

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

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The start of Greetham's social season 2021



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| | Residents Rates £ per hour | | Non Residents Rates £ per Hour | |
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| | Sum- mer | Winter | Summer | Winter |
| Hall | 13.00 | 16.00 | 16.00 | 19.00 |
| Hall with Bar | 17.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 23.00 |
| Hall with Bar after 11pm | 21.00 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 27.00 |
| Meeting Room | 10.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| Meeting Room with bar | 13.00 | 16.00 | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm | 18.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| Whole facility (excluding kitchen) | 20.00 | 23.00 | 22.00 | 25.00 |
| Sports Rate | 5.00 | 7.00 | 5.00 | 7.00 |

| Single Charge Rates | |
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| Kitchen - tea/coffee preparation | 2.50 |
| Kitchen - reheating | 5.00 |
| Kitchen - preparation/cooking | 10.00 |
| Stage | 25.00 |
| Sound System | 25.00 |
| Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Adults | 30.00 |
| Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Youths | 15.00 |
| Table Cloths - Round per cloth | 10.00 |
| Table Cloths - Oblong per cloth | 6.00 |
| Lights | various |

Community Engagement

The aim of the CE subcommittee is to focus on making the most out of the fantastic facilities at Greetham Community Centre. Alongside the Communication team, we hope to be the link between the Community Centre and its users, and to ensure that we are the very best facility that we can be for our community first and foremost.

We are hoping to engage the village (and beyond) in our plans to re-view the current skate park area, adjacent to the tennis court, and are keen to speak to any families of children/teenagers who may like to get involved in the project. We believe that it is so important to invest in the right facilities for the Centre and are really keen to understand what our local families would like to see from the space, whether this be an improved skate park area or something else. Please get in touch (and look out for a survey being circulated soon).

We would also welcome any suggestions for regular or one-off events that you would like to see from the Community Centre Committee (COVID allowing of course), so please get in touch if you have an idea that you would like to share.

Thank you Robin -

robin.tidd@btinternet.com

Roly - roland@colineasson.co.uk

Katy - katyanderson80@hotmail.com

Mobile Library

In place of its normal Mobile Library Service, Rutland County Council has introduced a new Home Library delivery and collection service.

For mobile library customers in Rutland villages place your requests (holds) by phone on 01572 722918 or via our online catalogue, and we will arrange delivery to you. We will also pick up your loans. Please telephone us to re-new any items.

Parish Council

Please note that there will be the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 6th May by Zoom. The Community Centre, Church and Police have been invited to make a presentation for 5 minutes each. All members of the public are welcome to attend and share Parish news over this last year.

The Parish Meeting will then be followed by the Council Annual Meeting at approx 7.45pm, and the monthly Parish Council meeting at approx. 8.15pm.

The ZOOM Meeting number is:

Meeting ID: 895 9349 6474

Passcode: 171369



Greetham Bowls Club is Open & Needs You!

We are looking for new members.

If you have ever wanted to try bowls please come along and "Have a Go"

Come and have a go!!

The Club Web Site can be found at:
www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk

We are located next to the
Greetham Community Centre.

If you fancy a go you can contact.

Don McGarrigle

Or

Mick Sharp on the email above.

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club

We hope to start playing soon with, hopefully, some open Sunday playing days and friendly matches. The Rutland League will re-start in 2022

If you are interested in meeting us please contact Peter Hitchcox 812585 or Pat Evans 813448

STOP PRESS.....

Jackie and I are looking forward to welcoming old and new faces at the Thursday morning "Meet'em in Greetham Community Cafe," re-starting on 20th May (continued easing of COVID restrictions permitting of course!)

It may be slightly different for us all as we will need to follow the rule of six / two households maximum seated at a table and it will be "waitress/waiter" service! There will be a one way in and out system to avoid congestion. However, we now have the additional blessing of the lovely outdoor seating area, which will be of great benefit throughout the summer months (and cooler months for the hardy folk!)

Despite all the rules and regs, it will just be nice to get together after such a long break!

Sue and Jackie

Christian Aid



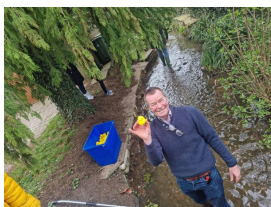
It's Christian Aid Week from **May 10th-16th** and once again an envelope should come with this newsletter.

Christian Aid is the official relief and development agency of 41 Christian (Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox) churches in the UK and Ireland, and works to support sustainable development, eradicate poverty, support civil society and provide disaster relief in South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia regardless of religion, race or gender. If you would like to help this charity please return the envelope to The Village Shop/Post Office. Once again sincere thanks to Nicole at the Village Shop and the many distributors of the newsletter for making this possible.

Peter Hitchcox

REVIEWS

The Greetham Community Annual Duck Race took place over Easter.



Carrying on the tradition of the Greetham Duck Race over the Easter Bank Holiday lots of fun was had by all. (Covid restrictions applied) The weather was on our side and all of our 250 little ducks were sold and placed in the stream to go on their merry way to the finish line.

There were four Easter Eggs to be won. First place was won by Leroy from North Brook Close. Leroy kindly donated it back to raise more money for future events at the Community Centre. 2nd prize was Mary, and in 3rd place our very own Roly. 4th was little George winning the Booby prize. A staggering £250 was raised by you all for the Community Centre.

We would like to thank everyone for helping and for donating, and making it a big success. And of course all of you for supporting this event. We hope you will all join us again very soon when restrictions are lifted and we can all get together to celebrate future events in our great Community Centre.

GENERAL NEWS

LITTER

An enormous 'Thank You' to our small band of litter pickers who are keeping Greetham as litter free as possible. Apart from the main village we have been attacking as much as the parish as possible including The Ram Jam roundabout to Greetham Inn Lane, Thistleton Lane and the Greetham-Cottesmore road as far as the Exton turn. The County Council's team is hoping to clear the rubbish in Wood Lane which, alas is extensive. It's pleasing, however, to note that there are many people in our village who help pick up litter as they take their walks. It does seem that much of the rubbish is thrown from vehicles after their drivers and passengers have visited local fast food outlets. Let's hope that once fast food outlets can take customers inside, the rubbish might stay inside too.

If you would like to help and join our litter picking team please let me know at HCHitch@aol.com 01572812585

Peter Hitchcox Greetham Parish Council

Greetham WI

Greetham started 2021 on Zoom for our January meeting. Each month we have had a very interesting speaker. Our ladies embraced zoom and after the absence of meetings in 2020 our monthly zoom meetings have proved a great success. Some found Zoom difficult at first but gradually numbers increased and we improved with practice and we now have around 30 members logging on each month.

Our April meeting was very hands on, with Estelle Allen explaining and demonstrating reflexology. Estelle talked the ladies through a reflexology session, everyone following Estelle and working on their hands and face. Estelle explained the benefits and how the body responds to reflexology. This worked extremely well and when Estelle closed the session with a period relaxation, it was pure heaven! Many members said that they almost nodded off! Not from boredom I can assure you far from it but from sheer enjoyment.

Cruelly we then had to put our thinking caps on and we all took part in a general knowledge quiz organised by Ande Peachey, great fun.

Next month we have a virtual tour of Cambridge, with a talk being given by a green badge guide. This should be good fun as our guide, Murray Taylor tells us that even if we are familiar with Cambridge he will be taking us to little known places and has interesting tales to tell us.

If you are new to Greetham and would like to join the WI Email Carol@middle-house.co.uk May and June will be on Zoom and we resume our meetings proper in Greetham Community Centre in July. You can have a two trial meetings before committing to membership. Get in touch we would love to meet you.

St. Mary's Church

GOING UNDERGROUND QUIZ

Thanks to all who took part in this. With lockdown etc we didn't manage to sell as many copies as for previous quizzes but clearly you have enjoyed it and the church has made over £150. The winner was Barney Walker, Julia and Peter's son with Sue Young as runner up.

The answers are in the shop window. Look out for another quiz later in the year

Church services

With the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions we are hoping to start live services in the church at the end of May hopefully starting with Pentecost (Whit Sunday) on May 23rd. For up to date information please check the benefice website www.northrutlandchurches.org.uk

Open Gardens Sunday June 13th

Gardens at the East end of the village from Great Lane to Stretton Road will be open with parking, plants and teas at the Community Centre. Please pot up some extra plants / keep some plants for the plant stall.

Can you help with the teas? If so please phone Helen on 812852

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

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 14th April 2021 @ 7.30pm held remotely on Zoom

Matters arising

RCC Highways policy on grit bins – update from Clerk.

The policies on grit bins have been received. The request to apply for new grit bins is to be submitted to the Highways Department for their consideration. The request will be assessed against the defined criteria.

The same applies to applying for a route to be added to the gritting schedule.

GPC have applied for gritting on Great Lane which is going to be considered for next winter. All applications to date for new grit bins have been for non-adopted roads, so not eligible.

Quarry Liaison Group

North Western extension to Greetham Quarry – Planning Application 2020/0297/MIN

DH gave an update on the response from RCC regarding the pre-action protocol letter. RCC have acknowledged that they failed to follow the correct procedure in the determination of the planning application. The application will be reconsidered by the Planning Committee, but there is no date set at present.

Planning Application 2021/0170/MAO Housing & 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing

A team are working together on behalf of the village named SWAG (Stop Warehousing Action Group).

The group have been looking at presenting outright opposition, reinforcing the comments already made by GPC. Two documents have been produced and they are continuing to build arguments on this.

To note the following Decisions on planning Application 2021/0115/FUL

Proposal: Two storey and single storey rear extension and timber porch.

Location: 14 Great Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NG

Planning Permission granted in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following conditions:

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways

There will be a walk through the village at 2pm on Monday 18th April with Lucy Stephenson and Andrew Tatt from RCC Highways. This will enable an update on matters outstanding in the Highways log of issues.

There has been a response from Highways in regards to the verges on Church Lane. The main issue identified is the road side parking that is forcing vehicles to utilise the verges to pass. Small verge markers to prevent this, purchased and installed by GPC have been suggested.

Trees/Benches/Clean up

A letter has been received from a resident suggesting a replant/upgrade of trees on both sides of the road leading up to the community centre to create a natural dust barrier. PH has spoken to the correspondent and is in touch with Stuart Kidd at RCC.

With regard to the village clean, there have been 12 large bags of rubbish collected to date, mostly fast food rubbish.

Jacobs Well and Signage

Signage - update on Tourist Boards

There has been a slight delay with delivery and installation – now scheduled for May.

Community Centre

The community centre will be opening soon.

Correspondence and Communication

Zoom meetings

The current legislation to hold meetings remotely by zoom ends shortly. After 7th May, virtual meetings can no longer be used to conduct parish council business. Following this until restrictions lift, the rule of 6 applies with social distancing.

A lot of people are fighting against this and there is a Court Case at the moment.

It was suggested and agreed that GPC write to Alicia Kearns MP raising concern.

Pond Lane Parking

Letter received from resident regarding exit to Pond Lane being blocked by a delivery vehicle to Oak House. It is questioned as to where delivery vehicles can legally stop bearing in mind the lack of accessible space.

The Chair explained that the parish council have no authority, but will be a conduit to try and sort the problem.

Following discussion, it was suggested and agreed for GM (Graham McKee) to work with Preston Walker from Oak House, Pond Lane residents and Ben Thompson at RCC Highways to reach a solution.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for March 2021:

Theft – Langham x 2, Essendine, Great Casterton, Greetham

Vehicle Theft – Langham (number plates), Stretton

Assault – Ryhall x 2, Exton

Business Burglary – Great Casterton

Criminal Damage – Hambleton

Public Order – Ryhall, Great Casterton

Next Meeting

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Changed from Wednesday 12th May to Thursday 6th May by Zoom.

Parish meeting at 7pm (public welcome) followed by Annual Meeting, 7.45pm approx. and monthly Parish Council meeting at 8.15pm approx.

Tree Warden update

It is hoped to plant more trees this Autumn as there will be a national 'plant a tree week' in November. It was planned for November 2020 - but we know what happened!

Over the last three years I have been working very closely with the Rutland County Council Forestry Officer and the Highways Department to draw up plans to plant trees along the B668 from the turning into Greetham Garage to just past the Exton turning to the west of the village to link up with the oak avenue of trees leading into Cottesmore. Once completed this would complete tree planting from the A1 to just before Burley-on the Hill and would enhance and benefit our local environment. We have a generous

benefactor who will pay for the cost of the trees from the west end of Greetham towards Cottesmore to complete that section of planting. It was hoped to complete this planting last November, plans were in place, trees were almost ordered, but because of the Covid problems this was scuppered at the last moment. Now current financial problems afflicting our County Council has meant that it can currently no longer finance its planting of trees.

If there are any people in the village who could help with this planting, or know of ways in which help could be obtained please let me know.

There have been suggestions of possible tree planting around the perimeter of the Community Centre Field- perhaps trees which blossom in Spring- and again I would be grateful to know if this idea would be welcomed and if villagers would be prepared to sponsor or buy a tree much in the same way as the Great Lane avenue of trees was sponsored to support the part financing of the Community Centre Children's Playground.

Finally it is hoped to plant a hedge sited towards the Thistleton Lane/Wood Lane crossroads on the north side of the B668. The landowners have given permission for hedge planting and it is hoped that help can be obtained from The Woodland Trust in order for this to be carried out at minimal or no cost to the parish. All this will need volunteer help but if we can accelerate tree and hedge planting within our parish this will benefit the environment for all of us.

If you can offer any practical help and have ideas for tree/hedge planting within our parish please let me know.

Peter Hitchcox
Tree Warden
HCHitch@aol.com or greethamnews@aol.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Open Gardens 2021.

We are currently planning on holding this year's Open Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 13th June, subject of course to the Covid rules allowing this at that time. We are focusing on the eastern end of the village this year so are looking for gardens anywhere east of and including Great Lane. We hope to have between 10 and 12 gardens open and believe that we should be able to do this in a Covid safe way. No garden is too small. We will also be looking for donations of plants for a plant stall, so please do pot up any spare plants that you have.

Contact Karen (karen@mccombiesmith.co.uk) or Helen (hmacleodsmith@gmail.com) for more information.

We are still looking for gardens to open at the east end of the village; from Great Lane to the east. Contact Karen on 812808 if you would be interested in opening your garden on that day.

The Gatherings are coming back....

With the Government's restrictions planned to be lifted on the 21st June – as things stand right now, we plan to resume the monthly "Greetham Gatherings" on the next third Thursday of the month – i.e. the 15th July 2021. The format will be the same as always, but we should be able to enjoy the changes made to the Community Centre during the past year. If the Government makes any changes that affect us – we'll keep you posted via the village newsletter.

We hope to welcome you all again on the 15th July.

Martin Fairbairn



"SAVE THE DATE"

New date for Greetham Comedy night is now Saturday 25th September. All tickets bought last year are valid.

I am awaiting information on the comedy acts and will update nearer the time. Many thanks for your patience. Looking forward to finally getting the "show on the road"!

(you can always hope!)

Keep safe, Stephen Calnan



Pepper's- A Safe Place is a mental health organisation based in Oakham. We provide 1-2-1 and peer support to adults across Rutland and Melton Mowbray.

Join us during Mental Health Awareness Week (10th-16th May 2021), get involved and help us raise vital funds and awareness of this important local source of support for people with mental health difficulties. Sign up to our virtual, sponsored Miles for Mental Health and help us raise funds by walking, running, cycling, hopping, skipping or jumping!

Get creative and enter our Photography Competition with some amazing prizes on offer.

If you're feeling lucky, enter our raffle for a chance to win some incredible local prizes, such as a bottle of local Gin, a goodie bag from Hambleton Bakery, vouchers for Rutland Cakeaway, gifts from Rutland Wax Melts and so much more. Get your tickets at Oakham Market on Wednesday 12th or Saturday 15th May, (why not treat yourself to some of our delicious cakes on sale as well!)

All the details for our Mental Health Awareness Week activities can be found on our website or social media pages (peppersoakham).

We need you, our community, to help us end the stigma around mental health, spread awareness for the services we provide and raise vital funds so that we can continue supporting those in need.

Our premises provide a safe and welcoming place for anyone to come and chat, share their experiences over a cup of tea, escape potential loneliness and relax, away from daily stresses. We offer regular drop-in sessions for adults twice weekly on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, as well as providing support to parents and babies on Thursday mornings.

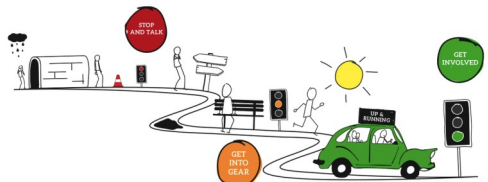
In addition, we have a Friendship support line. Just call our Reception on 07714 503 556 and they will put you in touch with one of our wonderful volunteers for a chat.

If you, or anyone you know, is struggling with their mental health, please speak up and reach out. We are here for you.

<https://peppersrutland.co.uk>

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox
by Thursday May 20th please*

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
email: greethamnews@aol.com
01572 812585*



Neighbourhood Watch Launches Protect Your Car Campaign

Car crime is a real problem in the UK. Alarming, **one car is stolen every ten minutes.** (1) With Covid-19 and the recent lockdowns, many people aren't driving or checking on their cars as much as they used to. At Neighbourhood Watch, we need your help to remind car owners to remain vigilant about where and how they park their cars, in order to keep them safe.

**PROTECT YOUR CAR,
LEAVE IT:**

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LOCK YOUR CAR WHEN YOU LEAVE IT

2. LIT
PARK IN A WELL-LIT AREA

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Updating our outdoor space

Over the Easter break, we have had 'phase 2' of our Trim Trail completed – below are pictures of it ready to be enjoyed by the children when they return on Monday!



Have you ever wondered about how to support your village school?

We currently have a **vacancy for a Breakfast Club Supervisor**, working each morning from 7.30am-9am. If this post would be of interest, do visit our school website 'staff vacancies' page for further details.

We also have vacancies for two foundation (church) governors.

As a governor you have the opportunity to make a difference, not only for the children currently on the school roll, but for children in years to come. The role of the governor is primarily strategic, including responsibility for supporting and modelling its culture, values and ethos. If you would be interested in joining our governing body, please contact the school office (extonoffice@rltschools.com) for further details.

If you would like to find out more about the school, the website is a good place to start – www.extonschool.co.uk. We now have a 'virtual tour' available on the website under 'about us'. We are also happy to chat to prospective parents on the phone on 01572 812380.