

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Judy's new village map at the Community Centre

GREETHAM JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE
(INCORPORATING GREETHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB)

GREAT LANE, GREETHAM, OAKHAM, RUTLAND

Registered Charity No : 513249

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREETHAM JUBILEE**

COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JUNE 2015

AT 7.00 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

As you are aware Andy and Ruth have now resigned as Bar Managers. We are still looking to replace them. If you know of anyone who would be interested please give Mo a ring (813061) or Merv on 812882.

We will still continue to run the bar with paid staff or volunteers. If you would like to train as a bar person please get in touch. Anyone over 18 can apply.

The Acoustic Evening was held on Saturday evening attended by 50 people who all had a great night. We started the evening with a Tapas supper and later were entertained by "The Great North Rogues" - Brian, Wayne and Ruth who played and sang for us which was very enjoyable. A big thank you from us all.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Pamper Evening due to lack of support. This was very disappointing, but we will probably put the event on again at a later date.

Both Petanque and Bowls have now started their summer session and the Centre continues to be hired weekly for Pilates, Badminton, Youth Chaos.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7.00 p.m. Please come along and see if you would like to join the Committee. We meet once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening at the Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along whether you are interested in joining or not. Just pop along. We are always asking for volunteers to do things and if you are not interested in joining the main Committee, perhaps you would like to offer your help.

Thanks must also go to Judy Swinfen for painting a wonderful picture of the Village and to Brian for making the frame and putting it in place.
Greetham Community Centre Committee

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

**WE ARE AT PRESENT LOOKING FOR A
BAR MANAGER FOR THE CENTRE**

**(looking after and maintaining bar/
maintaining stock/managing staff
requirements for various functions)**

5 - 10 HOURS PER WEEK

PAY NEGOTIABLE

APPLICATIONS IN WRITING TOGETHER WITH CVs

to THE SECRETARY (MRS. M HUBBERT)

14 POND LANE, GREETHAM.

OR BY EMAIL ON

tandmhubbert@talktalk.net

CLOSING DATE - 10TH MAY 2015

COMING EVENTS IN MAY

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| Sun | 3rd | Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word
Duck Race
Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 9pm |
| Wed | 6th | Oak House Lunch |
| Thu | 7th | General and local elections 7am - 10pm Community Centre |
| Fri | 8th | 6 Impossible Things |
| Sat | 9th | VE Day bell ringing |
| Sun | 10th | Greetham Church 9.30am Service of the Word (with
breakfast from 9am)
Christian Aid Week starts |
| Mon | 11th | WI |
| Wed | 13th | Parish Council meeting |
| Thu | 14th | Mobile library |

Sun 17th Greetham Church 9.30 am Morning Praise
Last day for newsletter items for June
 Mon 18th Church Fete meeting
 Thur 21st Greetham Gathering
 Sun 24th Greetham Church Sung Eucharist 9.30am
 Greetham Church Service of healing and wholeness 6pm
 Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf 9pm
 Thu 28th Mobile library

The Bells, the bells!



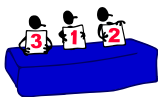
Firstly, Greetham has a visiting team of bell ringers from Leicester coming on the morning of Sat 2nd May, so the bells will have a Spring work out. The following weekend, May 8th – 10th is the 70th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. The Leader of the House of Commons no less, has circulated a letter to all churches asking for bells to be rung in celebration of this. Under the circumstances we felt we should attempt to gather a team and join the celebrations.

If I have not contacted you yet and you are able, and would like to ring, please appear at the Church on Saturday 9th May. We plan to ring at 11am. Unless we suddenly have an influx of experts we will only be ringing call changes, so nothing

too daunting. Anyone who would like to practice before hand, please give me a call (812312). There will be tea and coffee in church to quench your thirst if necessary as Shattered on Saturday is running – I might even make a cake!

Look forward to seeing you. Felicity

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz



At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday May 3rd 9pm and 24th 9pm.

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.

Please note the later starting times this month as both dates are Bank Holiday weekends.

GREETHAM DUCK RACE **Sunday 3rd May 2015 @ 11am**

Start: The Green (next to shop)

Finish: Little Lane

100 ducks @ £1 entry each & raffle squares will be in Greetham Shop prior to the event.

WHEN THEY'RE GONE THEY'RE GONE!!

Viewing points: Great Lane & Little Lane.

There will be heats with a Grand Final.

1st prize - £15 2nd prize - £10

3rd prize - £5 Booby prize!!

Raffle prize donations gratefully received

Guess Sweets in Jar (in The Plough)

Further info from Debbie 07715 539799

All proceeds to:

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www.justgiving.com/Lissie-Simpson

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 6th May- 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50.

Please book in advance. This is essential. Come and be a part of our community! Oak House Residential Home - 01572 812647



Live theatre

Friday May 8th

Avanti and Artizani

6 Impossible Things

Two experienced performers present the show in a relaxed cabaret style. The show features revolving stage, conjuring, acrobatics, live music etc. etc.

7.30 pm, doors open 6.30 pm

£9 adult, £25 family ticket, £4 child

Tickets from Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804

helenmcgarrigle@yahoo.co.uk

WI

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 11th. 7.45pm at The Community Centre. Resolutions

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at **Greetham Community Centre after the AGM which will** commence at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available after the AGM

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday May 14th and 28th . 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



Church Fete Helpers' Meeting on Monday 18 May at 7.30pm at Community Centre

New to the village? The church fete is the highlight of the summer events' calendar. Maybe you'd like to help with some wacky games in the village fete tradition? We'd love to see you at our helpers' meeting for the 2015 fete. We have some exciting stuff planned but need people from the village to make it as big a success as previous years.

Come along to our helpers' meeting at the Community Centre on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.30pm. It's a great opportunity to get involved in village life and meet new people. The fete will be held on 18 July 2015.

Information about the fete can be found on:

Facebook - Greetham in Rutland

www.greethamrutland.com

www.greethamchurch.org.uk

Sylvia Bland and Maureen Hubbert

2015 Gatherings

May sees the return of the very popular "Greetham Gatherings" at the Community Centre. The first 2015 "Gathering" will take place on Thursday May 21st, from about 4:00pm until dusk (Further "Gatherings" will be on the 3rd Thursdays of June to September). Whilst the event is primarily aimed at owners, drivers and enthusiasts of classic and vintage vehicles; everyone is welcome as there is much on offer.

Besides being able to examine the fine vehicles that come along, you can chat to the owners and meet other enthusiasts. As for last year, the bar will be open, teas, coffees, cakes and soft drinks will be available - and from the grill a selection of fast food offerings. So, why not come up and have your evening tea with us?

The purpose of the "Gathering" - apart from what has been mentioned above, is to raise money for our local Air Ambulance, so we have a raffle to help bolster the funds. Last year we were able to give £240 to the Air Ambulance and we are grateful to all who supported us in any way. I hope that we can count on your support again this year.

So, put a note in your diaries - Thursday May 21st from 4:00pm onwards - the first "Gathering" of 2015. Let's make it a good one - and I hope to see you there.

Martin Fairbairn

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May



Envelopes for Christian Aid Week are enclosed with this village newsletter. Once again the Post Office has very kindly agreed to act as the main collection point. Collecting tins will be at places around the village and Greetham church will also

have contribution envelopes which can be left in the wall safe.. I am most grateful and heartened by the village's effort to help those who frankly have nothing. Contributions are of course voluntary but your donations, however small, will help to support those who are forced to live in the most distressing of circumstances. Collectors will **not** be knocking on your door. Should you need more information please let me know. Thank you all very much.

Peter Hitchcox 812585

Service for healing and wholeness

Overburdened, overworked, overtired? Come and find some peace for body, mind and soul at a service for Healing and Wholeness on Sunday 24th May, 6pm, St Mary's Church, Greetham. All welcome – remember you don't have to a church goer to come to church.

REVIEWS

WI Report April 2015

This month's meeting was held in the Community Centre on Monday April 13th. Twenty four members were present. A birthday posies was presented to Alison Brett. Tea hostesses were Alison Gossel and Pam Denning.

Our speaker was Jill Palmer, from Scalthorpe WI. Her title was "Humorous Verse" in a very amusing presentation, Jill read a number of her poems and spoke about her approach to writing poetry. She began writing about seven years ago, and always writes about what she knows, such as housework, her children and things that annoy her. She often works backwards, writing the end of the poem first. Several poems have been inspired by her husband, including "Downhill Racer" (he is a keen cyclist) and The Widow's Lament (he is also a keen Leicester City fan). A recurring theme is road rage, particularly aimed at cyclists ("Is it me or is it them?") She also takes a perverse pleasure in unusual surnames, for example, a girl named Polly Esther who married a Mr Cotton! She recently won the Belvoir WI Group poetry competition with a poem about Bomber Command entitled "Heroes and Lovers". Two poems inspired by herself were "Creative Decorating", about the time she used creosote to decorate a staircase and "Ford Capri"—after coveting this car for a number of weeks, when she eventually plucked up the courage to ask for a test drive, she could not see over the steering wheel.

After refreshments, our President Helen McGarrigle gave a report on Whissendine Craft Fair and Langham Book Fair. Hazel Hinch spoke about the Horseshoe Group Spring Meeting, where the speaker was an astronomer from Leicester University. The Autumn Group Meeting will be held at Cottesmore. Members were asked to help with catering for a proposed Handbell Ringing Convention to be held in Greetham.

Next month's meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Monday May 11th when we will vote for the resolutions to send to this year's annual conference.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes April 8th 2015 (Subject to approval)

Members: Mr P.Hitchcox (Chair); Mr R. Wicks (Vice chair); Mr K.Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts.

Present: Mr K.Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson;

Meeting chaired by Ken Edward

In attendance 0 members of the public.

Notification of comments made by members of the public at previous meetings on the table.

Apologies for absence

Mr P. Hitchcox (Chair); Mr R.Wickes; Mrs J. Roberts

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 11th 2015

Proposed: DH Seconded: RB JC abstained. Carried unanimously

Matters arising.

In light of changes made to Communication the Standing Orders require modification. Action: DH

Further discussion is required regarding communication with the public before meetings and between Parish Councillors. This will be placed on the June agenda. Action: Clerk.

The permissions granted by RCC for the erection of a home on the Travellers Site have been adhered to.

Burial ground, the donated tree offered will be purchased and planted.

GPC delegated power to grant permission to open Great Lane gates to Clerk. This will be included in the AGM.

Wood Lane. Issues regarding mud and dust have been addressed by RCC.

To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on March 5th 2015

Proposed: RB Seconded: JC Carried unanimously:

Matters arising Leander to provide a 'visual' of the proposed noticeboard. Action: PH

NALC and LRALC Membership

This will be placed on the June agenda. Action: Clerk

Finance: RCC £315 Proposed: KE Seconded: RB Carried unanimously.

NALC and LRALC membership - £218.03. Deferred till June.

Amendment of Bank Terms and Conditions. The signatories have provided the details required.

In future yearly expenses will be approved for Electricity, Water, and RCC etc. and these bills will be paid by Standing Order.

Planning: 2015/0194/LBA – Wood burning stove installation: 31, Main Street, Greetham.

Comment to be placed on RCC Planning page: Greetham Parish Council requires detailed plans in order for a response to be given.

2014/1004/MAJ: Solar photovoltaics with associated infrastructure at Woolfox depot, Woolfox Lodge Road, Empingham.

Comments to be placed on RCC planning page: GPC would prefer the location to stay as farming land. As long as the location is screened and does not have a visual impact there is no further objection. GPC requires that at the end of the life of the solar farm the land must be returned to agricultural use. The planning application does not finalise the route of the proposed electricity grid connection. If approved, Greetham Parish Council support Route A (i.e. burying the cables long the A1)

Community Centre Update

A bar manager is required.

Pamper evening cancelled

The Tapas Evening is currently well supported and will take place.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Quotations are being sought for site allocation and the process of applying for a grant is underway.

A Workshop for young families and older people is planned on 20/4/15 5.00 at 6.30 (Community Centre)

Western Power Update

Communication from WP states that work should recommence in mid- April and that WP have applied for traffic lights to complete this work. GPC would like formal, written confirmation of this. Action: PH

Highways Update

Following a meeting between DH, Chair and Neil Tomlinson (RCC Highways) the following information has been shared:

- In line with the RCC Highways Inspection Policy, Great Lane and Little Lane are classified as “Local access roads” and inspected at a frequency of six months. The inspector makes a subjective judgement to categorise any defects and arrange remedial action as appropriate. This would usual be a temporary repair using cold fill material with a limited life. In Great Lane and Little Lane, the main issues are the deterioration of the road surfaces where a) service trenches have been dug and sub - standard repairs made and b) road edge deterioration due to lack of a kerb. Reductions in funding for repair work over recent years have had a significant impact on the road repair programme. In the next financial year RCC will review the way in which roads are maintained and it may be more cost effective to do better repairs to larger areas of the road surface rather than piecemeal temporary repairs to small areas.
- Attention was drawn to three other matters. a) deterioration on the white road markings on speed humps at either end of the village. There has been a fatal accident in recent times at one of these locations b) a “Dangerous Bend” sign which has fallen down on Thistleton Road and c) a broken cover on the path to Cottesmore with a deep hole thereunder.
- In connection with the 20mph speed limit in the village RCC Highways is currently awaiting information from other villages undergoing the same exercise, so that the paperwork for all the locations can be completed at the same time. You believe that subject to due process the 20mph limit will come into force in Greetham at around June/July 2015

Correspondence

Posters received regarding the Information Service will be displayed.

Any Other Business

Quarry application update. JC declared an interest and left the room. RB declared a non-pecuniary interest. The restoration plan is not stated and therefore traffic volume cannot be estimated. GPC are concerned about the volume of traffic and request that figures be based on normal quarry working and not on the use of the site as a proposed waste dump. GPC will also request that traffic approach is via the A1 and not through the village.

Parish Council Forum – report received.

A request will be made to RCC environmental officer to check the wooden buildings situated on the Viking Way in proximity to the chicken sheds. Action: Clerk

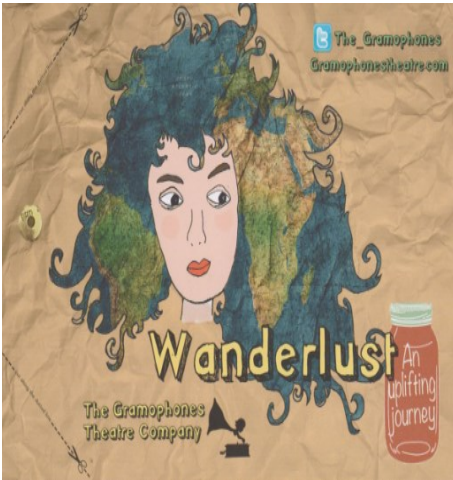
AGM – The Standing Orders will be followed to compile the Agenda.

A Fire Authority Update was given.

A request has been received regarding placing a bench in the area of the bus shelter near The Wheatsheaf. RCC to be contacted. Action: Clerk.

Thanks were offered to JC for the work she has done as a Councillor.

COMING EVENTS



Another Live Theatre event at the Community Centre

Saturday June 12th

The Gramophones Theatre Co
Wanderlust

A touching assortment of remarkable stories collected from people all over Britain. Tales told with a twist, live music and magic.. Age 8+

7.30 pm, doors open 6.30 pm
£9 adult, £25 family ticket, £4 child

<p><i>Tickets from Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804</i> <i>helenmcgarrigle@yahoo.co.uk</i></p>
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GREETHAM OPEN GARDENS

We will have between 10 and 12 gardens for Sunday, 21st June. Final details will be published in the June Newsletter. Details of teas, cakes and plant stall are listed separately in this newsletter. Trevor Hubbert.

Friends of Greetham Church Open Gardens June 21st ***Plant stall and teas***

There will be a plant stall at the Open Gardens event on June 21st 1 - 6pm. If you are dividing up plants / potting up new plants etc -please keep some for the plant stall on June 21st. This will take place at Chris Parkin's house in Church lane so all plant donations to her please by Saturday 20th.

Teas will be served in the church so I am looking for volunteers to help for an hour at a time / make a cake. Please call me on 812852 if you can help or bake or both. Many thanks Helen Macleod-Smith

Christian Aid coffee morning

A coffee morning will be held at The Walnuts, 69 Main Street on Thursday 26th June from 10.30am until noon. Peter and Clare Hitchcox

Greetham Church Fete on Saturday 18 July 2015 from 2-5pm

Keep this date free so that you don't miss one of the regular events in the Greetham calendar.

SAFARI SUPPER 2015



Enjoy entertaining?

Can you cook up a storm in the kitchen?

Perhaps you are new to the village and want to meet new people?

If you have answered "YES" to any of the above, then you should definitely get your name on the list for Safari Supper 2015!

You can choose to be a "HOST" and offer 1 course (out of 3) in your home. Or you might want to "GUEST" and visit 3 houses in the village for all 3 courses!

So, for an evening of - *Fine Dining

*Good Wine

*Great Company

(AS WELL AS RAISING A HEAP OF MONEY FOR A CHARITY)

This year's Safari Supper is to be held on Saturday 03.10.2015 – get it in your diary folks! Details on how to join in the fun and the application forms will be in the June and July Newsletters.

Contact me for more details:

Sherry Bullough (on facebook and twitter!)

sherrybullough@gmail.com

01572 812712

07920195069

Look forward to seeing you all there!

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

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Tickets: £5 in advance from
Greetham Valley
£7 on the door
Raising funds for the Seb Goold Trust
& junior golf

Fathers' Day Lunch

Sunday 21st June
noon to 3pm

2 course carvery £12.50
3 course carvery £15.50
Children's portions and menu
available

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Dad's special day!!



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Spring is sprung, the grass is ris.
I wonders where the birdies is.
They say the birds is on the wing.
Ain't that absurd?
I always thought the wing was on the bird!

Anon

I've always loved this poem, sometimes attributed to
Ogden Nash, but by an unknown author.

As I sit in my office in a quiet school, at the end of a
lovely holiday, with the sun shining outside, I really
appreciate how lucky we are with the beautiful
surroundings that the school is in.

Not only is the poem a great reminder of the wonders
of spring and all that the better weather has to bring
us, but it also shows us how confusing the English
language can be!

The children have benefitted from the purchase of
many new books this academic year, and have
enjoyed some great fiction and non-fiction, largely
due to donations from the local community, for
which, many thanks. We enjoy sharing texts together
and exploring the English language with all of its
quirks and intricacies.

Writing becomes an even greater focus for us this
term, as we help our pupils on their way to being
young authors. We spend time teaching them the
building blocks of spelling, handwriting and grammar,
and then expose them to a wide range of quality
reading to help them develop and explore their own
style of writing.

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Please think of our KS2
children this term as
they complete their
SATs tests.

These tests are way-
markers on our
children's learning
journey and in no way
measure the amazing
progress they have
made socially,
emotionally and
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joined us here as
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