GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NEW YEAR 2021

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR greetings from Peter and Clare Hitchcox and family Pamela and Barry Bell! David and Elaine Tidd and family Alex and Barbara Watt Chris Cassady and family Simon, Chris and Gemma Rigby David and Sheila Bland Pat Evans and family Allan and Carol Freeman Díane and John Creasey Madhu and Shekhar Srivastava Helen and Don McGarrigle Sally and Grahame Cluley Anne Humble Ruth and Paul Hinch and family Hazel and Frank Hinch Sylvia and Paul Bland and family Jackie and Simon Gauntley Jessie Evison Maureen and Trevor Hubbert Carol, and Martin Fairbairn Lorraine and Steve Pearce Chris Parkin Pam and Dave Colin

A donation has been made to 'Hope against Cancer' in lieu of sending cards around the village. - including around at least £455 donated at the Christmas Bazaar

Pam and Dave Coling
Mary Merry and Johnny
Jayne and Dave Isaace
Robert and Helen Macleod-Smith
George and Sheila Ruff
Alison and Dick Brett and family
Darren and Claire Hutchins
Rita and David Knapp
Janet and Gilbert Thomas
Brian and Elli Barker
Sue and Bill Hughes
Karen Mellar
Cathy and John Dyson

Heather and Kevin Vann and family

Ande and Peter Steph, Harro and family Stephen, Gillian and family Greetham Village Shop Nicole, James and Wanda Brown Píbba, Steve and Toby Pam and Bill (Pammie and Gramps) Anne Basden (Bertie and Betty) Rob and Karen Seer Francis and Ros Marshall "To all our friends and neighbours we wish you a merry Christmas and every Blessing for the New Year. Merv and Sue Bamber." In lieu of not sending individual cards we will be donating to a charity which supports Burundi one of the poorest countries in the world.



Refund Scams

You may receive an email or text pretending to be from the Council or a well-known store promising a credit or tax refund and a link to click to claim the money back.

They'll ask for bank details. DON'T





St Mary's Church, Greetham

<u>Sunday December 20th</u> Drive- In Carols Greetham Community Centre 3pm

<u>Tuesday December 22nd</u> Blue Christmas - 6.00pm - see Greetham Christmas leaflet.

<u>Thursday December 24th</u> Midnight Holy Communion - 11.30pm

There will not be any service on Sunday 27th December either in church or online.

You are requested to let us know if you intend to come to any service in church by emailing cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com in order to





2 Look-a-like website

This year, more than any, we are buying presents online. Criminals have set up fake websites that look identical to steal personal details and money. Secure website addresses start with 'HTTPS' and display a padlock.



New Year's Day Walk

From the Wheatsheaf to the Plough (via Fort Henry).

It's is very unlikely that we will be able to assemble as a group and take part in our traditional New Year's Day Walk.

However, that's no excuse for not walking in family groups. So anytime between 10.00 - 11.00am set off in a small group and stay in your bubble.

Everyone welcome, Adults, Kids, Teenagers and Dogs on a Lead.

Stay safe and follow the government guidelines in force on the day.

Greetham Village Shop

Our Opening times over Christmas and the New Year: (Subject to change)

Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd = Shop: 6am to 5pm - PO= 9-12.30

Thursday 24th Dec (Xmas Eve) = Shop: 6am - 1pm - PO= 9-12.30 Friday 25th (Xmas Day) = Closed

Saturday 26th (Boxing Day) = Shop: 7am to 11am. PO= Closed Sunday 27th = Shop: 7am to 12pm. PO= Closed

Monday 28th (Bank Holiday) = Shop: 7am to 12pm. PO= Closed Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st = Shop: 7am to 1pm - PO= 9-12.30

Friday 1st January 2021 = Closed

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd = Shop: 7am to 12pm. PO= Closed Monday 4th January 2021 we are back to normal opening and hope that 2021 is a better year for ALL!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you our customers for supporting us for over 11.5 years. Without you our customers and supporters there would be no shop. These are trying times for all of us but especially for ALL key workers that are keeping this country going so THANK YOU from us for your support.

Our opening times are: Post Office: Monday to Friday- 9am to 12.30pm. Shop: Monday to Friday- 6am to 5pm. Saturday- 6am to 12pm. Sunday-7am to 12pm

We have been doing lots this year to support others and will continue to do

We are a local collection point for Rutland food bank. £126.88 was raised in our poppy collection tin & we now also have a permanent collection tin alongside the 3 other charity tins we have: Hope against Cancer; Archie's Angels & Air Ambulance.

Our biggest & most filled collection tin this year & we hope will continue next year is £1,400 we have raised for the Batten Disease Family Association Charity, by selling homemade masks. They cost £5.00 & 100% of the money goes to this amazing charity. We thank everyone who has brought one so far.



Greetham Community Centre Fun-Family-Friends

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 review 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 skatepark 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





Foyer with new ceiling hiding all the old pipework

New Extraction System in Kitchen

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 renew any items.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOE BOX APPEAL

I am very pleased to advise that I have received 31 boxes, many extra hats and cash donations. These will be on their way soon to, hopefully, bring joy and show love to disadvantaged children. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed, at a very difficult time for us here. May God bless you all.

Patricia Hagger

Greetham Christmas Bazaar

We were blessed with a beautiful winter morning for the Christmas Bazaar on Dec 6th in aid of Hope against Cancer and Greetham Church. There was a spectacular array of craft items, numerous candles, cards, gifts and Christmas decorations and a table full of cakes and mince pies as well as a raffle and free hot chocolate.

Everyone enjoyed the normality of the day and being able to meet up with friends outside after the restrictions of this year.

We made nearly £1100 on the stalls to be divided between the two charities and Sally has also received a further £455.00 from the Christmas Wishes and personal donations therefore Hope will receive £1005.00 which is brilliant

It would not have been possible without Greetham's remarkable 'craft people' and our amazing team of helpers – thank you to all of them and to everyone who came and made it such a successful day.

Sally Cluley, Helen Macleod-Smith and Jackie Gauntley

3 Phishing Emails

Criminals send emails that look genuine to make you click on a link to a fake site or open an attachment that infects your machine with a virus. They will make you panic and rush your decision. THINK before clicking.

4 Phone Scams

Criminals ring you to discuss a topic then ask you to press a number on your phone keypad to "opt out" of a survey for example. It will generate extreme charges which the criminals will profit from. DON'T

PARISH COUNCIL

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 11th November 2020 @ 7.30pm held remotely on Zoom Members Present: Mr. K Edward (KE) (Chair), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Hodson (DH),

Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs S Begy (SB), Mr Peter Hitchcox (HC), Cllr. Nick Begy (NB), Mrs J Isaac (Clerk)

2 Members of the public attended

119/20 Apologies for absence None received

120/20 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda None received

121/20 Questions/Comments from members of the public

A resident raised the issue of large amounts of artificial flowers and other items in the flowerbed at the burial ground, despite the notice on the gate. It was agreed that the Burial Ground Committee would discuss this.

It was suggested that the income received from the burial ground may be used to fund new wrought iron gates on entry to the burial ground. Costings to be provided at next meeting.

122/20 Approval of minutes

The Minutes for 14th October were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections. Proposed by DH, seconded by AJ

123/20 Matters arising

Village rota for cutting grass on village green:

This has previously been carried out by a contractor who is no longer renewing their contract. Agreed to put on the agenda for January meeting, to get a list of volunteers together for February/March

124/20 COVID Lockdown

The Chair reported on the update from RCC as at last Thursday. The stats at that time were 70 cases per 100,000 people, which is going in the right direction, but all must remain vigilant. The numbers have dropped significantly. RCC are currently preparing for the vaccine when it arrives.

125.20 Finance

125.1 Monthly budget report, and bank statement

The content of the financial report submitted in Appendix A was noted. The Chair went through the income and expenditure received to date. All is running in line with the proposed budget.

125.2 The Chair approved the October and November finances and confirmed the bank reconciliation has been checked and agreed.

5 Gift Card Scams

Received an email from a friend asking to buy gift cards for them?
Criminals clone and pretend to be people you know to get you to do this. They are after the code on the card to spend the money.
DON'T

125.3 Budget preliminary discussion

Focus groups were asked to put in their suggestions and costings for next year's budget with the Clerk by the second week in December. These will be discussed and approved at January's meeting to set a precept figure.

125.4 Invoices for Payment

Clerk's salary – November £312.50, December £312.50 Cost for extra pages in Newsletter re co-option -- £11.60 (to be paid to CC)

Payment of the expenditure as detailed above was proposed by PH, seconded by JD

125.5 Income Received

CIL Parish Payment - £1105.15 (in on 27/10/20)

The Chair explained that the income received is 25% of a CIL payment. To clarify, this is paid out on housing developments, large retail units and storage and distribution

units (as in this case).

Burial half plot - £325.00 (in on 16/10/20)

VAT return repayment £5,598.27 (in on 2/11/20)

125.6 Approval of orders to be placed

Litter picking equipment – all from Amazon

10 Amatt Grabbers (litter pickers) @£10.99 each 10 Bag holder rings @7.99 = 77.90

10 Blackrock Men's high visibility (L) waistcoats

@ £2.60 (10% discount for four or more) 26.00 Total **£212.80**

Proposed by AJ, seconded by JD

Payment of Community Centre Heating Re- configuration and safety checks £2,443.03 +£488.59 VAT= Tot £2931.62 (could be up to 10% extras) GPC can claim the VAT back.

The Chair proposed that this be paid by using the VAT claimed back on the tennis courts refurbishment grant. This would be a great help to the Community Centre.

Proposed by KE, seconded by DH

Approval of purchase of more dog poo bags approx. £250

Purchase Ordinance Survey Map for re drawing the Burial Ground Map

Approx £30.

Christmas gratuities - £50

Payment of the above proposed by JD, seconded by SB.

Repair of damaged bench removed from Great Lane – approx. £100.

Proposed by KE. seconded by PH.

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

Proposal: Regulation 25 Further information submission - North Western extension to Greetham Quarry including the extraction of Limestone and building stone and importation of suitable inert material.

Application 2020/0971/MIN and and Application 2020/0972/MIN – Restoration extension. DH gave the following update:

Comments on S73's regarding the existing quarry restoration, as agreed at the last meeting were sent off and we have heard nothing further on this.

The RCC Legal department (Phil Horsfield) have been asked various questions relating to the restoration. A response is awaited.

KE has been making strenuous efforts to arrange a meeting with Mark Andrews, CEO RCC ask the simple question – Why has RCC allowed the quarry not to be restored? KE reported that the meeting will happen in the near future.

The main focus of the Residents' Team activity has been to comment on the information supplied by Mick George to the Reg 25 request for further information.

These are very technical documents and at first they sight seem to fulfil the request. However,

6 Brexit Scams

Criminals may contact victims to suggest making "No lose" investment to help capitalise on Brexit. They also pose as HM Revenue & Customs to get payments off businesses to register for trading. DON'T

our Residents' team does have a technical expert – David Baker, and together with RCC Senior Environmental Officer, we have established that the reports do not set our mind at rest that issues concerning the health and safety of residents have been properly addressed.

It is proposed that the Parish council response should be in three parts. A layman's introduction as to why we do not believe adequate information has been presented, a thorough technical assessment of the report issues and an updated list of all the issues which we believe have not yet been satisfactorily answered. We are getting frustrated at the lack of information coming from the planners in response to the issues we have raised. We believe it is entirely appropriate for them to advise us at this stage as to which issues they believe have been satisfac-

torily answered and which have not. We propose to raise this matter with Mark Andrews / Gordon Brown.

It was agreed to write to Mark Andrews to raise our concern regarding the lack of information and responses from the planners.

The intention of the Layman's part is to spell out as clearly as possible to the Planners why they should not approve the Planning Application with the information so far presented

DH went through this document in detail.

Proposed by KE to accept the comments presented by DH and send comments on the Reg 25 supplementary as above – unanimous agreement.

127/20 Planning – to consider the following:

127.1 Application 2020/1204/CAT

Proposal: (T1) 1 no. Walnut tree - Crown lift up to 4.5 metres and cut back low branches fowling on roofs of buildings by 2.5 metres, to maintain suitable size for its location. (T2) 1 no. Cherry tree - Fell, as tree has outgrown its location and is fowling on neighbouring trees – 85 Main Street, Greetham

PH has made a visit to look at the trees and has talked to the owner.

Discussed and approved – no objections.

127.2 Ram Jam Planning Application

GPC have already commented on the plans for the Ram Jam site. However, there is an opportunity for GPC to make a public representation via Zoom to object. DH proposed that he makes the representation and uses this as a trial to do the same on the quarry extension planning application.

There was unanimous agreement.

128/20 Agenda Items

128.1 Proposal for new Co-option Process for approval

The Chair outlined the suggested process (circulated in advance of the meeting, together with the application form).

A request was made for existing parish councillors to put forward possible applicants.

Proposed by JD, seconded by DH

128.2 Rutland Health Care and Social Services

Approval of a letter drafted by AJ to Alicia Kearns our MP (circulated in advance of the meeting).

The letter was approved.

129/20 Focus Groups

129.1 Fix my Street and Highways (Appendix 2) – JD

JD gave an update.

The issue of moving the chicane priority sign from the village green on to the chicane kerb outside the village shop has been raised by PH in a meeting with MP Alicia Kearns.

The bollard outside Oak House has been replaced.

The damaged bench following the grass verge cutting in Great Lane, has been removed and needs to be repaired. The cost to repair will be up to £100. See item 125.6 – orders approved.

NB has today provided an update from Highways on the issues outstanding.

129.2 Local Plan - DH

Nothing to report

129.3 Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting and Road Safety in Greetham -

PH gave an update from a Focus Group meeting held to discuss the proposal received from a resident on the moving the chicane to Jacobs Well. It was felt that this

would be of no advantage. Following the lockdown, PH is hoping to arrange another walk through the village with members of RCC, where this and other suggestions from villagers can be discussed.

129.4 Trees/Benches/Clean up - SB/PH/AJ

Update from PH on trees

Thanks were given to all those that had helped with the planting of the holly bushes at the burial ground.

Update from PH on village clean

It is planned for 10 volunteers to carry out the village clean in 10 different areas of the village – between Wednesday and Sunday. PH will get in touch with Ben Thompson at RCC to arrange collection of the rubbish from the Community Centre.

Jacobs Well and Signage - DH

Signage - update on Tourist Boards

Update on Heritage refurbishment project – new drinking water supply at Jacobs Well An application has been made to Severn Trent for the water supply at Jacobs Well. An acknowledgment from Severn Trent has today been received.

129.6 Burial Ground - KE

KE outlined the proposal for agreement of a new plan of the burial ground to include $\frac{1}{2}$ plots for interment of ashes

The plan shows $32 \frac{1}{2}$ plots each measuring 1m 40 x 1m 70. A new path would be added to separate the area from the full graves. This is clearly a need for GPC to meet.

There was strong concern raised by one member regarding the future maintenance and sustainability policy due to more housing in future year potentially creating more demand for plots. A detailed discussion followed and suggestions were put forward for consideration at a later date:

A garden of remembrance

Income from sale of plots to fund maintenance

More land to be consecrated by the Bishop

Markers to reference graves

A member of the village has kindly offered to draw up a total plan of the burial ground.

A vote was carried out to accept the proposal

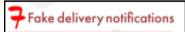
Proposed by PH. seconded by JD

4 members voted in favour; 1 member voted against. 1 abstained

Revision of Burial Ground Documents – Rules and Regulations to be approved (circulated in advance of the meeting)

It was agreed that any revisions should be submitted to the Clerk by the end of Thursday.

130/20 Community Centre



Over December you'll have packages being delivered on a daily bases. Criminals are cashing in on this and sending chance phishing emails disguised as well-known couriers hoping to get you to log in and share your details. If you are ever in doubt ignore the email and login/get in contact via the companies official secure website.

KE gave an update.

The completed tennis courts are felt to be a great asset to the village.

The committee room is now completed and has new chairs.

The hallway is refurbished.

Refurbishment of the kitchen is in progress.



Received a letter from the Council identifying you as a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19? The council will provide advice about self-isolation and how to book a Covid-19 test. We WON'T ask for personal details.

131/20 Correspondence and Communication

131.1 Parish Forum new format (circulated in advance of the meeting).

The meetings will be held monthly by zoom with a set agenda which parishes can feed into. One person to attend to represent each parish council. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th November.

A rota was suggested based on matching the subject of the agenda with the most appropriate Councillor.

The focus of the first meeting is based on hospitals. It was agreed that AJ would attend.

Suggestion received from a resident on a plan for the movement of the chicane.

Referred to in Ref 129.3

131.3 Email received from Friends of Rutland wanting to advise on how to respond to the Local Plan

GPC have already responded to the Local Plan – the review is now closed.

131.4 Concerns over aggregate spillage – response from RCC

JD reported on an uncovered tractor with trailer which should be sheeted. Concern has been raised by residents.

A photo has been sent to Highways.

The response received from RCC Planning has been unhelpful.

JD to get back to RCC with further questions.

Email from RS Radio regarding sponsoring a new radio station

NB suggested that this put on hold at present before GPC assess whether they offer support. RCC are looking into this.

Request from Great Lane resident for disabled parking bays to be re painted as the markings have faded away.

It was suggested that GPC request RCC to re-paint the disabled parking bays.

131.7 Rutland North Beat Report for November

There has been one theft from a vehicle in Greetham. Laurie Appleton hopes to be attending future meetings to present his report.

131.8 GPC have been approached by the Church to put a collage of advent windows on the village noticeboard – to go up on Christmas Eve.

It is also suggested that an advent scene goes on the village green instead of a Christmas Tree.

9 Fake Charities

Watch out for criminals using a legitimate charity names to appeal for a donation. Ask to see their official charity ID which they are required to carry. Trust your instinct.

There were no objections, all agreed.

SB to be the parish council representative to approve what goes onto the village green, to ensure it is acceptable and safe.

132/20 Reports from outside bodies None 133/20 Items for future agenda

Set Precept and Budget

New Projects

Insurance Renewal

Costings for wrought iron gates to Burial Ground.

134/20 Next Meeting

Next full Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 13th January 2021 by Zoom .

Greetham Parish Council Update.

Greetham Parish Council meetings are all being held on ZOOM and members of the public are most welcome to attend and find out what the council is dealing with on a day to day basis. The main monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. (There may not be a meeting in December) To join the meetings online, just click the link on the agenda. The agenda can be found on the greethamrutland.com website under the tab, "Parish Council". The meeting's ID and passcode is also posted on the village noticeboard.

We look forward to seeing you!

Ken Edward Chair

Tree Warden Update

We have some good news: members and friends of the parish council helped to plant a holly hedge on the western boundary of the burial ground. In years to come this should attract a variety of wild life and be an attractive, long-lived, environmentally friendly addition to our village.

Plans had been made with the Rutland County Council Forestry Officer, the Tree Warden and a generous donor to plant nearly eighty trees between Greetham and Cottesmore which would enhance the footpath/cycle path and main road between our two villages. This had had to be postponed until next Autumn because of the current situation with Covid. Plans have been drawn up also, to continue planting from the A1 roundabout into Greetham when funds permit. If any one has ideas on how this might be realised please let me know.

Peter Hitchcox Tree warden HCHitch@aol.com

Litter Picking

The Parish Council are asking for volunteers to litter pick around the parish. We are very fortunate in having many anonymous villagers who quietly pick up litter and help keep the village really very tidy indeed. If you, however,

10 E-card Scams
Watch for those e-cards

Watch for those e-cards you receive online. It could be infected with a virus that could shut down your device and you could be held to ransom to restore files. Get an Anti-virusinstalled that will alert you!

would like to help I have litter picking equipment for parish use. Please let me know if you would like to be added to our list of volunteers. Contact me either through greethamnews@aol.com or HCHitch@aol.com

Peter Hitchcox Greetham Parish Council

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.

Apologies to Jessie for an error in the last newsletter and thanks to her for sponsoring the last newsletter

Jessie Evison would like to thank her friends and neighbours for the help and support she has received during her stay in hospital. Also to Oak House who looked after and fed her so well.

Thanks to Ann Jenkins for sponsoring this newsletter

Ann, Paul and Paul wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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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.com

11 Fake Romance

Looking for festive love online? Criminals are too... The relationship develops over time and the individual is convinced to make payments to the criminal - DON'T. They're also after your identity. Guard your privacy.



Fake Paypal Emails Alert

There have been 21,349
Action Fraud reports featuring fake PayPal phishing emails recorded between January to September 2020, with a total reported loss of £7,891,077



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12 Shopping Scams

Love top brands with low prices? Well stay vigilant for counterfeit goods.
These range from poorly made clothes to dangerous electronics which fail to comply with safety laws. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.





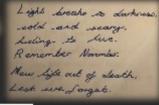
Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

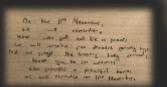
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Remembrance

This year our Acts of Remembrance took place in school on 11th November due to the lockdown. The children spent time talking about Remembrance Day and why it is so important.







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 should you have any specific queries.