

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Looking Ahead

***21<sup>st</sup> March – Comedy Night***

***8<sup>th</sup> May – Family VE Day Celebrations and Family BBQ***

***30<sup>th</sup> May – VE day Celebrations and Rutland Big Band***



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We are asking for ideas of groups, clubs' activities  
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By emailing the centre

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you can also find us on facebook:

GreethamCommunitycentre.

Or Speak to any of the Outreach members:



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*Want to set up a group ?  
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**01572 812389 or mobile 07500  
079780**

**Alternatively email us**

**at [bookgreetham@gmx.com](mailto:bookgreetham@gmx.com)**

## COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

- Sun 1st Greetham Church 8.00am Holy Communion (said service)  
9.30am Morning Worship - informal service  
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Tues 3rd Petanque Club AGM
- Wed 4th Oak House lunch
- Sat 7th Village clean up
- Sun 8th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast  
served from 9.00am
- Mon 9th WI
- Tues 10th Craft session  
Annual Parish meeting
- Wed 11th Parish Council
- Sat 14th Burial Ground clear up day
- Sun 15th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise  
Petanque Club French Lunch
- Fri 20th **Last day for items for April newsletter.**
- Sat 21st Comedy Night
- Sun 22nd Greetham Church 9.30 Holy Communion  
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
- Mon 23rd Mobile library
- Tues 24th Craft session
- Thu 26th Community Café - Rutland Book Nook
- Sat 28th Church Spring clean
- Sun 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Thistleton

### **Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz**

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday March 1st and 22nd at 8pm.

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



### **Petanque Club AGM**

Tuesday March 3rd Community Centre 7pm. If you are thinking of joining us this season do come along and meet us.. Contact Pat [scemaindy@hotmail.com](mailto:scemaindy@hotmail.com) or Peter [hchitch@aol.com](mailto:hchitch@aol.com),

### **Oak House lunch**

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th 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 re-serve on 01572 812647'*



### **WI**

**Our next meeting** on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm will be Jill Collinge talking about "Powder and Paint".

### **Craft sessions**

Tues 10th and 24th 10.00 - 12.30 Craft session in the Community Centre. Drop

## KEEPING GREETHAM TIDY

We are having a Village Spring Clean on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

We would love as many people as possible to come and help us clear the village of litter and rubbish.

Equipment and gloves etc. will be provided and we will be meeting at the Community Centre at 10.00 a.m.

You will all be most welcome, so please volunteer and join our group of regulars and get our village back into shape for the spring. We are usually finished by 12.00 latest!

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club



## French Lunch

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Community Centre 12.30 for 1pm

Main course, dessert and cheese

Tickets £12.50 from Peter or Clare 812585

[HCHitch@aol.com](mailto:HCHitch@aol.com) or Pat 813448

[scemaindy@hotmail.com](mailto:scemaindy@hotmail.com)

All welcome – come and join us

in or stay for the full session. **Please note new start time.**

**Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm**

**Dear Parish Residents,**

It is the duty of the Parish to arrange a yearly meeting for all its residents, to hear what is going on within all the organisations in the immediate vicinity of our Parish of Greetham. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but the PC will host it on the village's behalf.

The idea of the evening is for all villagers to be updated on what is available and being planned in the village. The Community Centre and the Church are central to the community spirit of this village, yet many of us do not know just what is on offer or possible. They will both be giving a short presentation on what they hope to achieve in this new decade. There will also be a short review on crime and protection from our local Police Officer.

New ideas will always be well received, and we hope that you may find something that is "up your street" to join, or with which you can get involved.

The bar will be open so why not come and **have a glass of wine on us** and help drive Greetham into the 2020's.

**Greetham needs you, do you need Greetham? We really do hope you do!**  
**Looking forward to seeing you.**

## **Parish Council**

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

## ***Burial Ground Clear up day***

The Parish Council are arranging a 'Clear up' session at the Burial Ground on Saturday 14th March, meeting at 10.00. Volunteers are most welcome and it is hoped that this task may only take an hour or so.

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

Monday March 23rd

Oakham Road Bungalows 1400 - 1420.

Times are approximate

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



## ***Community Cafe***

Rutland Book Nook, local sellers of Usborne books for children and teenagers, will be coming along to the Community Cafe on Thursday 26th March, between 10am and 12 noon. Perhaps think about giving the alternative healthier gift of a book rather than chocolate this Easter! Sue Bamber

## ***Church spring clean Saturday 28th March***

We are very grateful to all of you who regularly give of your time and effort to keep our beautiful church clean and tidy, week in week out. Twice a year we ask for additional help to get at those difficult to reach bits and give it all a thorough deep clean, which, with your help, is what we will be doing on the morning of Saturday 28th March between 10 and 12. Please offer your help if you can. There will be free coffee and cake!

## **REVIEWS**

### ***Burns' Night***



### ***Greetham Women's Institute February 2020***

24 members were present. A Birthday Posy was given to Gill

**Our speaker** was Cathy Locke and she told us about her very successful business, "Cathy's Chocolates". She told us that, eleven years ago, she had a very sad and difficult year and started making a few chocolates and sweets as Christmas presents. She found this so relaxing and enjoyable that she eventually went on a 5-day chocolatier course. Despite still working 3 days a week, she has gradually set up and expanded her chocolate making business.

After a serious illness, her husband had to give up teaching and he now works with her making the chocolates. They go to shows, run courses and parties and give

talks. They sell a lot of chocolates (most of them guaranteed gluten free) and make 5 – 10 kg of chocolates per week for Sat Bains' 2\* Michelin Restaurant in Notting-ham.

Cathy demonstrated making champagne flavoured truffles and we very much enjoyed doing taste tests on the finished products and on the other samples which she had brought.

At the end of the meeting, a lot of us purchased chocolates from the very tempting range which she had brought with her. It had been a very interesting talk and demonstration.

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## **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.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Minutes of Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre**

**Members Present:** Mr. Ken Edward (KE), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs S Begy (SB), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)

3 Members of the public attended

Issues raised by members of the public:

Bollards at the chicane – reflective tape needed to improve visibility

Cutting of the overgrown hedge in Great Lane – responsibility of landowner

Corner of Church Lane at the side of the School House – unlevel tarmac on side of road

*To be reported on "Fix my Street".*

#### **1 Apologies for absence**

Mr P Hiitchcox – attending a speed watch meeting on behalf of GPC. Mr Nick Begy

#### **2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda and dispensations granted.**

RFO (DH) does not vote on financial matters

#### **3 Approval of minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Resolved** To accept Minutes and signed as a true record – no corrections.

Proposed DH, Seconded JD, voted to accept.

#### **4 Matters arising.**

4.1 Church Lane flooding and road conditions –See Highways Report,item 7.2

RCC have granted approval to overspend 2019 budget and that work will commence on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

4.2 North Brook Tree Planting

Rubbish and building rubble left – escalated to RCC.

Carried forward to March Meeting for NB to give an update

4.3 Quarry extension

The first meeting of the Quarry Liaison Group was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January with attendance from representatives from Rutland County Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

The second meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> February.

4.4 Wheelie Bin Stickers

To date 2 requests for stickers have been received from members of the public. It is planned to start a gradual roll out.

#### **4.5 The 2020 Parish Newsletter**

The Parish Newsletter will include input from Focus Groups, the Church and other groups in the village. This will be distributed by 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Articles are required from each Focus Group by the end of April:

Planning, Jacobs Well and Community Garden Project – DH

Traffic, Pavements, Lighting and Roads Group – JD

Trees, Benches, Footpaths – PH

Community Centre Grant Project and Burial Ground Group – KE

#### **4.6 Annual Parish Village Meeting**

The Annual Parish Village Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm. GPC will host it on the village's behalf. It will provide an update on what is available and being planned in the village. Each group (GPC, Community Centre, Church, Police, Safer Villages) will give a short presentation and there will be a free glass of wine on arrival.

#### **4.7 Church Lane Burial Ground road condition**

Two complaints have been received from members of the public regarding the mud and state of the road on entry to the burial ground. This is not an adopted road it is privately owned, and consequently the landowner is responsible. Residents are trying to get clarification/proof as to who owns the land.

### **5 Finance**

#### **5.1 Monthly budget report, and bank statement**

DH reported on the budget and bank statement - the reports were received and noted. The full report can be found on GPC website – attachments.

KE confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed.

#### **5.2 2020/2021 Precept**

Parish Precepts Form has been completed and returned to RCC. This has been accepted.

#### **5.3 Invoices for Payment**

Clerks Salary - £208.33

D Hodson – Stationery (A3 paper) £10.99

Cost to draw Plans for CC Building Work £600

Insurance for CC £1893.48

Hedge Cutting for Burial Ground £240

Dog Poo Bags £261.60

Internal Audit Service £210

LRALC – Clerk 1 Training £40 (this has already been approved at an earlier meeting).

Proposed RK, Seconded SB, carried unanimously.

#### **5.4 Approval to Place an Order**

Approval to purchase plants to continue hedging the burial ground. 140 holly bushes at £2 = £280, plus 2 x trees @ 7.50 each = £15.

Approval for £200 to be spent on garden plants for garden project

Approval to purchase wine, juice and snacks for the Annual Village Meeting. £50 approx

Proposed JD, Seconded RK, carried unanimously.

#### **5.5 Assets Register**

To be updated and check existing list and photograph assets (no street lights)

Agreed to carry forward to March meeting. This is needed for the internal auditors meeting in April.

#### **5.6 Income**

£69 received from Fords Funerals (money owed)

#### **5.7 Finance “Responsible Financial Officer”**

The takeover of finance by Clerk with effect from April was discussed.

It is proposed that the Parish Clerk takes over the position of RFO for GPC from the beginning of the financial year.

Proposed: KE, Seconded AJ, carried unanimously.

It was acknowledged that hours would need to be allocated for the extra work and it was agreed that KE, JD and DH meet to discuss a review of the Clerk's salary to bring to the March meeting.

## **6 Planning**

### **6.1 Local Plan and Settlement Hierarchy**

DH gave an update on developments over the last month. The Settlement Hierarchy document is founded on the principle of sustainability, ie. minimising car use. Greetham has been classed as a local service centre. Locating significant numbers of houses in Local Service centres would appear to directly contravene this principle. However, events have now overtaken this as the new draft Local Plan issued in January has led to a change of policy in where houses will be allocated.

The new draft Local Plan provides for a large number of houses at St George's Barracks, none are allocated to Greetham. It is positive news that the proposed employment land quote for Greetham is no longer there.

Once the Local Plan goes out to the public, there will be a 6 week consultation process. GPC will need to comment on the local plan at the March meeting.

### **6.2 Planning**

Planning Application 2019/0620/FUL – Construction of artisan bakery together with ancillary staff and office accommodation. Land to the north of Ram Jam Inn, Great North Road, Greetham.

Planning permission granted.

### **6.3 Listed Building Consent – Application Number 2019/1132/LBA**

Holly Cottage, 3 Little Lane. Replace rotten softwood windows and external front door. Permission granted.

### **6.4 Approval of sign to go outside Oak House re Parking.**

There has been a recent incident where an ambulance could not get through the driveway to Oak House, due to a vehicle blocking the entrance. This has been reported to RCC. Permission to go ahead with a no parking sign on the wall of Oak House directly by the entrance was unanimously agreed by GPC.

### **6.5 Planning Application –Greetham Quarry screening request, Ref: 2020/0043/SCR**

JD gave an update. This does not require GPC to comment at this stage as it not a full planning application. This will be raised as an agenda item at the next Quarry Liaison Group meeting.

Once the planning application is seen, GPC will be looking to impose conditions.

## **7 Standing Orders and Focus Groups**

### **7.1 Standing Orders and all appendices and Contracts**

Update on revisions to financial regulations were agreed at the last meeting. Revisions have been made.

### **7.2 Fix my Street and Highways**

14 items have been reported to RCC either via Fix my Street or the Highways and Transport Working Group. A report of issues is available to the public on GPC website. JD will continually update the issues log with responses as a rolling document.

### **7.3 Update on Local Plan Review**

Covered under 6.1

### **7.4 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting**

A response has been received from the Department of Transport about the dangers of the A1. They appreciate that the signage along the A1 could be improved and recognise the benefit of the countdown markers. They will look to include them in its future schemes.

### **7.5 Road Safety in Greetham**

There was discussion on consideration to be given by the Parish Council to purchase a speed radar gun (£130) to collect evidence of traffic speeding through the village. This would not be for prosecution purposes but to politely ask people who speed to drive more slowly through the village.

It was agreed that this should be discussed further when we have outcome of the speed

watch meeting which PH has attended on behalf of GPC.

TRASP have been consulted and are happy to help with the speed watch scheme.

#### 7.6 Burial Ground

Clear up of burial ground – 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

#### 7.7 Trees/ Benches/ Clean up

The Litter pick up – 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am at Community Centre carpark has been organised.

Benches – The acquisition of a bench from a resident is going through. Permit forms completed and delivered on 5<sup>th</sup> February. However, an email from RCC has been received regarding unexpected costs – an initial fee of £250 in addition to the annual renewal fee of £60? This has been escalated to Nick Begy and it is in discussion.

#### 7.8 Jacob's Well and Signage

DH reported that a meeting has been held this week, but the response is extremely slow. As a result, the correct process with RCC is being investigated to look at carrying out the work.

#### 7.9 Community Centre Grant Project

KE reported that grants are currently being applied for.

#### 7.10 Community Garden Group

Finance item

### **8 Community Centre**

Potential for Section 106 funds:

It has come to light on receipt of an email from RCC with an enquiry from Cottesmore Amateurs Football Club for funding, that Section 106 funds are available to the local area for sport and leisure facilities. GPC were not aware that any money was available. GPC would object to money being spent at Cottesmore Football Club as there are a number of very valid projects at Greetham Community Centre.

### **9 Welcome Card Visit Great Lane**

### **10 Correspondence and Communication**

#### 10.1 County Community Speed Watch Scheme

Update from PH at March meeting following attendance at the Speed Watch Meeting at RCC.

10.2 Letter sent to Councillor Lucy Stephenson at RCC to request trialling an average speed camera system in Greetham.

Update from PH at next meeting.

10.3 Letter received from RCC regarding planning application for alterations to Community Centre – offer of a Building Control Service to help steer through the Building Regulations and allied legislation. Not applicable at this stage until we get planning application through.

10.4 A complaint from a resident regarding the mud on Main Street (road and pavement) from farm vehicles. The member of public has reported this problem on "Fix my Street" and escalated to RCC.

RCC have had a meeting the farmer concerned. Some cleaning has been carried out, but insufficient. This is still in discussion and is awaiting a plan of action.

### **11 Reports from outside bodies**

#### 11.1 Parish Forum Meeting in January

In the opinion of our two GPC representatives, DH and KE, the meeting was appallingly run and undemocratic. There was a conflict of interest due the Chairman representing Normanton. DH has written to the Parish Council Forum Working Group to complain.

### **12 Items for future agendas**

Costs of Village Newsletter

Registered Footpaths

Burial Ground Policy

Dog mess

Response and comments to RCC re Draft Local Plan

### **13 Date of next PC Meeting**

Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## **Greetham Quarry Liaison Group**

Notes of meeting No 1 held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Present:

Mick George Ltd: Darren Griffiths (Area Ops Manager), John Gough, (Planning)  
RCC & NCC Nick Hodgett, (Planning Officer), Phil Watson (NCC)  
(Northamptonshire deal with RCC Minerals issues)

Residents: Don McGarrigle, John Dyson, Mark Watkinson

Parish Councillors Jane Denyer & Dave Hodson

Ward Member Nick Begy

### **Terms of reference**

To provide an open forum for the exchange of information and views concerning the current quarry operation and any future planning application for the extension to quarrying.

To seek to minimise the environmental impact of the quarry operation on residents.

### **Frequency of meetings**

Initially monthly, and adjusted to suit circumstances thereafter.

### **Record of meetings**

It was agreed that the minutes of meetings should be in the public domain.

### **Reporting of issues by the public and Parish Council to relevant organisations**

In the first instance, residents will be requested to raise issues with the Parish Council Clerk, (with time, date photos etc) Jayne Isaac. She will forward these (together with a complaints log) to:

Mick George Ltd at [customerfeedback@mickgeorge.co.uk](mailto:customerfeedback@mickgeorge.co.uk)

RCC at [planning@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:planning@rutland.gov.uk)

Ideally there should be a response from these organisations acknowledging receipt of the issue within a few days, with the contact details of the person whom is going to deal with it.

If this is not received, then people to contact are Calham Morton (MG Ltd, Customer Service) and Justin Johnson RCC Development Manager)

### **Review of current quarry issues and compliance with 2004 planning conditions**

John Gough said that currently no issues had been reported to MG Ltd.

A copy of the Quarry petition and covering letter was handed over and MG Ltd were asked for a formally response to this.

It was noted that the planning conditions required that *"Within 3 months of the date of the permission, noise monitoring measures shall be implemented, in accordance with a scheme approved by the Director of Environmental Services"*

Neither of the representatives from MG Ltd or RCC were aware of any such scheme. Both were asked to investigate and report back to the group within the next two weeks.

Mark Watkinson had prepared a document (attached) outlining the planning conditions and compliance concerns. Both John Gough (MG) and Nick Hodgett (RCC) were asked to respond to this document with a description of the measures which MG Ltd are taking to comply with the planning consent.

Jane Denyer requested that MG Ltd sent a reminder to companies who send lorries to the quarry regarding the need for sheeting as several cases of non compliance had been observed.

### **Planning Application for extension to the Quarry**

John Gough described the proposal for the quarry extension and said that a planning application would be presented in the next couple of weeks. He was asked to send Jane Denyer a copy of the extension plans which he had presented at

the meeting. It was noted that there will be no processing of quarry material within 300 metres of residential properties .

### **Site visit**

A site visit was made by some of those at the meeting to view at first hand the quarrying operation.

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 9.30am at the Greetham Community Centre.

### **Rutland Local Plan**

Rutland County Council have approved a new Draft Local Plan to go out for consultation. In this draft, Greetham is no longer allocated any preferred sites for housing, unlike the previous draft where some 50 plus houses were allocated. This is partly due to good luck and partly due to the efforts of many people who protested that Greetham had already had its share of new development. The good luck was that the St George's Barracks site has become available to adsorb many of the housing requirements for Rutland.

It is too soon to rule out the possibility of further changes to the Draft Local Plan. Understandably, there is strong opposition to the development of St Georges's site by people living close by. Unfortunately for them, the MOD is going to dispose of the site and are required to get a good price for it. The site is classified as a brown field site. By working with the MOD, RCC has achieved a limit on the number of houses which will go on the site and will be able to significantly influence the design of it.

In general, Greetham Parish Council is very supportive of the new Draft Local Plan, as it reflects our comments and suggestions on the previous Draft Local Plan. A fundamental principle of the plan is that housing should be located in the most sustainable locations, minimising the use of cars for transport. Greetham, which has no primary school, doctor's surgery and is miles from the nearest supermarket hardly qualifies as a sustainable location and this is the argument the Parish Council put forward previously. One of the aspects of the plan which Greetham Parish Council will be commenting on is in regard to quarry legislation. The Parish Council believe that there should be a minimum separation distance between quarry activities and housing.

### **Greetham Parish Council**

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We regularly get reports on local crime from our beat officer. January was a quiet month for Greetham. Here is his report:

*Dear all,*

*The following crime has been reported to the police for the Rutland North beat in January 2020: -*

<i>Burglary Other</i>	-	<i>Langham</i>
<i>Theft of Motorbike</i>	-	<i>Market Overton</i>
<i>Theft</i>	-	<i>Little Casterton, Hambleton, Barnsdale</i>
<i>Theft from vehicle</i>	-	<i>Hambleton, A1</i>
<i>Assault</i>	-	<i>Cottesmore</i>
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	-	<i>Langham, Exton, Market Overton, Teigh, A1</i>
<i>Drugs</i>	-	<i>Hambleton</i>

*Our current Problem Management Plan remains to be speeding and inconsiderate driving. I am attending a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at RCC with 13 villages in Rutland that have expressed an interest in joining the new Rutland speed Watch Scheme to allow local residents to take positive action in combating speed in their respective villages.*

*PCSO Di Freeman will be holding a Beat Surgery between 10am – 11am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Langham Village Hall so if you would like to speak to her and discuss any issues or concerns please drop in.*

If you have any other issues or concerns and would like to contact me, please email me [laurie.appleton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:laurie.appleton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Many thanks

Laurie

PC 1742 Appleton

These reports can be found on the village website under "Village & Community Life" - "Neighbourhood Watch" tabs.

David Hodson Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

01572 813 902 [hodson001@gmail.com](mailto:hodson001@gmail.com)

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

### ***Fri April 3rd***

Easter Bingo, and all proceeds towards Greetham Community Centre and Greetham Bowls Club.

If anyone would kindly like to donate a prize for this event, this would be greatly appreciated

Please Ring Louise 01572 813007, or leave at Thursday's Coffee morning

### ***HOLD THE DATE!***

Greetham VE Day Village History Walk: Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Paul and David Bland will lead a village history walk visiting interesting places and telling stories of Greetham in WW2.

ALL WELCOME! As always, it's FREE! - a collection will be held at the end, in the usual way!

Starts at the Church; via The Plough; ends at the Wheatsheaf. It will be in the morning and will finish by lunchtime - timings to be confirmed in the next Newsletter. Paul Bland

### **GREETHAM CHURCH FETE - Saturday July 18th 12-4pm**

#### **Save the date! Put this in your diary now!**

More information next month but all offers of help and ideas welcome.

Please contact Jackie Gauntley 868291

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor at [greethamnews@aol.com](mailto:greethamnews@aol.com)

#### **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

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

***by Friday March 20th please***

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham.  
LE15 7NJ*

*Thanks to Greetham's  
Comedy Evening who have  
sponsored this month's  
newsletter.*



## Safer Villages

In an attempt to reduce acquisitive crime and offer reassurance & support to local communities, the Safer Villages Scheme aims to equip each village with a box of crime prevention information and equipment. The box includes an array of resources including information leaflets, shed alarms, window & door alarms, personal alarms and property marking items. The Champion for the scheme in your area is;

Jane Denyer

Telephone 01572 813994

Or email [janedenyer@aol.com](mailto:janedenyer@aol.com)

Please contact Jane for further information, advice and support in relation to Crime Prevention and Home Security. Come and hear more about this scheme at the Annual Parish Village meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00 p.m. at Greetham Community Centre

### **20 MPH WHEELIE BIN STICKERS**

Greetham Parish Council will be purchasing 20mph wheelie bin stickers for any residents living on Main Street and Stretton Road who wish to participate in this scheme.

If you are interested, please contact Jane Denyer at [janedenyer@aol.com](mailto:janedenyer@aol.com)



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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12 to 3pm**

**Table booking essential**

*Three course lunch  
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**£24.50pp**

**£12.50 for children 3-10 years, 2 years and under free**





## Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

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### Enhancing Learning...

We were very excited to have a 'Virtual Reality' morning in school during February. Our ICT Support bought 30 virtual reality headsets into school and the children were all able to set off to different places to enhance their learning.

Our youngest children have been learning all about the North and South Poles and were transported to the Arctic, where they could see the ice and polar bears close up.

The Year 2 and 3 children concluded their Dinosaurs topic by walking with dinosaurs, and experiencing their great size by standing amongst them – Wow!

The top class started their topic for term 4 looking at the Rainforest by walking through the Rainforest and looking at orang-utans in their natural environment. This enabled them to begin to think about what they would like to find out as part of their topic next term and begin to ask questions.

Pictures cannot do the morning justice – however, just ask any of the children and they will tell you how amazing it was! We look forward to finding another opportunity to bring our learning to life in this way.



**Do look at the school website to find out more about what we get up to during our time at school.**

**School website: [www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk)**

**Phone: 01572 812380 if you would like to arrange a visit to the school.**