrers Gallery in Ashby de la Zouch. While working there she picked up many tips about peoples' likes and dislikes from listening to customers. Itch Gallery in Oakham was set up in 2010 by Cath Pilling. Jenny covered her maternity leave and was subsequently offered the chance to buy the gallery. De Montfort University helped her write her business plan and the bank was very supportive. Having taken over, Jenny wanted to put her own stamp on the Gallery (Itch more stocks craft items, as well as Fine Art). Jenny finds the things she loves sell the best! By 2014 she was keen to introduce workshops and so looked for bigger premises. The new premises in Mill St are four times as large as the previous gallery, and extend to two floors. This has given Jenny the scope to include furniture and larger sculptures. Workshops are held twice monthly on crafts such as jewellery, lampshades and ceramics. Jenny's artists are all British producing good quality handmade work. She produces post-cards with examples of her artists' work and has a website for retail as well as the Gallery. (itchgallery.co.uk) Jenny took questions from members after her talk, and a vote of thanks was given by Carol Freeman. The talk was followed by refreshments served by Pat Evans and Billie Hackett.

Our next meeting will be Members' Evening, when the committee have a well earned rest from organising the activities. This will take place in the community centre on March 9th at 7.45pm

Greetham Website

There was an excellent response to our request that village event organisers meet to discuss an annual event calendar for the village. It is amazing how many people in the village do organise events and help make Greetham such a thriving community. At the meeting, it was agreed that we should use the "What's on" section of the website to list all the events for the year ahead. This will help avoid clashes and encourage greater attendance to events from people outside the village. If you decide to arrange an event which is open to the public, please email details to both greethamwebsite@gmail.com and Greethamnews@aol.com

Greetham Engineering Society



John Scott gave an audience of some 20 people an excellent talk on the Tallylyn Narrow Gauge Railway.

He went through the 150 year history of the railway and how it was preserve from near demise in 1947.

He described some of the challenges he faced in keeping the engines and rolling stock long after the skills and equipment of the original manufactures have gone.

Neighbourhood Plan

There was a good attendance to the Business drop in session held at the end of January and more than 20 business questionnaires were completed.

The Steering Group met recent to receive the initial reports form the Focus Groups. In most areas there was a clear idea as the policies which will be included in the plan. In other areas, we still have some more work to do to reach a consensus!

D P Hodson tel 813902

All for Anne Charity Events -Thank You

Pippa and Janice would like to thank all those who supported All for Anne charity events in aid of Breakthrough Breast cancer last year.

We have been waiting for final donations from around the world, hence the delay in putting out this message of thanks.

As many of you may know, a dear friend of ours Anne, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her wish was that we should raise as much money as possible for cancer research charities. So Pippa and Janice (with help from many others) arranged a series of events in order to try and raise as much money as possible.

We started with the duck race held in May 2014, which was a fantastic success. This was followed up by a raffle, various stalls and a musical afternoon at the plough. This was a very well attended event, topped off by a barnstorming set by our local punk covers band "The Detonators". Thanks to Kaz and Beanie for the use of the pub carpark and Daren, Roly, Rob-in, Tom DeVries, McGoo and many others for their free time, and typical Greetham good humour and support.

The next event was an afternoon tea party held in Debbie Easson's garden. The sun shone and we all enjoyed wonderful homemade cakes (thanks to the Greetham Bake-off) with tea and coffee. Surprisingly (for Greetham) this was an alcohol free event (save for Jeremy, Don and Steve, sneaking beer into coffee cups). Thanks to Debbie and Roly for allowing the use of their garden and the immense effort to set this up.

The final push for funds was the Greetham ladies (and some men) walk in Norfolk. Our friend Anne was a keen walker and this idea came from a conversation between Pippa and her. The plan was to walk from Snettisham to Hunstanton and back, a route of around 10 miles (or so). The brave Greetham walkers would camp in Snettisham, make the walk on the Saturday and party on afterwards by way of celebration. The date was set for Saturday 13th September. Sponsorship was duly sought and donations flooded in. The day of the walk was bright and clear after a freezing cold night, (especially for those of us in tents). Others joined us in the morning.

Just as we were about to set off, we received the sad news that Anne had passed away on the Friday night. This was an enormous blow to us, but stiffened our resolve to make the day even more meaningful.

With a full compliment of supporters (with drinks, plasters and emergency transport ready) the team set off.

Everyone managed the walk and despite the earlier bad news, the day was a resounding success.

Thanks to the walkers for all your efforts and good companionship during the weekend. This can only happen in Greetham.

Our walkers were led by our intrepid Sherpa Mark Osborn, waving his walking stick at every opportunity. The walkers were Ellie Barker, Debbie Eason, Pippa Craddock, Barbara Clark, Karen Mellor, Helen McGarigle, Sue Bromwell, Ros Marshall, Jane and Howard Denyer, Janice Walters, SJ Dryland, Georgia Dryland, James Easson, and Toby Craddock. These were ably supported by Barrie, Roly, Jeremy, Daren, Brian, Colin, Mary, Tom, Katie, Jessica and Steve.

Thank you so much for all of your efforts it was truly and exceptional performance.

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

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LOOK AFTER YOUR CAT

Theft of Catalytic Converter from motor vehicles

The theft of Catalytic Converters is on the rise in Rutland and neighbouring counties. The latest two incidents occurred overnight Mon 16th – Tues 17th Feb 15 in Edith Weston where one catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle and an attempt was made to steal a converter from a second vehicle.

Crime Prevention

4x4 vehicles in particular have been targeted as the catalytic convertor is more readily accessible. To reduce the risk of theft of your car's catalytic convertor;

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 - If you see something suspicious ring the police immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- Anyone with information regarding the theft of catalytic convertors is urged to call Leicestershire Police on 101* or Crimestoppers, which is free** and anonymous, on 0800 555 111. * Calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from both mobile phones and land lines ** Please note some mobile phone service providers may charge for this call Rutland Police

Church cleaners required

Some more volunteers are needed to help with church cleaning, please. 2 people look after the church each month, mainly vacuuming and tidying and we have no one for July and only one person in May. So many visitors remark on how well kept our church looks and it is largely due to our cleaners so please give me a call if you can fill these gaps. Many thanks.
Helen Macleod-Smith 812852

Hi this is just a thank you from the ceilidh.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes February 11th 2015

Members: Mr P.Hitchcox (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice chair); Mr K.Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts.

Present: Mr P.Hitchcox (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice chair); Mr K.Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts 3 members of the public

19.15 – Presentation by Marrons Planning re proposed glamping development at Brook Farm. Chair thanked the presenters for attending.

Open forum for comments.

Apologies for absence: none received

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 14th 2015

Proposed: DH Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously

Matters arising.

Pot holes in Great Lane – response, a formal approach will be made to Dave Brown regarding the inadequate response received on behalf of RCC Highways.

Undeveloped road to burial ground. In order for RCC to adopt this the owners of properties and land which front this would need to bring the road to a state which RCC would accept

and maintain it as such for a year. Action: Clerk to contact property and land owners.

Western Power – still no feedback. Action: RB

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on January 28th 2015

Proposed: KE Seconded: JR. Carried: unanimously – JC and Chair abstained for tree removal planning

Communication

With the public – a formal proposal will be presented to the next PC meeting.

Amongst councillors – a formal proposal will be presented to the next PC meeting.

Village Notice Board

Quotes and costs have been sought. The need for a new board is agreed in principle – further discussion is required regarding size and material.

Finance – J.H. Gardening. Removal of cherry trees etc. in Burial Ground £380.

That an exception in this case, and to be applied in this case only, that PC accept one quote was proposed by KE. Seconded: JR Carried unanimously. Quote accepted.

Planning

2015/0050/FUL – Minor Amendment to FUL/2012/0383

Former Greetham Garage, Main Street, Greetham

KE / Chair expressed personal interest and left the room.

Comment to be placed on RC website: Greetham Parish Council questions any reduction in parking on this particular site as there is no adequate, safe, alternative. It was an original reason for refusal of an earlier planning application. Any changes to windows should not be to the detriment of properties in this vicinity.

Applications to open Great Lane gates

The PC request that Clerk submit guidelines to be applied when any request is made to open Great Lane gates. Once approved decisions will rest with the Clerk unless extenuating circumstances require involvement by the PC.

Community Centre Update

It is reported that the ceiling has been damaged again and subsequently repaired on a no cost basis. The Terms and conditions of hire have been reworded and amended, including the use of hard balls...

Cleaning is now being undertaken by The Little Cleaning Company.

Grant applications – a bid for gas supply, two new boilers and associated works has been submitted. Outcome will be at end of March.

Screens to partition the rooms have been sourced at £1100

The PC members who sit on the CC and DH will meet with the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to discuss policies. Agenda item for next month: to amend Standing Orders regarding appointment to outside bodies and position held.

Correspondence

Letters from parishioners regarding planning 2015/0050/FUL – their comments have been addressed in the PC response to RCC Planning.

Community Clean Up – suggested date 21/3/15. @ 10.00 a.m. Volunteers are required and asked to respond to Judith Roberts on 01572 811078. An item regarding this will also appear in the Newsletter. Action: KE/ PH

April 9th at 4.00pm is the deadline for submission of applications to apply for election as a Parish Councillor. A 'Meet and Greet' session is proposed to promote the role. Poster in shop window (DH)

Reports from outside bodies

Website Group. The AGM (29/1/15) was well attended. A proposal to work towards an annual calendar for the village was supported.

Neighbourhood Plan. Business drop in session (29/1/15) was well attended. The Steering Group will meet on 12/2/15 to review reports from the Focus Groups which will inform the

main policies to be included in the draft plan.

Parish forum – Health Report from Tim Sachs, Barry Briggs presentation on dog fouling, Lucy Stephenson spoke on the Care Act and Roger Begy on the budget.

Neighbourhood Watch – reported crimes are low. Concerns are reported on the village web site. The front office of Police Operation has moved to the RCC Catmose building. A new coordinator would be welcome – the Rutland NHW forum and police meetings are held on Wednesday evenings.

WI committee – a request has been made for Wi-Fi at the Community Centre. This is referred back to the Community Centre Committee.

Any Other Business

A large van parked in a dangerous position at the junction of Great Lane was reported to both police (101) and RCC. This has now been moved.

20mph restriction – it is suggested that a sign be placed at the far end of Great Lane.

Local newspapers have designated news sections for events etc. A route to include Greetham in this would be welcome. Action: Chair

Date of next meeting: Planning application for Pond Lane – 25/2/15 @ 7.30 p.m.



New village sign

This has now been delivered to the village. Please let the clerk, Anne Basden, or Chairman, Peter Hitchcox know if you are able to dig a hole and concrete in to secure the new pole on the 'village green'

Peter Hitchcox
Anne Basden

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COMING EVENTS

LADIES PAMPER EVENING WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 7-10 PM

Come and join us for a little bit of relaxation, pampering & retail therapy at Greetham Community Centre.

As always, lots of beauty therapist will be offering £5 mini taster treatments ranging from manicures, pedicures, reflexology, back, neck & shoulder massage, Indian head massage, eyebrows and much more.

Consultants will be offering expert advice on the night along with a chance for you to do a spot of retail shopping.

This is a wonderful ladies night to relax, meet up with friends and to have a drink in the clubroom.

Tickets are £6 to include a glass of wine, available from Vicky 812893 or Maureen 813061

This is a fundraising event for Greetham Community Centre.

TAPAS & ACOUSTIC NIGHT SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 7.30 pm

Greetham Community Centre is holding an acoustic and Tapas evening. Music by "The Great North Rogues Trio" including a light Tapas supper.

This event will be held in the clubroom and will be limited to 50 tickets only.

This is a ticket only event and you will be entered into a free prize draw on the evening with your ticket .

Available from Vicky 812893 or Maureen 813061

All money raised from this night is fundraising for Greetham Community Centre.

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

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"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." Tenneva Jordan
Where would we be without our mothers? Well, we wouldn't be here, would we! If you would like to honour your mum, please join us at St Nicholas' Church Cottesmore on Sunday 15th March, 9.30am to share in a time of saying thank you for our mums and thank you to God for the gift of motherhood

**APRIL
NEWSLETTER**

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

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March Events at Greetham Valley

Charity Race Night Friday 20th

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fish & chips supper from 7pm
First race 8pm
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Seb Gould Trust
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Mothers' Day Luncheon Sunday 15th

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Prayer Space Day

This was a day of peaceful reflection in our Learning Zone, which was transformed for the day into a Prayer Space.

The children were split into small groups, and each group had the opportunity to spend an hour in the Prayer Space, to explore the activities and spaces within the room, and to spend the time in peaceful reflection. There were opportunities to ask questions about God, to think about others, to say a prayer for someone and to reflect on those less fortunate than us. More than anything it was a time to give the children some space to be and think for themselves without the pressures of normal school life.

It was wonderful to observe the children taking their time to explore and to think about themselves, their families and friends, and those further away. The children were all very positive about the experience and one even declared it was 'the best hour we have had in school!'

In such a busy, noisy world, and an active school, sometimes our children need permission to take time to be at peace with themselves; and this project showed that it was certainly worthwhile.

Many thanks to Cathy Dyson, Chris Cassady and Sue Bamber for giving up their day to make this happen. It was a special experience for the children, and one we hope we can repeat.

Sports Spotlight!

We have taken part in many different sporting activities this term, from basketball to cross country running. The children are really enjoying learning from Mrs Ranson, our newly appointed sports teacher, and are developing some excellent skills.

Next term we are looking forward to the netball competition and Spotlight Dance Festival.

Watch this space to see how we get on!

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.