

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
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IT'S BACK!

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

What's On !

Comedy Evening 25th March

Bingo 7th April

Any Raffle Donations, please contact by email below. Proceeds to the centre,
Kitchen refurbishment and the playground renovation.

WOW !

With wonderful thanks to the local fund
raising.

We are delighted to announce that the
refurbishment to the kitchen at the Centre
will begin in March.

We hope to keep any disruptions minimal,
however, if you have any concerns please
contact the centre for more information

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COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Wed	1st	Oak House Lunch
Thu	2nd	Mobile Library
Sun	5th	Greetham Church Said Communion 8am Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
Mon	6th	Parish Council
Sat	11th	Village tidy up Glebe Singers
Sun	12th	Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship (9.00 break fast). Followed by APCM at 11.00am Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
Mon`	13th	WI
Thu	16th	Mobile library
Sat	18th	Burial ground tidy up.
Sun	19th	Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am
Mon	20th	Last day for newsletter items for April newsletter
Sat	25th	Comedy evening
Sun	26th	Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion
Thu	30th	Mobile library

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 1st 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 2nd, 16th and 30th. 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



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday 6th March 2017 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Please note the change of date. All future meetings will be on the first Monday of the month.

Village Tidy-Up

The village 'tidy-up' will take place on Saturday March 11th meeting at 10.00am at the Community Centre car park. Bags and litter picking equipment will be provided. All welcome and thanks to all those who help to keep our village so tidy.

Burial ground tidy up

On March 18th also at 10.00, there will be a 'tidy-up' of the burial ground.

Saturday March 11th, 7.30pm, Greetham Church

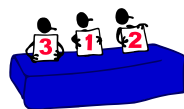
The Glebe Singers from Market Deeping have offered to come and sing for us in aid of the Church Roof Fund. The first part will be choral works and the second the Requiem by Faure. Tickets £7.00 from Chris Parkin 813162 or Chris Rigby 812834 or on the door. Refreshments will be served.

WI

Next month's meeting will be held on Monday 13th and will feature a talk on the life and works of Agatha Christie.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday March 12th 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.



Greetham's funniest night of the year

is back following on from the huge success of its launch last year! This year's side-splitting event, held at Greetham Community Centre, will take place on Saturday 25th March, where we have a fresh line-up of comedians booked to entertain us for the evening.

Tickets are now on sale at £10 each and are available from The Plough, The Wheatsheaf and Greetham Village shop.

Come along and support live comedy. The bar will be open, food will be available, the welcome will be warm and the laughter hearty!

Over 16's only. Doors open at 7pm.

Email: GreethamComedy@outlook.com or call Stephen Calnan on: 01572 813943 for more information!

REVIEWS

Greetham WI February 2017

Two new members (Janet Bianchi and Ellie Barker) joined us this month. Our speaker was Dr Colin Ashpole from Clipsham, who spoke about his experience of being a racehorse owner. His talk was very amusing and enlightening to those of us that know nothing of the Racing world. He was brought up in a farming family with working horses, but was always keen on racing, being influenced by Lester Piggott, the most celebrated jockey of the time. His ambition was to visit every racecourse in the country (there are sixty). He relocated to Rutland in 1973 to work at well-known manufacturer of pet foods, and eventually reached a sufficiently senior level to allow him to indulge his hobby. A period living in Italy (and going to the races there) convinced him of the superiority of British Racing, which always puts the horses first. His first horse (Cicerone) never won a race, sustaining a fractured hip just before his first race, having been trained by Jimmy Harris at Waltham on the Wolds. There was better luck with his second horse, Sudest, who had several wins. There was much excitement when we were shown a video of his first win at Southwell, when he raced through the field from the back. He won twice more at Leicester and Ripon but sadly severed a tendon racing at Kempton and never raced again. Dr Ashwell's talk gave us a real flavour of the thrill of the racecourse, as well as the eye watering expense involved in being an owner. Several ladies had questions and we all felt we had learnt a lot about the sport.

During the business part of the meeting it was announced that our team have reached the final of the Skittles competition, to be played at Syston. Several members will attend the Annual Council Meeting of Leics & Rutland WI in April. It was reported that the Soup and Sweets lunch was a great success- the raffle proceeds of £152 were presented to Pat Evans to go towards the refurbishment of the Community Centre kitchen. It is hoped that a group of members will visit Curve in Leicester in March to see "What the Butler Saw by Joe Orton."

The meeting closed with an informal quiz reviewing events of 2016 provided by Helen McGarrigle. Next month's meeting will be held on Monday 13th and will feature a talk on the life and works of Agatha Christie.

GENERAL

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

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URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

Vikings Petanque Club

The new season will be starting soon. This friendly club welcomes new players of all abilities including those who have never played. Watch this space for details of events. If you are interested please contact Peter Hitchcox 812585 or Pat Evans 813448

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes February 8th 2017

Greetham Community Centre at 7.30 pm

Members: Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) ; Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D. Hodson; Dr R. Oakes; ; Mrs Ann Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy ; Mrs R. Marshall.

In attendance: 7 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Dr R. Oakes

Further investigations will be made into the use of conference calls and face time to facilitate participation by councillors unable to attend a meeting.

2 Co-option

Co-option of new Councillor to Greetham Parish Council.

Roslyn Marshall was Proposed: KE Seconded: SB Carried unanimously

3 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. None given

4 Approval of minutes January 11th 2017 Proposed: PH Seconded: AJ
Carried unanimously

5 Matters arising

Dates of future meetings is proposed as the first Monday of the month. Flexibility of second meeting if required (Action DH: amend standing orders to state a flexible meeting date). Commencing from first Monday in March. Face book posting to inform villagers: Action: Clerk. Proposed: DH Seconded: AJ Carried unanimously.

6 Finance

Budget:

To be included in the 2017/8 budget: Bench £1000/ tourist information £500/ TFG £500/lawnmower fuel and storage £500.

For approval:

Memorial bench – £670 plus plaque £49 (plinth and fixing £400 agreed at December meeting) Proposed: PH Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

Erection of new barrier at burial ground. £90 Proposed: KE Seconded: SB Carried unanimously

For information:

RCC – Clerks salary (quarter 2 and quarter 3) £1,175.99

Broadband at Community Centre. £468 Proposed JD Seconded: SB

Received by BACS VAT rebate £710

7 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the RCC website

30, Main Street. Retrospective planning permission for fence refused.

RCC will take appropriate action.

8 Parish Plan Focus Groups and working parties

Proposal restructuring of the Focus Groups as follows:

Trees, benches and footpaths (JD/PH)

Traffic (AJ/RO/PH)

Tourist information/ Jacobs Well (DH/ JD/PH)

Energy (DH)

Small projects and village action (village tidy, village shop, volunteer log, central printing) (DH/KE/JD)

Planning (JD/DH/AJ)

Burial Ground Committee (KE/RO/ Clerk)

Establish membership : agenda item for next meeting

Updates:

Trees, benches and footpaths.

Proposal that Greetham Parish Council urgently request that Rutland County Council place a TPO with immediate effect on the remaining apple trees at 'The Ram Jam Inn' LE15 7QT until such time as the provenance of the remaining apple trees can be established by arboreal professionals. Proposed: PH Seconded: KE Carried unanimously

Proposal that Greetham Parish Council urgently request that Rutland County Council place a TPO with immediate effect on all the newly planted trees within the gated area of Great Lane LE15 7NG Proposed: KE Seconded: AJ Carried Unanimously

Traffic Focus Group Update:

Actions for the Group to undertake:

Contact Cottesmore PC to suggest collaboration / Investigate pollution from traffic/ Investigate a weight restriction on the B668/ Investigate Thistleton weight restriction

Burial ground - set date for working party and review of works needed.

March 18th 2017.

Small projects and village action

Village Clean Up date. March 11th 2017.

Suggest that dog waste bags be provided. Further investigation and for March agenda.

9 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation and environmental issues

Letters have been sent to riparian owners and the environmental agency are informed.

Greetham House Farm bio mass burner. The environmental agency have responded to complaints. The number of complaints has been very low this month.

Sewage – report from DH. RCC have been contacted regarding the discharge of conditions on the Garden Centre site in relation to sewerage. Input from those involved (contractor, RCC, Anglian Water) is awaited. Anglian Water have been contacted. They are currently dealing with pre-planning issues. Lovells would prefer to pump straight into the pumping station but Anglian Water are not supportive of this.

Action: Write to AW (copied to Lovells and RCC) pointing out that sewerage from the new estate should be pumped straight to the pumping station.

A sewer in Main Street is blocked, possibly through collapsing under the road and is awaiting investigation from Anglian Water. Action: GPC to communicate with Anglian Water to insist on action, copying RCC into communication. Letter to state DH will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

Lizards.

Rare lizards have been found in Main Street. These will be coming out of hibernation shortly. A reporting form is available from English Heritage for completion. To be placed on the PC page on website and to be referenced on Facebook and the village newsletter.

Water voles are also suspected to be living in the stream.

10 Advertisement of shared owner property at Larkfleet

Details have been sent and are displayed on the village noticeboard and on the Greetham website.

Most recently people living on Northbrook Close have experienced difficulty with contractors vehicles. Action: Clerk to Contact Larkfleet regarding parking at the site.

11 Community Centre Update

Proposal to request that the Community Centre amend the Constitution to state that 2 Councillors sit on the Community Centre Committee to represent the PC. Proposed:

KE Seconded: DH Carried unanimously

This week was the 1st year anniversary of Meet 'em and Greet 'em. GPC congratulate this successful project

The kitchen refurbishment will take place between 25/3/17 to 11/4/17.

Heating; the current system is unreliable. The energy focus group are supporting in investigating sources. This is anticipated to be a costly project which may entail applying for grants.

New members are joining the Committee.

Bookings are strong – even into 2018

12 Neighbourhood Plan Update

RCC inform GPC that the Plan is going to Cabinet on 21/2/17.

13 Welcome Visit None required

14 Correspondence

Process for placing correspondence on Dropbox. Received and sent communication will be placed on drop box.

Received in advance of the agenda :

Response from Dave Brown (RCC) regarding the RCC Conservation Officer role.

Received after publication of the agenda:

Debbie McMahon informed GPC that she is undertaking some work to clear the stream.

Response from Ian Cooper (Environmental Agency). Further communication will take place with the riparian owners. Water voles are reported to be present in the water stream. Further information from: LRWT.org.uk is to be placed on the village website Communication from F. Hinch.

Suggestion that 30mph signs near CC be moved and street lights turned off to save money.

Query regarding display of resignation letter.

Comment on the lack of apology from PH for discourtesy which had resulted in the resignation of FH.

Clerk to respond with the following points:

The lights are in the 20 mph zone. The change to LED means that the cost of running them is minimal and they are a safety contingent for late night visitors to the Community Centre

The letter of resignation had been displayed at the December meeting, when it was received. JD had responded to inaccuracies contained within it regarding tree selection and purpose of meetings.

Both Chair and Clerk had responded to FH in December offering to pursue issues regarding discourtesy. This offer was refused.

GPC regret the resignation of FH and would like to offer thanks for the service given over many years.

15 Reports from outside bodies

Conservation Officer, there is a groundswell of opinion from Rutland Parish Councils against the current situation.

A boundary review of County Council Wards is taking place to establish the number of councillors required and to propose new divisions.

RCC Budget review. Many changes are being made which do not affect basic services.

DH is now on PC Working Group. It is proposed that agenda contributions be made through the PC to the Parish Forum.

Parish Briefing leaflet. Tony Mathias is the new leader of the RCC.

Website and Face book. There is a meeting next week to review the original aims and control of Face book.

Article in newspaper regarding planting of trees in Great Lane

An article will be written for the Village Newsletter encouraging considerate parking to facilitate access by farm vehicles and deliveries.

The silt from the Thistleton Lane Quarry lorries is affecting both the paths and roadways. Action: Clerk to write to quarry owners and copy into RCC.

16 Items for a future agenda

Purchase of projector to display correspondence etc. at meetings. DH to investigate cost.

Tea, coffee etc. for meetings. To be proposed to the CC.

Email: greethampc@gmail.com Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Parking In Greetham

Greetham roads and lanes are ancient and narrow. The village is made up of family homes, small businesses and a traditional farming community.

There are so many more cars and other vehicles these days than even a few years ago and they all need to park somewhere.

Everyone has deliveries and collections sometimes and many people need to move things or machinery around at some point in time. If our narrow lanes are obstructed by thoughtlessly parked vehicles, this can cause a problem.

So, please can we ask you all to try to park considerately and responsibly? We all need to think of the needs of other people in the village. Together we can help our neighbours to make things run so much more smoothly.

Ken Edward



Greetham Bowls Club

is in great need of new members.

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ages to join us.

Please contact our Chairman Steve Brown on 01572 755427
or our Treasurer John Hall on 01572 812805

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Friday 7th April 2017



DOORS OPEN- 6.30am

EYES DOWN- 7.00am

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LICENSED BAR



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Friends of Greetham Church Present

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7.30pm

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Tickets Available Helen Macleod—Smith 01572 812852

Chris Parkin 01572 813162

Peggie Butcher 01572 812565

Proceeds in aid of Greetham Church Roof Fund

FOR YOUR DIARIES

OPEN GARDENS 2017

The plan at the moment is for Open Gardens in Greetham to be held on Sunday, 11th June 2017. I will obviously be coming around to see who is interested in the New Year, but in the meantime if anyone would like to take part, I would appreciate contact being made on 813061.

Trevor Hubbert

SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

The annual Greetham Duck Race will take place on Sunday 28th May 2017 @ 11am with Beer & Bands at The Plough in the afternoon.

This year we are raising money for Diabetes UK, plus the Psoriasis Association (in memory of Teresa Dalby)

We look forward to seeing you again and receiving your support.

More details to be published in April newsletter.

Greetham Church Fete

2pm on Saturday 8 July 2017

Community Centre, Great Lane, Greetham

All the fun of a traditional church fete!

GREETHAM SCARECROW COMPETITION

This Summer the scarecrows will be coming back to Greetham, and we would like as many as possible to fill the village.

The weekend will run from Friday 7th July to Sunday 9th July 2017 with the winner to be announced at the Church Fete.

More details to follow in the coming months.

Put your thinking caps on !!!!!

For more details please contact Vicky Peers or Ros Marshall

It is with sadness that we record the recent death of Doreen Cox. She will be remembered as a cheerful 'hands on' vicar's wife here in Greetham.

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

By March 20th please

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
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March Events at Greetham Valley

Race Night
Friday 10th March

£5.95pp includes
fish, chips & mushy peas
supper from 7pm

First race 8pm

Everyone welcome!

Tickets from Hotel Reception

Mothers' Day
Luncheon

Sunday 26th March

Table booking essential
noon - 3pm

Three course lunch and
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£22.50pp

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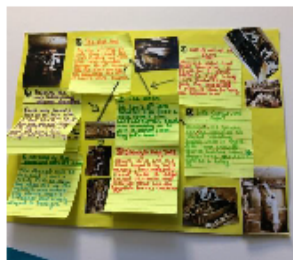
What are we learning about?

Every term each class plans their curriculum around a topic, drawing together different subjects to develop the children's learning and understanding. Below is a flavour of our activities since January. Do use the website to find out more about what we have been up to.



Class 1 have been learning about space since January. This has included finding out about the different planets, some super craft activities and a visit from an alien! February and March will see them investigating castles.

Class 2 have been learning all about Africa. They have learnt where it is in the world and what it is like to live there, all about the animals there, and made calabash bowls like the one on the right. Next week they will be African drumming!



Class 3 are Egyptian Explorers and have been developing their writing skills through investigating ancient tombs and Egyptian leaders. Next week they will be exploring mummification.

Explore & Grow

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arrange a visit.**