

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

## GREETHAM CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



### Kids Disco

Join Disco Steve

5.30 - 7.30pm

**Friday 5th May**

- Bar Open • Snacks •
- Crafts with Mo

### Live Screening Saturday 6th May

The Centre (& bar) will be open to screen The Coronation, timings still tbc (approx 10.30)

### Sunday 7th May Best of British Parade & Fete

Parade Meet 12pm

Parade Start 12.30pm

Fete Start 1pm

**Live Music**  
**Tombola**  
**Fun & Games**  
**DJ Paolo**  
**Dog competition**  
**Bring & Share**

(Please pop a plate of food up to the centre between 10.30 & 11.30am)

**Evening BBQ**



# COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRING RATES

mobile number 0750 0079780

Rates from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
	1 <sup>st</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct to 30 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct to 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Hall	16.00	21.00	19.00	24.00
Hall with Bar	23.00	28.00	26.00	31.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	27.00	32.00	30.00	35.00
Club Room	13.00	18.00	16.00	21.00
Club Room with bar	20.00	25.00	23.00	28.00
Club Room with Bar after 11pm	24.00	29.00	27.00	32.00
Jubilee Room	13.00	18.00	16.00	21.00
Whole facility (not including kitchen and bar)	23.00	28.00	26.00	31.00
Sports Rate	7.00	10.00	7.00	10.00

Single Charge Rates	
Kitchen - tea/coffee only	Included
Kitchen - standard	8.00
Kitchen - catering	30.00
Stage	25.00

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

***Please note that there is a change of editor.***

*Send details of all forthcoming events  
to Zara Young*

***by Saturday May 20th please***

*email:  
newsletter@greetham-cc.org*

## ADVANCE WARNING CHANGE OF DATE

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

**The duration of the closure will now be from 16th May 2023 to 27th May 2023.**

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

## COMING EVENTS IN MAY

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

Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Coronation thanksgiving service
Sunday May 14th	9.30am	Morning Worship + baptism – breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday May 21st	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday May 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday June 4th	9.30am	Our World Service with guest speaker

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

### ***Craft Group in May***

Our May meetings will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May we will be in the Jubilee Room but the other two meetings will almost certainly be in the Clubroom.

You are welcome to join us any time between 9.30 am and 12.30pm at the modest price of £1 for every hour you are there. Tea and coffee are available.

We are a very friendly group and would love to welcome some new mem-

bers. We usually just bring our own craftwork to do, but if you would like to have a go at a particular skill come along and see us. There may well be someone in the Group who is able to give you advice and help. If you have any queries, please ring me, Gill Hodson, on 813902.

### ***Parish Council***

The PC meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May will be held at the Community Centre and start at 6.30pm.

There will be a Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the regular May Meeting.

All members of the public are welcome.

## **REPORTS**

### ***Greetham Comedy Night Saturday 25th March***

The evening again was a total success, The audience of around 85 were treated to stand up comedy of great quality

I would like to thank all the helpers for setting the hall up and then clearing everything away at the end of the evening, Katy for managing the door and raffle ticket sales and Jane D & Helen the food, Roly for the lend of his PA/speakers, Steve B drawing the raffle, Ollie the sound decks & music and finally the bar staff who had a busy night!

The profits from the evening go towards the Community Centre tennis court upkeep

Ticket Sales Profit £380

Raffle ticket Profit £204

Hot dog & Bacon roll sales profit £130.96

total £714.96 (excluding the bar profit)

Being able to pay into the Greetham Community Centre bank account for people to buy tickets by bacs transfer was certainly a great new feature for helping to get tickets sold.

Stephen Calnan, Organiser

### ***Litter pick***

T'was a dreary cold morning in early April that a merry band of nearly 20 youthful and not so youthful villagers set off with pickers and bags to cleanse the highways and byways of Greetham.

After a many happy hour of mirth and jollity we are delighted to say the village is now cleansed of the Winter excesses of MacDonald burgers wrappers and Red Bull cans.

It is good to report that the majority of the area was relatively clean and unspoilt and only a couple of black spots where the bulk of the discarded litter and other items were collected.

Greetham Parish Council is giving away free blue bin bags to those who can guess the two black spots. Those correctly naming Wood Lane and the Community Centre car park will also receive a pair of standard issue litter pickers.

Seriously though, we would ask those responsible to take more care and take your litter home with you. It may make your own car or van or lorry a bit untidy for a little while, but just think of the fun you can have emptying your own muck into your own bin at your own home.

And just think of the joy you will give to the remaining socially aware and community friendly public in not seeing your mess ruining the joys of the hedgerows and verges.

Now the fun bit, the 'statistics'.

The following was collected on the morning of the clear up:

28 bags of rubbish,

2 fly tipped tyres,

1 x 50 litre plastic container half filled with a yellow liquid dumped on the verge of a well known lorry run,

1 kitchen stool,

2 broken road cones,

1 bike frame,

1 workstation chair (from someone who has given up working from home?)

Could be the words to a well known Xmas Carol.

Anyway, I'm off to wash my hands now. Hopefully we may see more of you in September when we will coordinate another clean up. Keep looking for the date.

David Baker

### **Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside quiz**

Thanks to all who took part in the latest church quiz which raised £306.

If you would like the answers please contact Helen on 812852

or [hmacleodsmith@gmail.com](mailto:hmacleodsmith@gmail.com)

### ***'The Devil's Violin'***

Three professionals - a narrator, a violinist and a 'cellist captivated a full house at the Community Centre on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The story teller began with 'Once upon a time'. The hall fell silent. The stories were skilfully embroidered and enhanced by the musicians: the audience were giving them their full attention. These stories, which perhaps took us back to our childhood stole upon us, word for word, note for note, pointing to truths which may be allusive. Fact and fantasy became mixed and not all stories told, like life itself, ended 'happily ever after'. The audience, some of

whom came from afar to hear this highly talented group, left with much to ponder after such a production.

Our thanks particularly to Helen McGarrigle for organising such an evening for us and for all those who helped on the day to make the evening such a success.

Peter Hitchcox

### ***Tree Warden/Champion Update***

I am delighted to report that James Earl-Fraser has replanted much of the hedge at Begy Gardens which borders the western boundary of the housing development. James, his family and I replanted many holly bushes in the Burial Ground just last week replacing much of the new hedge which had died as a result of last year's extreme weather. Hopefully with regular watering during the summer months the hedges should flourish and not only look attractive in years to come but provide, much needed environmental benefits for the village.

This will be my last report as tree warden as I decided some years ago to make this session of our parish council my last one. After over thirty years as a parish councillor and tree warden, it is time to let others take over.

Trees can survive without us, but we can't survive without trees.

Peter Hitchcox

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The following Parish Council report is extracted from the full minutes. Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website [www.Greethamrutland.com](http://www.Greethamrutland.com)

### **GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Meeting on 12th April 2023 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre**

#### **PLANNING**

##### **Planning Application: 2020/0171/MAO**

Restoration of Old Quarry. The Chair reported that the end of March deadline for submission of an appeal on the warehousing had now passed.

Therefore, no planning permission is now granted on the land. GPC are pushing for the land to be re-instated and restoration of the old quarry enforced.

##### **Planning Application: 2023/0313/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed vehicle access 30 Main Street, Greetham LE15 7NL

After some discussion regarding the new access being close to other nearby access points and the chicane, there was unanimous agreement to respond as NEUTRAL with the following comments: 1. GPC require the Planning Officer to consult with the Conservation Officer to ensure there is

no dis amenity to the street setting. 2. GPC require the Highways Officer to look at the safety aspect.

**Planning Application: 2023/0348/FUL**

Variation of Condition 9 part (i) (time limit for completion of restoration) of 2016/0199/MAJ (an extension of time to enable completion of quarrying activities together with revised restoration with importation of inert materials in the southern part of Woolfox Quarry) to allow an extension of time to complete restoration operations. Woolfox Quarry, Wood Lane, Greetham LE15 7SN Following a detailed discussion, there was agreement to SUPPORT the restoration of the site, but if consented GPC would require the following conditions to be met:

1. Any consent of extension must be conditioned to a clearly defined timetable of actions, eg. With 3 months xxx, within 6 months YY. This would allow for enforceability of conditions.
2. All HGV movements to import material be barred from travelling through Greetham. If the planning authority insist approval for local imports we need to have clearly stated what is meant by local and how it is to be enforced.
3. Current roadways leading to are in appalling conditions. GPC require new conditions requiring the effective cleaning of road leading to the site.
4. If no environmental permit is required for soil import, then conditions are required to evidence of material source and quality to ensure all imports are inert.

**To receive Decision Notices:**

**Application No: 2021/0418/LBA**

Existing 2 no. attached dwellings (45 & 47 Main Street) to become one dwelling including restoration and refurbishment works. Restoration and refurbishment of existing outbuilding. New dwelling proposed with new access into site proposed from Main Street. 45-47 Main Street, Greetham RCC have granted listed building consent in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to 9 conditions.

**Application No: 2022/1326/FUL**

Extension to existing travelling showpersons' site, comprising of 5 no. additional yards, extension to existing yard and creation of recreation/amenity area. Five Counties Park, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham LE15 7SB RCC have granted planning permission subject to 7 conditions.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Parish Council Election**

The Chair reported that only 6 current members of the parish council had been nominated, therefore no election is necessary. There are 2 vacancies for new members, recommended for co-option.

**Pot Holes in Greetham**

It has been noted that there are 2 large potholes in Great Lane, with many others around the village. It was suggested that the Traffic Focus Group, once membership reorganised in May, take photos around the village and send into Fix my Street.

## **Bullimore's Planning Application**

There has been a request on the Bullimores Planning Application for a new quarry on Thistleton Lane to include a footpath along Thistleton Lane between the Whitehouse and the main road, to facilitate safe walking by pedestrians. GPC will put in a proposal to RCC to ask Bullimores to add this in as part of their planning application.

## **Focus Groups**

It was noted that all Focus Groups will be re-organised in May due to the new Council

Trees, Nature and Biodiversity

## **Planting of bulbs in Burial Ground**

There was discussion about the planting of bulbs around the new pet area. It was decided to keep the area as grass for the sprinkling of pet ashes with plaques to go on the fence surrounding the new area.

## **Report on Community Centre**

KE gave a report on the recent success of functions at the Community Centre, such as the Murder Mystery and Comedy Evening. The Coronation weekend events were outlined which involve a kids disco on the Friday evening, followed by live screening of the Coronation on the Saturday and a Parade and Fete on the Sunday with a bring and share, Childrens' games, Tombola etc.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 10th May at 6.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Council Meeting/Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

## ***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.**

## **Voter ID**

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

## **Which forms of ID can I use to vote?**

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark ([Proof of Age Standards Scheme](#))
- Biometric Immigration document



- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit [electoral-commission.org.uk/voterID](https://electoral-commission.org.uk/voterID) or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

### **If you don't have an accepted form photo ID**

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**. You can apply for this at [voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk](https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk).

## **FOR YOUR DIARIES**

### ***Greetham Open Gardens 2023***

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



### **Greetham Church Fete Saturday July 15th 12.00**

Put the date in your diary. Fun and games for all the family as well as BBQ, cakes, tombola, teas and all the favourites.

Are you free to help set up and/or on the day - let Jackie or Helen know. the more the merrier!

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 \* *I'm retiring from the role of editor* \*  
 \* *and hope that you will give the new* \*  
 \* *editor , Zara Young , as much support* \*  
 \* *as you have given me.* \*  
 \* *Thank you all.* \*  
 \* *Clare* \*  
 \* \* \* \* \*

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# Coronation Celebrations

Sat 6th

Following the Coronation Join *McGoo*  
& party the night away Plough style  
Even better - get the munchies - we'll have  
curry supper going all night 7.30 pm start

Sun 7th

*Closed* We're a village pub with a village  
team, therefore it's only right we support the  
village events on the Sunday

Mon 8th

*The Midnight City Disco Band*

Join us from 2pm for our Caribbean Party  
The punch will be flowing, the BBQ will be  
sizzling whilst you dance to the disco beats.  
Grass skirts & coconuts optional !



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

*Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton*

### **Singing for the Declaration of the new High Sheriff of Rutland**

We were honoured to be invited to sing at the Declaration of the new High Sheriff of Rutland on 28th March. We think we may well be the first school choir to be invited to such an event!

The new High Sheriff for 2023-24 is Geraldine Feehally, who is also one of our school foundation governors, and she was very keen to have children at her declaration ceremony.



The children performed five songs to the assembled dignitaries. This included 'Where on earth is Rutland?', a song written by Richard Stilgoe which explores all the counties in England in the search to find 'tiny Rutland'. As well as being fun to sing, it also develops our geographical knowledge. There is something special about being the smallest school in the smallest county and singing this song!

The children's singing was fantastic, and we received many compliments from those assembled to listen. Not only that, but their behaviour through the more adult parts of the ceremony was exemplary. The children were very proud to have been invited and to be there to support Geraldine, as she is so often in school supporting us.

***If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website—  
[www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk).***

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