

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Comedy
Evening*





Greetham Community Centre
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What's On

Regular Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency
Monday	Slimming World WI	5.30pm & 7.30pm 7.30pm	Weekly 2 nd Monday monthly
Tuesday	Petanque League	7.30pm	See fixture list
Wednesday	Community Centre Meeting Parish Council Meeting Outdoor bowls	7.30pm 7.30pm Evening	1 st Wednesday monthly 2 nd Wednesday monthly Weekly
Thursday	Meet 'Em and Greet 'Em Coffee Morning Badminton	10am 7.30pm	Weekly Weekly
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Planning an Event?

Contact us on www.greethamrutland.com/community-centre

Find us on Facebook 

Phone us on 01572 812389 or mobile 07500 079780

Email us at bookgreetham@gmx.com

The Centre is available for hire at the following rates:

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	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	
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

Greetham Community Centre NEEDS YOUR HELP

We currently have the above vacancies.

On 5th June at our AGM the positions of Chair and Treasurer will also become vacant.

If none of the above vacancies, including Chair and Treasurer are filled then the centre is in danger of having to close as there will not be sufficient members to meet the constitutional requirements.

If you are able to give some of your time and wish to become a committee member please in the first instance contact Colin Bullock via e-mail.

colin_e_bullock@btinternet.com

Colin BullockChair – On behalf of Greetham Community Centre Committee

Greetham Community Centre Committee

Chair	Colin Bullock
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Pauline Kelly
Treasurer	Linda Bullock
Bar Licensee	Pat Evans
Committee Member	Maureen Hubbert
Committee Member	Sarah Jane Dryland
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
Committee Member	Vacant
Parish Council Representatives	Filled
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COMING EVENTS IN MAY

Wed 1st Oak House Lunch
Sun 5th Greetham Church 8.00 Holy Communion (said service)
9.30am Morning Worship—informal service
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 9pm
Tue 7th Mobile library
Sun 12th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship
with breakfast from 9am
Mon 13th WI
Thur 16th The Gathering
Sun 19th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Praise

Mon 20th Last day for items for June newsletter

Tues 21st Mobile library
Wed 22nd Parish Council and AGM
Sun 26th Greetham Church 9.30 Holy Communion
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf **9pm**

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 1st 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*



Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday May 5th and May 26th at **9pm**. 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.



Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Tuesday May 7th and 21st. Times are approximate
Oakham Road Lock's Close 12.05—12.25
Main Street Bridge Lane 12.30 - 12.50
For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 72291



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The next Meeting is on 13th May 7.45 at The Community Centre. Resolutions.

It's Gathering time!

It's Spring time and that's when we welcome the reappearance of the lovely flowers and colours in our countryside. The Spring season also brings back the Greetham Gathering for its 6th year this time. The first Gathering of 2019 is on 16th May, and you may be pleased to hear that the format will be just about the same as previous years. This has proven to be successful for us all – so why change it?

In June last year we saw our biggest ever Gathering, and the sheer numbers of vehicles in attendance made us aware of how close we are getting to filling up the field. Whilst we know that with more disciplined parking we can get more vehicles parked, but we don't want to rely upon that as our only option. So, when the offer to extend our parking into part of the adjacent field in Great Lane was given to us, we decided that should take it up – and so we shall now have significant extra parking space should we need it. It would be nice to think we shall need it.

As you probably know, all surplus monies we take at the Gatherings are donated to the local Air Ambulance. We are proud that we have managed to donate increasing sums over the past years. We like to make a bit of a fuss over handing over our donation and this usually results in a photo of us presenting a cheque to Air Ambulance staff. Last time we did this at their base at East Midlands Airport, but we have not (yet) done this for last year's donation because they could not accommodate us on a convenient date and they are also redeveloping their base. However, we have been assured that sometime in April we shall get the opportunity to do the handover at their base, and when we have done it we shall publish the picture. Despite additional costs last year, we are pleased to announce that we are making a donation of £2400.00 to the Air Ambulance from our 2018 Gatherings. This is an increase over the previous year's donation.

Naturally we would like to be able to hand over even more at the end of this gathering year, and we can only do that with the continuation of the wonderful support we have had – both within and outside of the village. We look forward to seeing you at the Gatherings this year and as always, volunteers to help with the event are most welcome. Whether that be marshalling vehicles, set-up, take down, donating cakes or raffle prizes – your assistance would be appreciated.

For more information please see our website at www.greethamgathering.co.uk, and if you wish to contact us you can email us at greethamgathering@mail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there in May.

Martin Fairbairn

Parish Council

The AGM followed by the General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday May 22nd 2019 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting.

REVIEWS

Greetham Comedy Night 23rd March 2019

The fourth Greetham Comedy Night took place on Saturday 23rd March. Despite ticket sales being slightly down on last year, the hall still appeared full and the atmosphere was fantastic. Most tickets were sold at the early bird price of £12 before the end of February.

Four professional comedians travelled from as far afield as Manchester, Brighton and London to entertain Greetham. We are not their typical audience so it was greatly appreciated that the swearing was kept to a minimum! Apart from some issues with the microphone during the first act, the evening went without a hitch.

Andy Saunders Catering provided a range of delicious kebabs & chips to soak up the alcohol and all soon sold out.

The raffle was run by Centurions Steve B and Stef in aid of MS and raised £365.10.

Thank you to Anne and her bar staff who worked tirelessly throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success with special mention going to Francis, Steve B, Stef D, SJ, Jane, Gillian, Pauline & Howard

Profit from the event was £1008.60 which will be shared between the Community Centre and the Church Roof Fund.

Next Year's Comedy Night will be Saturday 22nd March 2020

Thanks for your support, Stephen Calnan, Organiser

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.

Greetham Open Gardens

The gardening season is now getting underway. When tidying up your garden and setting seeds do set aside some plants for the plant stall at the Greetham Open Gardens on 9th June. Fruit, flowers and vegetables are all welcome. Contact Trevor on 813061 or Karen on 812808 for more information.

OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2019

We are still looking for gardens on the west side of Greetham. If you are

interested in opening your garden, please make contact with me on 01572 813061. Thank you, Trevor Hubbert

Christian Aid Week May 12th-18th



Gift envelopes are enclosed with this month's News-letter.

I am most grateful to Nicole at the Post Office for once again offering The Village Shop/ Post Office as our collection point for those wishing to donate. Peter Hitchcox

Greetham Church Fete July 13th

We will need **TOMBOLA** prizes, **RAFFLE** prizes and **PLANTS**. Please start collecting now.

We will also need lots of volunteers on the day, especially new people to the village. We'd love you to join us.

Please contact Helen 812852 or Jackie 868291 for more details.

Greetham Church Fix the Roof update

We are delighted to announce that our initial target has been reached thanks to a couple of grants this month. Fundraising will continue as there are bound to be additional costs when the work starts and when did a building project ever run to budget? Huge thanks to Greetham for all your help in raising this money. We plan to start on the new roof in the autumn and will keep you informed as we go along.

Fix the Roof Numbers Quiz

Copies of this year's Numbers Quiz are available in the shop and from church members. Only £2 to enter and you may win £20. Get your copy to keep you entertained over the coming Bank Holiday weekends! Closing date May 31st.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes April 10th 2019

Greetham Community Centre @7.30 pm

Members : Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair); Mr P. Hitchcox (PH); Mr D. Hodson (DH); Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ); Dr R. Oakes (RO), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)

Ward Councillor: Nick Begy (NB)

Comments: Fence erected at side of Viking Way

Shop and Plough

Quarry dust

1 Apologies for absence. P.Hitchcox; D.Hodson, N.Begy

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

2019/0311/CAT

43, Main Street. Fell 1 Lleylandi. A. Jenkins declared an interest.

3 Approval of minutes from March 13th Proposed: JD Seconded: AJ
Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising

Feedback from meeting with Leicestershire Police and RCC Highways. Responses will be published in the minutes. The Traffic Focus Group will carry this through in 2019/20.

Village Sign – proposed move. Quote for moving awaited.

Blocked drains – RCC have been investigating. Work is planned at the entrance to Oak House and at the junction with Church Lane. The crossroads to the golf club is under further investigation. The drains in Stretton Road are under further investigation.

Ongoing. Path dust near the quarry entrance and the accident site requires repair. Action: Clerk

Ongoing:

Lovell's; update on tree planting. PH continues to monitor as this is not yet completed to plan; there are 26 trees still required.

Bench plaques; done.

5 Membership of outside bodies

LRALC. Membership renewal. Proposed: RO Seconded: JD Carried unanimously

6 Finance

DH report distributed to Councillors in advance.

The finance sheet will be distributed with the agenda monthly.

Appoint Gordan Andrew as internal auditor. Proposed KE Seconded: JD
Carried unanimously

Timetable for financial reporting; AGAR now underway.

For information:

Clerks salary, March: £166.53

HMRC (Clerk's salary – tax, March) £125

Computer invoice : £340 (paid March 2019)

LRALC Annual subscription. £255.45

Overpayment of Came and Company – refunded.

RCC – advice regarding play area grant to be followed

RCC overcharged GCC £90 for VAT – repayment agreed

Council tax for Burial Ground - £0

Income:

Parish precept: £8,000

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

Update:

Update re dangerous roof – 45-47 Main Street. Update and further communication from neighbour.

Visit undertaken by Officer. GCC will update asap. Action: Clerk to respond to neighbour.

Land behind Northbrook – 2018/1333/Ful Refused

- 1 The site is outside the Planned Limit to Greetham where the development plan seeks to restrict development to that which is essential to be located in the open countryside. No such evidence of need for this level of development has been put forward. No evidence of need for affordable housing to meet a local need has been put forward. The proposal is thereby contrary to policy CS4 of the Core Strategy (2011), policy SP6 of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD (2014) and Policy HD1 of the Greetham Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2 The proximity of the proposed dwellings to the northern boundary of the site, with small north facing gardens where the land drops away to the boundary, would lead to a lack of natural light, useable garden area and pressure to remove the hedges and trees along that boundary, leading to a loss of wider amenity, contrary to Policy SP15.
- 3 The access to the site runs alongside a row of trees that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. No analysis of the impact on the trees and their roots has been undertaken. The driveway, including the passing places, is likely to have a severely detrimental impact on the trees and their roots, leading to their demise and ultimate removal. There is no overriding need for the development so the damage to or ultimate loss of the trees is not justified and would be detrimental to the amenities of the immediate area, contrary to Policy SP15 of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD (2014).
- 4 The proposal involves the provision of a new access road which is located too close to the other two accesses on to the B668. The junctions would be in conflict with each other as they are too close. This will be detrimental to highway safety and will cause confusion to drivers when using one of the 3 accesses. Additionally drivers pulling out of the proposed access will block the visibility splay of drivers exiting the site from the two existing accesses to the detriment of highway safety and contrary to Policy SP15 i) and m) of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD (2014).

2019/0311/CAT

43, Main Street. Fell 1 Lleylandi. A. Jenkins declared an interest and left the room.

RK to submit report to Clerk for submission to RCC.

2019/0149/FUL

Land adjacent to 29, Stretton Road. Refused.

- 1 The Local Planning Authority can demonstrate a five year housing supply, plus 5% buffer as required by the NPPF (2019), so there is no overriding need to allow development in this location. The settlement hierarchy in Rutland has been adopted to ensure that new development is located in a sustainable way, where local services will be available and the need to travel is reduced. The application site is located outside the Planned Limits of Development for Greetham. Existing policy allows for the conversion and re-use of appropriately and suitably constructed rural buildings for residential use in the countryside and does not apply to new build unless it is to meet affordable housing needs in accordance with the Council's Core Strategy affordable housing Policy CS11. Residential development is only acceptable in the countryside to meet an essential operational need a dwelling to be located in the countryside or to meet an identified affordable housing need as set out in the Core Strategy Policy CS11. There is no indication that the proposal is intended to meet the requirements for housing in the countryside. As such the development would be contrary to Policies CS3 (The settlement hierarchy), Policy CS4 (The location of development), of the Adopted Core Strategy and Policies SP6 (Housing in the Countryside), SP23 (Landscape character in the countryside), of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document 2014 and paragraphs 79, of the NPPF (2019).
- 2 Notwithstanding the statements made by the applicant's agent, the proposal is not utilising the existing field access but creating a new vehicle access and no visibility splays are proposed. The access is within a 30mph limit, therefore the visibility splays should be 2.4m back from the highway boundary a distance of 43m in both directions. The new access is close to the village entrance and RCC Highways have confirmed that they would not allow any reduction in the visibility splays at this location.

8 Road conditions

Road closure planned to repair road outside Old Post Office. Dates for proposed work awaited

9 Focus groups and committees

Litter pick report. Thank you to the 14 who turned up. A successful pick. October pick planned

The slip road off the A1 by the Greetham Inn is badly littered and will be reported to RCC. Action: Clerk

Jacobs Well; drawings for renovation are done. The new Council will take this forward. Letters of thanks will be sent to those involved. Action: Clerk

Bus Group Users Meeting. Attended by PH -

Community Speed Watch; this is agreed for August in the 30 mph limit.

TRASP will seek volunteers. PH to confirm dates.

10 Local Plan

A presentation is planned in Oakham on Friday by the company planning to develop Woolfox. All attendees attend as individuals (not representing GPC).

11 Community Centre

Volunteers are required for the Committee. 3 already acquired (including a prospective Treasurer)

Bar update started and pumps fitted to Main Hall bar.

12 Welcome Pack None reported

13 Correspondence and Communication

Rural Strategy. Response distributed in advance.

Community Safety Consultation.

Bus Users Group Report (Distributed in advance of the meeting).

Letter from parishioner expressing concern about dust from quarry. Action:

Write to both the quarry and RCC. Respond to parishioner. Action: Clerk

14 Reports from outside bodies

None

Website and dropbox are both in the process of reconfiguration.

15 Items for a future agenda and election update.

Nominate additional councillors to update dropbox and website.

No election; – only 7 nominees for Parish Council.

Ward member also uncontested.

16 Date of next meeting and AGM May 22nd 2019 7.00 pm -

FOR YOUR DIARIES

GREETHAM OPEN GARDENS 2019

Here we go again! We are planning to have Greetham Open Gardens on Sunday, 9th June 2019 – 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

As usual we will have a plant stall, so if anyone would like to supply plants on the day, it would be much appreciated.

Anyone interested in opening their gardens please make contact on 01572 813061. Trevor Hubbert.

Save the date!

The Greetham Church Fete will take place on Saturday, 13th July starting at noon. Please put it in your diaries now and come along to support us!

Active Rutland Walking & Cycling Festival 2019

Saturday 18th May – Friday 31st May

Two weeks of countryside walks, bike rides and
Keiser spin sessions to suit all levels of fitness.

Walks near Greetham – All walks are FREE:

Sunday 26th May 10.00am– Greetham Valley
G.C. – 9.5 miles

Sunday 26th May 2.00pm – White Horse, Emp-
ingham – 5 miles

Monday 27th May 6.00pm – White Horse, Emp-
ingham – 3.5miles

Tuesday 28th May 2.00pm – Black Bull, Market
Overton – 4 miles

Friday 31st May 2.00pm – Greetham Valley G.C.
– 4.5miles

For information on all activities see

www.activerutland.org.uk/walkingandcycling



THE ROSES OF EYAM

by
don taylor

Stamford Arts Centre, Tuesday 4th - Saturday 8th JUNE AT
7.45PM and outdoors at Brown's Hospital, Stamford at 2pm on
Sunday 23rd June

A cast of 40 actors and musicians tell this remarkable true story of a 17th Century Derbyshire village stricken with plague through the arrival of an infected box of clothing from London. The villagers make a heroic decision, persuaded by the present and former Rectors, to prevent its spread by remaining within the village at the certain risk of their own lives.

TICKETS from the Box Office, Stamford Arts Centre,
01780480846 and www.stamfordartscentre.com

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Mon May 20th please

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

The Wider Curriculum....

We are always busy at school, and our older children have been particularly busy since Christmas – here are just a few of the things they have been up to!

- Developing their swimming skills – and many more are now confident in the water.
- Developing their musical skills – we have all been learning brass instruments.
- Exploring Christianity as part of our RE Curriculum, alongside the rest of the school - we explored Christianity through art, discussion and music.
- Developing our dance moves – all of year 4,5 and 6 took part in the Spotlight dance showcase this year in Stamford.



And of course – we have continued to develop our learning in reading, writing and maths as well!

We pack a lot into a week, and the children enjoy a wide variety of activities and learning. Do keep an eye on the News section of the website to see what we have been doing.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.