

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*The start of the Greetham Community  
Play Area campaign*

# **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

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## **GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **SUMMER BALL**

**SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

**7.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.**

**DANCING TO RUTLAND BIG BAND**

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**TICKETS - £25.00 EACH**

**(Admission by ticket only –**

**available from Mo – 813061)**

## **MEET 'EM in GREETHAM CAFÉ**



We are excited to announce that we will be opening the community centre on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February** and every Thursday thereafter between 10am - 12 noon for morning coffee / tea and a selection of home baked cakes. (£1 for a hot drink and £1 for a slice of cake)

The idea behind the café is to give people a place to meet up for a chat over a cup of good quality coffee/tea in a warm and friendly environment. Everyone, young and old, will be most welcome.

If the café proves popular, we could develop it further by offering such things as simple computer tuition as the centre now has free wi-fi, an area for those who would like to do some craft activities, a book/DVD swap table and anything else people may come up with.

This is a neighbourly activity making use of our newly refurbished community centre clubroom and it fits well with the requests on the village plan questionnaire for more village activities for young children and older people.

We would value your support in the following ways: -

- By just coming along on the day
- Volunteering to help out on a rota basis with serving the refreshments
- Offering to bake the cakes (on a rota basis too)

If you would like to volunteer or have a chat about what is involved, please contact Sue Bamber on 01572 812882 or Jackie Gauntley on 01572 868291

Please look out for the posters around the village and the flyers that we will be posting through your door.

## **Comedy Evening – 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Life is always better when you're laughing, and never more than when you're sharing the fun with great company. Get set to enjoy a cracking night of side-splitting, 4 professional comedians at Greetham Community Centre on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, doors open 7pm. The bar will be open, the welcome will be warm and the laughter hearty!

Tickets go on sale on 29<sup>th</sup> March, for only £10 each from The Plough, The Wheatsheaf and Greetham Village shop (over 16's only)

Find our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/GreethamComedyNight](http://www.facebook.com/GreethamComedyNight)

email: [GreethamComedy@outlook.com](mailto:GreethamComedy@outlook.com)

Or call Stephen Calnan on: 01572 813943 for more information!

## COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Wed	2nd	Oak House Lunch
Thu	3rd	Mobile library
Sun	6th	Greetham Church 9.30am Mothering Sunday Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
Tue	8th	Greetham Vikings Petanque Club AGM
Wed	9th	Parish Council meeting
Sat	12th	Church spring clean The Big Village Clean
Sun	13th	Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast 9.00am
Mon	14th	WI
Thu	17th	Mobile library Greetham Engineering Society
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>Last day for newsletter items for April newsletter</b>
Sun	20th	Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise
Sat	26th	Easter cake sale with Shattered on Saturday
Sun	27th	Greetham Church 9.30am Easter Service Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 8pm
Thu	31st	Mobile library

### **Oak House lunch**

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 2nd March - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50.

*'few spaces available, please book in advance, fabulous 2-course meal for £7.50 per person'. 'Must ring to reserve on 01572 812647'.*



### **Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham**

Thursday March 3rd, 17th and 31st. 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

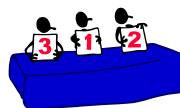


### **Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz**

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday March 6th and 27th 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.



### **Special Church Services**

- *Mothering Sunday (March 6th) a relaxed service of Morning Worship which will include young people's activities and flowers! Everyone is welcome.*

- *Easter Sunday (March 27th) a service of celebration for all the family, led by the worship band and including Holy Communion*

### ***Greetham Vikings Petanque Club***

This year's Petanque AGM will be held at the Community Centre at 7pm on Tuesday 8th March. New members are always welcome. If you are thinking of joining us why not come along and meet us.

### ***Parish Council***

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

### ***Church Cleaning***

The annual church spring clean will take place on **Saturday 12th March** starting at 10.00am. An outdoor group of chaps will be most welcome as well. Tea and cake for all workers.

### ***'The Big Village Clean'***

**10am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** is a date for your diary. Volunteers are required to help with the village spring clean. We'll supply the equipment we just need your assistance for a couple of hours or so! Assemble in the Community Centre car park at 10am or contact Jane Denyer, Judith Roberts or Roy Wicks for more information

### ***WI***

Next month's meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mary Matts will speak on Wild Flowers and Waterways.

## ***Greetham Engineering Society***

***Proudly presents a talk:***

***7-30pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016***

***Greetham Community Centre***

***Great Lane, Greetham***

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## ***Easter Cake sale and Shattered on Saturday***

There will be a cake sale in the church on **Saturday 26th March** from 10.30 - 12.30. Refreshments will also be available. Proceeds to go towards the church roof fund.

Shattered on Saturday starts again on March 26th and continues throughout the summer months when the church is open from 10.30 - 12.30 every Saturday for refreshments, newspapers, music and fellowship.

## **REVIEWS**

New Year's Eve at the Community Centre. Fantastic—thanks to all the organisers. Mary Easson

*Apologies from editor. Should have been included last month!*

### **GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Burns' Night was a great success. Many thanks to our young piper who piped in the Haggis, to Magoo who entertained us and to Kaz and Beanie at The Plough who cooked our delicious meal. With our Scottish Hamper for the raffle we raised just over £250.00 for the Centre. Our thanks also go to the speakers and to those of you who joined us to make a great night.

### ***WI Report February 2016***

This month's meeting was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Community Centre. Twenty-three members and one guest were present. After the opening formalities, birthday posies were presented to Diana Miller and Linda Hall. Judy Swinfen was unable to be present and will receive hers at a later date. As this was the first meeting of the year, Pennies for Friendship were collected and members were asked to bring in any old or unwanted jewellery for recycling. Our speaker for the evening was Julian Carter, head baker and co-founder of Hambleton Bakery. He began his talk by briefly outlining his career prior to the opening of the bakery. He began his career in the RAF catering corps and eventually worked at 10 Downing Street and Chequers as chef to Sir John Major during his premiership. He shared some entertaining anecdotes with us, none of which I could possibly repeat here!

On leaving the RAF, Julian worked as a chef at Hambleton Hall Hotel, as a result of which he and Tim Hart joined forces to open Hambleton Bakery in 2008, originally to supply the hotel and Tim Hart's restaurants with high quality bakery goods. Julian and his colleague Scott came to national prominence in 2013 after winning the Britain's Best Bakery competition run by the BBC. They now have 92 staff, 6 vans and supply retail outlets in Exton, Oakham, Stamford and West Bridgford as well as the hotel and restaurants business. A further shop is due to open in Oundle soon.

Julian mostly works from 3 am. All the bakery's ingredients are locally sourced---local grown wheat is milled at Whissendine Mill. Only real butter, cane sugar,

sea salt and free range eggs are used. Any unsold bread goes to staff and to local farms---nothing is wasted. (Up to 30% of commercial bread goes to landfill.) Products are changed seasonally and gluten free bread and cakes are available. Julian's talk was highly entertaining and very informative, and was made even more special by the samples he brought! We enjoyed Brownies, tarts and Eccles cakes with our coffee and there was bread for everyone to take home. After his highly entertaining talk, a vote of thanks was offered to Julian by Alison Kirby.

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### ***Meet'em in Greetham***

As I write this we have only had one community coffee morning but we are all prepared for the second one. We were greatly encouraged by the number of people who supported our first morning and the kind comments that followed.

We had all ages from babies to 90's and there was the happy buzz of old and new friends catching up. We also got to chat to our community policeman.

Just to remind you that the centre will be open every Thursday morning from 10 am to midday for freshly made filter coffee, tea and home made cake. Please come along if you can, you will be made very welcome.

Jackie Gauntley, Sue Bamber, Sarah Kearney

## **GENERAL**

### ***Rutland North Neighbourhood Police***

**Leicestershire Constabulary** 101

Through the force website – [www.leics.police.uk](http://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.**

### ***Wanted***

We wondered if anyone in the village had an old chess set they would be prepared to donate to the home as we have an elderly resident who would love to take up chess again.

Linda Ellis Oak House Greetham

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Greetham Parish Council Minutes February 10th 2016 (Subject to approval)**

**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 P. Hitchcox; Mrs J.

Denyer; Mr F. Hinch; Mrs J. Roberts; Mr D. Hodson

Two members of the public in attendance.

**The meeting started with a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Roger Begy.**

Police report given by P.C. Ellie Allam.

**1 Apologies for absence** None received

**2 Disclosure of interests** None

**3 Approval of minutes January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016** Correction: Welcome visit should read Little Lane

**4 Matters arising from minutes January 13<sup>th</sup>**

b Village Green tree update. J.H.Hawkins has been contacted by P.H.

c RCC have been contacted and a fruit tree suggested as a replacement tree in grounds of Old Post Office.

e Church Lane street light report. The faulty light has been monitored and is currently working. Thanks are offered to David Bland who has produced a map identifying the position of every street lamp in Greetham. A copy to be submitted to RCC and one retained for future reference.

g Report from meeting between representatives from GPC and RCC to discuss CIL. A useful meeting was held which identified that both the Garden Centre and Northbrook Close developments are not subject to CIL. The Focus Group will keep abreast of any developments in order to utilise any funds which do become available.

8 The Terms of Reference for all Parish Plan Focus Groups are complete and will be put on drop box as a final pdf.

9 The response from CC regarding sports facilities and field will be covered In the Community Centre report.

11 The web page link to Councillors Declarations of Interest is done.

12 Employee's pension scheme: the NEST scheme has been identified as most appropriate. Ongoing.

13 Risk assessment. The Chair and Vice Chair responded that they have no comments to make. No other responses received. It is proposed to accept the Risk Assessment produced at the January meeting. Proposed: JD Seconded: RW Carried unanimously. To be placed on drop box as a PDF document.

Matters arising from 09/12/15

38, Main Street. This also relates to correspondence received. RCC have been informed and are taking the matter forward.

## **5 Finance**

The December bank statement reconciliation has been completed by RW/KE jointly. For approval:

Printing costs: £5.28 (Copy of SO for all Councillors) Proposed: JD Seconded: JR Carried unanimously

For information:

RCC: £450.99

**6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC webpage.**

2014/1003/MAJ Wind farm of 9 wind turbines. Refused

2015/1126/CAT Fell No 1 Lleylandi – No Tree Preservation Order made.

## **7 Parish Plan Focus Group Reports**

Feedback from Traffic focus group. A meeting has been arranged with RCC Senior Highways Manager 16/2/16

The Village 'Clean for the Queen' will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the

Community Centre @10.00 am. Information to be placed in the Newsletter. A future date of 3<sup>rd</sup> September is to be confirmed.

For the March agenda:

Tree Focus Group update

Bench Focus Group update

### **8 Community Centre Update**

Financial report given

A Summer Ball is planned for 4/6/2016

A Comedy Evening is planned for 21/5/16

A Bar Report noted that young people are required as glass collectors

The Community Café will commence on 11/2/16 and take place every Thursday morning.

Use of sports facilities and the field will be an agenda item next month. Ideas from the public and GPC are welcome. Notice to be put in the newsletter.

There are plans for an event for 11/6/16 to celebrate the Queen's birthday

Community Centre Committee members are invited to join the Clean for the Queen initiative.

### **9 Neighbourhood Plan update**

Version 2 of the Consultation Document is now prepared. Initially it will go to Sharon Baker at RCC link before consultation with all parties. Thanks are offered to JD/ DH and all involved for their hard work.

### **10 Welcome visit** None

### **11 Correspondence**

Letter from parishioner – Great Lane/ Little Lane junction. This will be on the agenda of the meeting between the Traffic Focus Group and RCC. GPC will thank the parishioner for the letter.

Letter from parishioner – development of 38, Main Street. This was covered under matters arising. GPC will thank the parishioner for the letter

Letter from parishioner – speed bumps in Great Lane. This will be on the agenda of the meeting between the Traffic Focus Group and RCC. GPC will thank the parishioner for the letter.

### **13 Reports from outside bodies**

Terry King will be acting Ward member for Greetham until such time as there is an election.

'Leader' manages funds from the EU for projects, a presentation was attended KE/ DH.

### **14 Any other business**

A plaque will be organised to acknowledge donations given for the Village Sign.

It is suggested that 'Items for a future agenda' is included in future agendas

Any Other Business will be discussed in terms of acceptability as an agenda item.

Main Street closure. GPC request to RCC to open Great Lane is refused.

Double yellow lines on Main Street from Great Lane to Black Horse to be an agenda item for discussion (March)

### ***Please put your 'thinking caps' on***

It is apparent that the Community Centre field is underused for sporting events. Conventional sports like cricket and football don't seem to be as attractive as they used to



be. Both parish councillors and the Community Centre's committee members have been asked to think of new activities that could use the facilities. If you have any ideas please contact the 'Acting Chairs' either Ken Edward 812136 or Roy Wicks 812117

## **GREETHAM COMMUNITY PLAYAREA**

As many of you are aware our current Greetham playarea is in need of a major improvement. It has served us well for many years but it is time for a major update.

How can you help? Please look out for future events and fundraising activities and support our amazing fundraising team in raising the money needed for the best playarea in Rutland!

We would also value your input. We need letters from our Village community supporting the need for a new playarea; mums, dads, grandparents, carers, teachers and of course the children!

Let's get writing !

This will really help when applying for grants and funds so if you have anything to say then please do email us via the 'Send Email' button at the top of the facebook page or email directly or just write a letter and deliver to the address below.

 Greetham Community Playarea

Email: [greethamcommunityplayarea@gmail.com](mailto:greethamcommunityplayarea@gmail.com).

Post: 16, Great Lane, Greetham



## **FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Greetham Church Fete will be on Saturday 16 July 2016 from 2-5pm.

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## **Cottesmore Military Wives Choir Concert**

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm  
(Doors open 7.00pm)

St Mary's Church, Greetham

Tickets £10 each to include a glass of wine

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BARBARA HARTLEY ON (01572) 812364**

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*Thanks to Darren, S-J and Georgia Dryland who have generously sponsored this month's newsletter*


## APRIL NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox*

***By March 19th please***

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## March Events at Greetham Valley

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### **Mothers' Day Luncheon**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Three course lunch £22.50pp, £10

for 5-11, under 5s free

Table booking essential 12-3pm

### **Race Night**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets **£5.95**pp includes  
fish, chips & mushy peas 7pm  
First race 8pm All welcome

### ***Wedding Open Evening***

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6pm to 8pm

Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés while  
we showcase our venue  
Free entry, all welcome

### **Easter Sunday Luncheon** 27<sup>th</sup> March

Two courses £14.95pp

Three courses £17.95pp

Half price 5-11, under 5s free

Table booking essential 12-3pm

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## Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

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### ***Learning Practically Through Play***



Our Reception and KS1 children have been developing their learning practically through story telling this term. From playing outside in the Three Bears House, to writing in role in the classroom; from developing our creative skills to practising our counting, there has been a lot of activity. The two pictures here show some of our reception

children enjoying exploring building houses for the three pigs using straw, sticks and bricks. They even practised their brick laying skills using small bricks and play cement to produce some very impressive brick houses.



The whole school had a chance to learn practically during our Maths Puzzle Day this term, which involved the whole school in using maths skills to solve problems and puzzles. It was great to see children developing their skills in teamwork and cooperation as well as having the opportunity to use their maths practically.

School website:

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