

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Open day : Sunday 21st May from 3pm.

Come and see what's happening in and around the community centre and learn about the future plans from the playground fundraiser group.

Planning an Event?

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at bookgreetham@gmx.com

COMING EVENTS IN MAY

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| Wed | 3rd | Oak House Lunch
Parish Council AGM and Parish Council meeting |
| Sun | 7th | Greetham Church Said Communion 8am
Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship |
| Mon | 8th | WI |
| Thu | 11th | Mobile Library |
| Sun | 14th | Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship (9.00 breakfast). |
| Sat | 20th | Last day for newsletter items for June newsletter |
| Sun | 21st | Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am
Community Centre Open Day
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm |
| Thu | 25th | Mobile library |
| Sat | 27th | Tea and Coffee Morning |
| Sun | 28th | Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion
Duck Race followed by Live Music and Family Fun
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm |

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 3rd May - 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £7.50. *'few spaces available, please book in advance, fabulous 2-course meal for £7.50 per person'.*
'Must ring to reserve on 01572 812647'.



Parish Council AGM and Parish Council meeting

This is on **Wednesday** May 3rd at the Community Centre and is because the Monday is a Bank Holiday! The AGM will start at 7.00 and will be followed by the usual meeting.

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th May. This will be the Resolutions evening when we vote on the proposals to be put before the Annual General Meeting.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday May 11th and 25th. 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

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Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz



At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday May 21st **8pm** and 28th

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**

different starting times this month.

GREETHAM DUCK RACE **Sunday 28th May 2017 @ 11am**

Start: The Green (next to shop)

Finish: Little Lane

Ducks @ £1 entry each & raffle squares @ 50p

will be in Greetham Shop from 1st May 2017

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
welcomed**

Further info from

Janice 07761 225985

All proceeds to:
Diabetes UK
+ Psoriasis
Association

IT WILL BE QUACKERS!

Sunday 28th May

Following the

Annual Greetham Duck Race

Join us in The Plough for

Main Street, Greetham

Live Music **& Family Fun**

4.00pm onwards





Tennis

If anyone is interested in playing social tennis at the Community Centre come along 7pm to 9pm every Tuesday? Also the Cricket nets are up (well they will be hopefully tomorrow night), so anyone wanting to practise their bowling or batting please use the facility.

Perhaps interested parties to come along Thursday's 7pm to 9pm (except when the Gathering is on!)

Thanks Stephen Calnan
Anyone can e-mail stephen.calnan@btinternet.com if you want to discuss further

Pointless

Just a quick note for those interested in the BBC TV quiz show POINTLESS.

Sue Bromwell and Don McGarrigle's performance on the show will be broadcast on 23rd and 24th May on BBC1 at 5.15pm. Sue and Don will be leaving the county on those evenings for fear of embarrassment but will be available for signed autographs after the shows.



Dying matters!

Talking about dying won't make it happen! How can we be there to support someone who is dying? How can we support someone who is bereaved? Is there anything we need to do for ourselves? Please come along for a chat on Saturday 13th May 10am -12pm to St Mary's Church Greetham. All welcome. Diane Creasey

Christian Aid Greetham



Christian Aid Week is 14 - 24th May. I will place Christian Aid envelopes within 'The Herald' so that they reach you all, along with the Greetham Community Newsletter at the beginning of May.

Nicole has once again very kindly offered to act as a collecting point for the village and once again I am most grateful for her support in this. Please bring your envelopes to the Village Shop when convenient. Although the week is the middle of May I tend to be flexible to allow contributions which come a little later to be included in our total contributions. Last year we raised (before gift aid was added) £280.48 which was most generous towards those who have the least.

I will also place some envelopes in church for the benefit of visitors and members of the congregation to contribute, should they wish so to do, and the envelopes can be placed in the offertory box on the pillar in church or dropped off at The Village Shop/Post Office whichever is the more convenient.

Thank you Peter Hitchcox Christian Aid Organiser Greetham.
01572812585 hchitch@aol.com

REVIEWS

Comedy Night

The Comedy Night team are ecstatic to announce that our night of laughter on 25th March raised over £1,300 for our much-needed new playground and much-loved Community Centre.

Thank you to all that helped bring the night together and thank you to all the support we received. A great night was had by all! See you again next year!

WI report April 2017

This month's meeting was held in St Mary's Church because of the ongoing refurbishment of the Community Centre - many thanks to the PCC for ensuring that the church was warm for us! Twenty members attended what was our 45th anniversary meeting - next December will see our 500th monthly meeting. Birthday posies were presented to Alison Brett and Billie Hackett.

Our speaker was the Rev'd Canon Alan Haydock, a retired clergyman who was formerly Rector of East Bridgford and Rural Dean of Bingham. His talk was entitled "It's better than working for a living", and we were expecting a talk of the ups and downs of life as a country parson. Nothing could have been further from this, as the tears of laughter and mascara streaked faces bore witness to the fact that here was a vocation missed - he should have been a stand-up comic! In spite of working full time as a priest in Nottinghamshire, during the past twenty-seven years he has do-

nated over £80,000 to various churches, charities and sporting organisations. A keen sportsman he is a committee member of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and supports both Nottingham football teams. Audiences for speaking engagements have included football referees, scrap metal merchants and several WI's. The basis of his humour is being misunderstood - his daughter was once heard to tell a bishop on the other end of the phone that "Daddy can't come to the phone - he's in the kitchen hitting the bottle!" (In fact he was attempting to coax the dregs of a ketchup bottle on to her beef burger)! A vote of thanks was offered by Chris Parkin Refreshments were served following Canon Haydock's talk, then we proceeded to the business part of the evening. Irene Elsom reported on the Horseshoe Group meeting, attended by eight of our members (sixty-six attended in total). Greetham will be hosting the Autumn Horseshoe group meeting on October 5th. After various items of WI business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Next month's meeting will be Resolutions' Evening, when we vote on the proposals to be put before the Annual General Meeting. The Summer outing to Lincoln will take place in lieu of an evening meeting in June.

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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

The North beat monthly report for March 2017 is as follows: -

Burglary Dwellings	-	Essendine (attempt)
Burglary Other	-	Ryhall, Greetham, Whissendine, Essendine and Exton
Theft from vehicle	-	Whissendine, Thisleton, Ryhall, Exton, Ashwell (Number plates only) and A1 (diesel)
TWOC	-	Essendine (this is where person takes vehicle without owner's consent)
Theft cycle	-	Barnsdale, Whissendine
Criminal Damage	-	Great Casterton, Cottesmore and Langham (all damage to crops) and Ryhall

There has been a noticeable increase in theft of cycles throughout Rutland and I would urge you to spread the word for all bikes to be left locked and secured.

There has also within the last week a report from Preston Church of led theft from the roof and again ask that any residents that see anything suspicious around churches report through to 999 or 101.

We are still targeting Hare Coursers on the north beat and this month conducted 2 days in March where we worked with Lincolnshire police for Cross border patrols. With the crops growing to a height where the hares can be hidden from sight I am looking to close this issue by the end of the month but ask that any sightings be reported through to police.

Neighbourhood Watch

Two bikes stolen from a garage on Main Street in Greetham. It is thought it happened during the night on the 22nd March and it has been reported to the police.

David Hodson
Tel 01572 813902

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
hodson001@gmail.com

GREETHAM'S ADOPT A TREE SCHEME



Would you like to adopt a tree that gives you a unique opportunity to make a difference in Greetham to last for years?

The newly planted trees going up Great Lane have been purchased & planted through a grant which was applied for from Cory Environmental. You can adopt a tree to celebrate any occasion, birth, marriage, anniversary, retirement, special birthday or to remember someone special. The cost per tree will be £20 with all money raised going towards Greetham Village playground fund.

There are a variety of species and each tree can only be adopted once so will remain special to you. All we ask is for you to water it within the

first year.

Your tree adoption will be recorded for posterity & you will receive a tree adoption certificate along with a map showing the location of your adopted tree.

All trees will be numbered with tags on the support stake. Red numbers mean the tree has already been adopted and a green number means the tree is available for adoption.

Please contact Vicky Peers 812893 for further details to adopt your tree and for an up to date availability

Visit

I have arranged a visit to The Barcham Tree Nursery, near Ely, for Tuesday morning June 20th. Mike Glover of Barcham Trees who supplied the

avenue of trees in Great Lane has kindly agreed to show us round. The nursery which is one of the largest in Europe supplies trees for The Queen and The Prince of Wales - and Greetham. It should be a fascinating visit. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.
Peter Hitchcox Tree Warden. 01572 812585

Alan and Margaret Winterton are leaving Greetham!

Alan has lived and worked in Greetham for 57 years and Margaret for the last 36 years. Alan worked for many years at Greetham Garage then at Colin Eason's for around 10-15 years, after that he started his own Gardening business which he built up and did until he was unable to, due to illness. He grew up in Greetham at 40 Great Lane with Fred & Freda and went to Greetham School before going on to Casterton. He and Margaret spent a brief period living in Oakham before moving to 14 Stretton Road in 1981. Margaret has worked at all three pubs in the village, as well as Greetham Valley as a chef. She also worked for Bear, Bear and Bear. She worked at Greetham Garden Centre for many years in the cafe until David Penny sold it. She has since worked at Greetham Village Shop while also building up her wonderful cake business. They have two children Hayley, who was born in 1983 and Matt in 1988. They also have two grandchildren. Their family no longer live in Greetham and now it feels like the right time and opportunity for Margaret and Alan to leave Greetham and move to a bungalow in Uppingham nearer their daughter and family.

Having done so much in this village for the businesses and the people who live here, we at Greetham Village Shop are holding a collection for them. There are cards to sign and a tin for everyone to put into available in the shop now. They are a truly amazing couple and are going to be missed dearly by so many. We would love to give them something fantastic to remember us all by and to thank them from the whole village for everything they have done and given of themselves to this village. So please give generously.

We also intend to make them a memories book so any contributions or photos you would like to send to the shop (via any media) of your memories and stories for, and of Margaret and Alan, they would be gratefully appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes Aprilth 2017

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

Presentation by Vicky Peers regarding Adopt a Tree

In attendance: 3 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence Mrs J. Denyer; Mrs R. Marshall.

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda

KE . Item 17 regarding correspondence about windows at rear of 30, Main Street.

3 Approval of minutes March 6th 2017 and March 20th 2017

March 6th. Proposed: AJ Seconded: SB Carried unanimously
March 20th. Proposed: PH Seconded: RO carried unanimously

4 Matters arising

Ongoing

TPO – Ram Jam trees, the RCC planning officer and the forestry officer have visited and a TPO applied for.

March 6th

Report on silt from quarry. Although one cleaning session has taken place this needs revisiting as the path is still very slippery. Action: Clerk

Correspondence from Colin Ashpole – Parish Group. Identification of Councillor who will be approached to join this group. (Anne Jenkins) Action: letter to be forwarded.

March 20th All agreed comments placed on RCC web page.

5 Finance

For approval:

Village Green cutting invoice: £190 Proposed: DH Seconded: SB Carried unanimously
Lawnmower repair and fuel: £200 Proposed: DH Seconded: SB Carried unanimously
Grave levelling and maintenance. £125. 00 per quarter paid annually in advance. Proposed: PH Seconded: SB Carried unanimously. For review annually.
Purchase of two dog waste dispensers and bags. @ £68.99 plus VAT each. Plus bags @ £37.75 each plus vat. Plus fixing brackets @ £12.49 (x2) plus vat. Proposed: RO Seconded: AJ Carried unanimously
Purchase of dog waste signs x50. £104.70 Proposed: RO Seconded: AJ Carried unanimously

Moss killer - £10 Proposed: DH Seconded: SB

Keys: £12.00 Proposed: DH Seconded: SB

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

Application to RCC for S106 funding following occupation of Larkfleet properties.

Action: Clerk to contact RCC and copy in Ward Member.

7 Parking outside shop

Update. This is still reported as being an issue.

RCC request that the extent of the problem is monitored and they are informed. Action: Clerk

8 AGM and Village Meeting

AGM – Wednesday May 3rd 2017 @7.00 pm.

Village Meeting. Suggested date September 25th 2017 @ 7.00 pm.

9 Consideration of 'Adopt a Tree' Scheme.

Review of suggested sponsorship scheme.

Trees in Great Lane to be sponsored by individuals @£20.

Trees to be 'tagged' with a number which identifies their status.

Sponsor will 'look after' the tree. (water)

Money raised will go towards Playground Scheme.

Proposed: PH Seconded: RO One abstension

10 Focus Groups

Confirmation of Membership of Councillors and members of the public.

Trees, benches and footpaths PH/JD/RM Members of public: None

Traffic PH/RM/AJ Members of public: John Hall, Steve Bertuzzi, Sue Johnson

Tourist Information/ Jacob's Well DH/JD/PH Members of public: David Bland

Energy DH Members of the public: Paul Talbot Jenkins

Small projects and Village Action DH/SB/KE Members of the public: None

Planning JD/DH/AJ Members of the public: None

Burial Committee KE/SB. Administrator Clerk.

Traffic Focus Group feedback regarding liaison with Traffic Action Group and proposals (if any) to put to the Parish Council for wider discussion and input. Also to facilitate presentation of PC views at arranged meeting with RCC on April 13th
(KE to attend)

Report from TFG with the following points agreed by GPC to discuss:

- Condition of pavements.
- HGV weight restriction, especially in Church Lane
- HGV / weight restriction through the village.
- Parking, lack of Police support. Support with enforcement of Highway Code.
- Bypass
- Speed cameras

Proposed that these items are discussed at the forthcoming meeting: PH Seconded: AJ
Carried unanimously.

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

Response from Anglian Water. Decision on action.

Reply requesting a meeting' Action: Clerk. (Include RCC and ward Member in correspondence.)

Surface water drainage is still an issue.

12 Burial ground

Traffic issue of visitors reversing away from the gates is reported. Proposed wording of a sign to be placed at the entrance: When visiting the Burial Ground by car please park within the gates and leave in a forward direction, closing the gates behind you.

Proposed charge for grave levelling (as appropriate). Action: Include in Rules and Regulations that graves should be levelled after one year. A donation may be given but is not necessary.

13 Community Centre Update

The CCC meeting to be held on Wednesday.

Heating grants are being sought – Action PH to support.

14 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Approval of Inspector for Neighbourhood Plan.

Propose nominated Inspector (Mr McGurk) KE Seconded: PH Agreed unanimously. Clerk to respond to RCC

15 Exton and Greetham School Academy conversion.

GPC comments to be compiled and agreed.

Response: GPC regret that RCC no longer support the school. GPC offer their support to Exton and Greetham School in developing their future.

16 Welcome Visit

2 x Larkfleet estate. RM Great Lane – The Granary. KE

17 Correspondence and communication.

Traveller's site advert. No response from RCC. Clerk to follow up.

Request update from Environmental agency regarding bio-mass boiler.

Exton consultation (covered in the agenda)

Hooby Lane quarry – advised that this is over-height. RCC to be contacted seeking clarification of current spoil and an inspection visit. Communication to be copied to in Ward Member

Request for Speedwatch 'week' in the village. PH to communicate with Leicestershire.

Communication from parishioner regarding rear facing windows at 30, Main Street. Action:

Respond to parishioner and forward correspondence to RCC planning department and request an inspection.

Communication from parishioner regarding parking within 32 feet of junctions. Respond – Clerk.

18 Reports from outside bodies. None

19 Items for a future agenda. Burial Ground price increases.

Achieving the impossible? - A Master Class in Action Groups

Greetham has an excellent reputation for community action, but we can learn from other villages, particularly those that have achieved seemingly impossible goals.

Steve Bertussi and I paid a visit to Sharnford in Leicestershire to find out how their traffic action group has persuaded their County Council to install average speed cameras in their village.

Sharnford has very similar traffic problems to Greetham. It has a B road running through the village with a high volume of heavy goods vehicles. It has narrow streets and pavements such that pedestrians are put at risk.

For years, the village has been trying to get speed cameras. Their County Council would not entertain the idea, quoting national policy that there have to be three fatalities at a location before speed cameras will be installed.

So, short of sacrificing three villagers to the cause, how did they achieve their goal?

Firstly they were fortunate in having people with the right skills who were prepared to spend significant time and effort on the cause.

They set out with clear objectives.

They raised money to fund the project.

They collected data and photos to support their cause.

They relentlessly used the media – press, radio and TV – to embarrass officials.

They were ruthless in promoting their cause.

Finally, after ten years, national policy miraculously changed, the County Council found the money and they and five other villages have been promised the cameras this year.

Not just a single fixed camera, but average speed cameras covering the whole village. In future, if you do more than 30mph through Sharnford, you will get a speeding ticket. (Incidentally Rutland County Council have been claiming that the cost of such an installation would be £1,000,000. The true cost is nearer £80,000).

We have a full information pack, kindly prepared by Sharnford on their action group's activities.

Sharnford's next objective is to get a bypass. We have a suspicion that they will get it.

So, for those of us who are concerned about traffic issues in the village, there is a possible way forward.

Next step

Hold a village meeting so that Nick Begy can report back on the work he has been doing regarding traffic with Rutland County Council and plan the way forward.

Steve Bertussi & Dave Hodson

NB 'this is the authors' report and not the opinion of the Greetham Parish Council'

FOR YOUR DIARIES

OPEN GARDENS 2017 June 11th 2017

Please make a note in your diaries for the above event. As usual refreshments are available in Church, there will be a raffle and also a plant stall. This is a great afternoon to walk around the village and peruse the selected gardens.

I could still have a couple of places left if you would like to show your gardens. Please make contact on 813061. Trevor

Chris Parkin (01572 813162) is running the plant stall and will need plants. Helen Macleod - Smith (01572 812852) will need cakes and volunteers to help with teas.

Greetham Church Fete

2pm on Saturday 8 July 2017
Community Centre, Great Lane, Greetham
All the fun of a traditional church fete!

GREETHAM SCARECROW COMPETITION

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

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

More details to follow in the coming months.

Put your thinking caps on !!!!!

For more details please contact Vicky Peers or Ros Marshall



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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.co

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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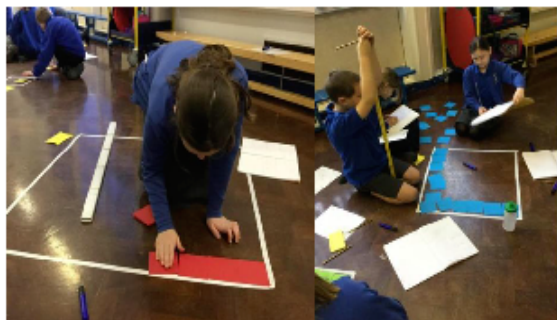
Thinking like a Mathematician

We are working hard to develop the children into mathematicians. Being 'good at maths' is not about being able to recall facts, but being good at seeking solutions, exploring patterns, thinking mathematically, formulating opinions, solving problems, reasoning and explaining. Our maths lessons all aim to develop these skills alongside teaching children methods and facts.

Class 2, can you make a fish exactly 1 metre long out of paper?



Class 3 exploring area and perimeter



Next Community Lunch

**Thursday 18th May
1.30pm**

**Phone the office to book
your place by**

Thursday 11th May

School website:

www.extonschool.co.uk

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arrange a visit.**

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