

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013



*The Bishop of Brixworth's
'Bus-storming' visit to Greetham.
'All aboard please'*

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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After our hectic September at the Community Centre life has settled down somewhat. The Bowls' Club have started their Winter season indoors on Monday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Zumba takes place on Wednesday evening and two Pilates classes are on Thursday morning. The Guides are meeting on a Monday evening as usual and the WI still have their monthly meetings in the Committee Room. On Saturday afternoons Youth Chaos meet and we also have the Football Club on some Saturdays. The Parish Council meetings will now be held at the Centre for the winter months.

Parties are still being held in the Centre and we are receiving some good reports about the facilities offered, particularly with the main hall, which is very encouraging.

One disappointment is that we have had to postpone the Friday social evening for the time being. With the Stamford pantomime rehearsals being held on the same evening, numbers have dropped and it wasn't really feasible to open the Centre and put on the heating. Perhaps we can resurrect this after Christmas.

Unfortunately we are not going to hold a New Year Eve's party this year. The premises are available for anyone to book these and if you wish to do so, please contact the Bookings Secretary.

We are, however, going to hold another Children's Christmas Party on the 21st December from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. This is free to all children and grandchildren under the age of 12. We are happy if any older children would like to come and be Santa's helpers and generally help us with the party. There is no admission charge. All we need is a small parcel (with the child's name on it) to the value of around £3.00 to put into Santa's sack. Do come along. We had a great time last year. Please contact either Judy Chapman (813155) or Maureen Hubbert (813061) if you want your children to come.

We are, again, looking for a cleaner for the Centre. This is for three

hours per week. See advert for further details.

We are happy to announce that we now have filled the position of Bar Manager. This is being undertaken by Ruth and Andy on a shared basis. We wish them every success.

Greetham Community Centre Committee.

New Sporting Activities at Your Community Centre

Pilates Classes Thursday Mornings 9.30 -10.30 or 10.30 -11.30 am
Zumba Classes Wednesday Evenings 7.00 - 8.00pm

Netball Academy for the youngsters, Premier Sport are bringing a Netball Academy to Greetham after half term.

Wednesdays from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. Boys and Girls aged 5 - 14 years. Cost per session £3.00 Look out for the posters.

Carol Fairbairn

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Please leave a message of your requirements including your name and telephone number on the answering machine. Please speak clearly and repeat your telephone number. Your call will be returned asap

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE CLEANER

Applications are invited for the position of Cleaner at the Centre.

This is for 3 hours per week

Further details available from Maureen Hubbert

14 Pond Lane, Greetham. Tel 813061

Please apply in writing by 7th November 2013

COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd	Litter Pick
Sun 3rd	Modern Worship & Bible Study Greetham Church 6pm
Wed 6th	Oak House Lunch
	Engineering Society
Sat 9th	Autumn Church clean
Sun 10th	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Mon 11th	WI
Wed 13th	Parish Council meeting
Thu 14th	Mobile library
Sun 17th	Evening Prayer 6pm Greetham Church
Wed 20th	Deadline for December edition
Thu 21st	Greetham Website Group training
Sun 24th	Sung Holy Communion 9.30am Greetham Church
	Cancer Christmas lunch
Wed 27th	WW1 commemoration meeting
Thu 28th	Mobile library
	Coffee Evening (Brownies)
Sat 30th	Christmas shopping trip

Litter Pick

Come and help tidy up our verges. Meet at the Community Centre car park 10.00am Sat Nov 2nd. More details contact Peter Hitchcox 812585

Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 6th November - 1.15pm arrival. 2 courses for £5.00.

Please book in advance. Come and be a part of our community!

Oak House Residential Home - 01572 812647



Greetham Engineering Society

Greetham Engineering Society presents two fascinating talks - 'A matter of Time' Wednesday 6th November at 7pm at the Greetham Community Centre.

Dick Stephens will talk on Pendulum Clocks and Gerald Stancey on Sundials.

All welcome - No charge. The bar will be open

Autumn Church clean

Come and join in on November 9th at 10.30am

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday November 14th and 28th Times are approximate

Lock's Close Old People's Bungalows 14.00 - 14:15

Church Lane Near Church 14:30 - 14:50

Church Lane The Old School 14:55 - 15.05

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



'High Speed Broadband arrives in Greetham'

'What the Internet can do for you'

'Intro to Facebook'
Thursday 21st November
7.30pm at Greetham

Community Centre. No charge.

The Greetham Website Group has arranged a training evening to help you get the most from your computer.

Come along for a friendly session to get help on any of the above topics and tell us what other sessions you would like.

For further information, call Dave Hodson on 813902

GREETHAM



But would you have answered the call in 1914?

Recruits interested in being involved in commemorating the outbreak of WW1 bring your ideas to The Plough at 8pm Wednesday 27th November.

Any queries ring Mark Osborn
812807

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 13th November 2013 at the **Greetham Community Centre** commencing at 19.45 hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.

WI

The next meeting will be on Monday November 11th, This month it is the AGM

Greetham Sunday Quiz Nov 10th

Every three weeks at The Wheatsheaf 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.



Prompt start at 9 pm.

Coffee Evening

1st Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Brownies invite you to 'The Big Brownie Cake Sale', on Thursday 28 November at Cottesmore Community Centre, from 6.15pm – 7.15pm. Refreshments and Raffle. Please come and support us.

We are raising funds for Macmillan and our Russia 100 Challenge.

HOPE AGAINST CANCER

Christmas Lunch at Greetham Community Centre

Sunday 24th November 2013 at 1.00 pm - £10.00 pp - under 12's £5.00
Full Christmas Lunch, Dessert, Coffee & Mince pies. Raffle prizes are welcome.

This is a pre-booked event so please contact: Sally Cluley on Tel: 01572 813639

Harrogate Christmas Shopping Trip Saturday 30th November 2013

This year's Christmas Shopping Trip will be to the Country Living Christmas Fair held in Harrogate.

Soak up the magic of the festive season and enjoy a fabulous day's shopping at the fair in a great location with only a five minute walk to Harrogate's shops. Don't forget the famous Betty's Tearooms are just round the corner!

As usual, we will be transported by luxury coach from Greetham to Harrogate and back.

The cost of the trip is £20.40 which includes luxury coach travel and ticket entry to the Country Living Christmas Fair.

If you would like your name to go on the list, please contact. Vicky Peers 01572 812893

REVIEWS

Safari Supper 2013

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years Safari Supper. What a wonderful night it was. A great mix of new and old faces, lots of fabulous food and fun had by everyone. The evening ended back at the Community Centre with DJ Paulo Blandino spinning some excellent tunes which kept everyone dancing till 3am! A total of £1537.29 was made which will be shared between the Community Centre and the National Autistic Society. Next years Safari Supper will be on Saturday 4th October 2014, put it in your diaries now - it promises to be a most excellent night! Many thanks Steph, Sherry, Ruth (Team Safari Supper)

Speed Kills - proven fact!

The fortnight of Speed Watch produced results which highlight - yet again - the need for traffic to travel at slower speeds through our village! A total of 77 vehicles, mostly cars travelling towards Oakham, were noted with speeds of 36-43mph. Despite notices, despite cars flashing each other to warn of Speed Watch volunteers, despite 3 people standing there with bright yellow jackets - there were still 77 motorists who chose to drive at well over the speed limit. Add these selfish, ignorant drivers to the ones who regularly drive through at top speeds and it amounts to a serious problem. The Police have been informed of our results.

A huge thank you to those volunteers who gave up their time to help. The safety of pedestrians, especially children on their way to the school buses, is a grave concern for all. Judith Roberts

Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning held on Friday 27th September raised a total of £327.00 thank you to all that came, gave raffle prizes and donations left by those who could not attend. One again thank you. Sally Cluley

Bulb planting

Thanks to those who donated bulbs. These were planted at the East end of the village. Hopefully more can be planted next autumn.

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police Team

Any of the team can be contacted by a variety of means –

101– this is the Leicestershire Constabulary main switchboard. **Please note new number** Once talking to an operator they can answer your query or connect you to the officer's voicemail box using their ID number i.e. 2155 or 6127 etc. or press option 2 and follow the prompts

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PCSO6049 liam.bourne@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO6127 steven.houghton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk



Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

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01572 722577

Community safety team

Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping,

Environmental Health

fly tipping, dog mess, broken street lighting,

Waste and Amenities

vandalism, graffiti, bullying or criminal damage

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

To report less urgent crime or disorder:

if your car has been stolen; if your property has been damaged; when you suspect drug use or dealing; to report a minor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

For example this is when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Greetham Defibrillator

Just a note to remind village residents that the Defibrillator is located in Oak House should it be required in an emergency. Whilst it should be stressed that Oak House staff have no responsibility to administer treatment. You'll find the unit is easy to use, cannot harm those administering or receiving treatment and most importantly, can save lives.

Byrch's Charity founded 1580

for the benefit of Greetham, Cottesmore, Barrow and Market Overton parishes

The Greetham trustees, Colin Easson and Frank Hinch, gifted a total of £1250 during the past year to two Greetham residents. If there are any residents of the parish who consider they may qualify for 'the relief of financial hardship', please could they contact one or both of the trustees; we have monies available in the Byrch's Charity account.

Singers

As usual singers will be welcomed at Christmas for the annual church carol service. We would like to invite singers to join the choir for the carol service on Sunday December 22nd 6pm. Please contact Peter Hitchcox 812585

News from 1st Cottesmore (St Nicholas) Brownies.

We've had a busy start to the term, welcoming 4 new Brownies, and looking at the new Guiding Promise. 2 weeks ago we visited Oakham Fire Station as part of our Fire Safety Badge work, and had a really fun evening. It is good to know that Rutland has a great team of Fire Fighters. The Brownies are very 'clued up' about safety and what to do in the event of an emergency; it was a privilege to lead the visit.

After half term we will be holding a Coffee Evening to raise funds for Macmillan and our Russia 100 Challenge, money raised will go towards organising a Camp for 100 Russian orphans. The Brownies will be working on their Hostess Badge too, so look out for your personal invite to this event, and posters advertising it.

Brownies is open to girls between the ages of 7 and 10 years. We meet on Thursday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm in Cottesmore Community Centre. If you would like any more information please contact me or register your interest on the Girlguiding website. There are always opportunities for adult helpers too! Bernie Wallace, Unit Leader. 01572 812 956

PARISH COUNCIL

October Greetham Parish Council Minutes (Subject to approval)

09/10/13

Present: Mr R. Wicks (Vice chair); Mr K. Edward; Mrs J. Chapman; Mr R. Begy; Mr D. Hodson; Mrs J. Roberts

2 members of the public

Mr David Bland provided an update the proposed pathway around Jacob's Well.

Agenda.

Apologies for absence.

Mr P. Hitchcox; Mrs N. Brown.

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on September 11th 2013.

It is noted that the date is omitted as is the statement 'Subject to approval' and a list of Councillors attending.

Proposed: DH Seconded: KE Carried unanimously.

Matters arising from 11/9/13

The new Email address is now on the website.

The Community Centre Constitution sub-committee (DH/KE/JC/RW) have held a meeting to devise an action plan. This includes a proposed meeting with the present and immediately previous chairs of the Community Centre. It is suggested that Jeremy Prestcott be contacted for further advice.

Neighbourhood Plan. A Councillor from Edith Weston is prepared to meet with Councillors to discuss the process required to compile the plan. A broad spread of residents from the village will be required to ensure a range of views are represented.

Planning permission, Greetham Lodge Farm. RCC planning officer has visited the

site and confirms the proposed construction is slightly smaller in size than the existing building. On these grounds Greetham Parish Council will submit no objection.

The Parish Council Insurance will cover the theft of any cash held on behalf of Greetham Parish Council on condition that the procedures outlined in Standing Orders are adhered to. The adopted phone box will also be covered by the existing insurance policy.

Road signage. Neil Tomlinson of RCC is currently on annual leave. On his return the concerns regarding road signage will be addressed.

Finance:

Instillation of replacement street lights - £860.00 +vat

A rapid response by Greetham Parish Council will ascertain whether Western Power Distribution or RCC are responsible for the provision of lighting.

Wildlife Trust Membership –£40.00 Proposed: RB Seconded: KE Carried unanimously

Planning :

Minor Amendment to Planning Permission 2013/3099/FUL , replacement of first floor window on rear elevation with French doors and Juliet balcony. GPC will place an objection on Rutland Planning Application on the grounds of privacy issues for neighbouring property

33,Main Street, Greetham. 2013/0701/LBA. Refuse listed building consent.

Website

The PC minutes and agenda can be published on the website for a charge of £60.00. It is proposed that this be raised a finance item in November Proposed: DH Seconded: KE Carried unanimously.

Speedwatch

The notices and equipment required were provided free of charge by the Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership. In the two week period 78 vehicles were recorded as travelling in excess of 36 mph. Leicestershire Police will be contacted with specific details of vehicles repeatedly offending GPC now request a visit from the mobile speed camera. Leicestershire. Thanks are offered to JR and the team who supported the initiative.

Burial Ground A review meeting will be held and a report submitted to a subsequent Parish Meeting.

Village Litter Pick – This will take place on 2/11/13 – further details will be in the newsletter. Susie Pollard (RCC) will be contacted to supply yellow jackets, refuse bags and pickers.

Village Green Registration Some progress has been made with completion of questionnaires. The remainder are requested for December. New quotes are sought for the village sign. Details of the noticeboard at Market Overton were provided.

Welcome Pack

Two are required: Pond Lane and The Granary, Great Lane

Standing Orders

The following revision of wording is proposed. 'The Clerk will maintain a petty cash tin and duplicate receipt book. When any cash is received by the Clerk, a receipt should be written out immediately and the top copy given to the person making the donation. The second copy will be retained by the Clerk for record and audit

purposes. The reason for the payment should be recorded. The maximum level of cash held in the tin before payment into the bank should be agreed with the Parish Council insurers.' Proposed: DH Seconded: JC Carried unanimously.

The Parish Council request that a petty cash tin and duplicate receipt book are purchased and the receipt submitted as a finance item. **Action: Clerk.**

The following revision of wording is proposed. 'Subject to standing order 1.e) above, members of the public are permitted to make representations and ask questions. They may give evidence in respect of any item included in the agenda subject. This will take place immediately before the start of the formal meeting.' Proposed: KE Seconded: JR

Correspondence :

Parish Council Forum Invitation Oct 22nd 7.00 Catmose
Rutland Draft Statement of Community Involvement -
Proposed Planning Changes Presentation
Active Community Sports Awards 2013 -
Rutland Activity guides
Rutland Shore Link – October half term timetable and prices

Reports from outside bodies:

Community Centre – The Big Band evening was hugely successful. The current Chair is Merv Bamber and Vice Chair is Richard Creasey. A new cooler is being purchased for the bar. Friday night activities are postponed over the winter. A barn dance is planned for next February. The Safari Super was hugely successful. The hall is available for hire for New Year

GGNS – A December meeting is planned.

RES – PH/RW/JR attended a Woolfox windfarms consultation. Information will be posted to all villagers in February. Planning permission will be sought next summer.

Greetham Engineering Society meeting on 6/11/13 will feature clocks

Website group – an ICT training session will be held on 21/11/13.

Thistleton Lane – work begins this week. The first phase is from the crash gate to the Caravan site and will last approx. 18 weeks.

Any other business

Thanks are offered to Stephanie De Vries and Sherry Bullough for an outstanding Safari Supper.

The entrance to the quarry is very muddy and difficult to walk across.

Village Shop – November agenda

Bulb planting planned for 19/10/13. Donations of bulbs and offers of help will be much appreciated

FUTURE EVENTS

Christingle Carol Service

Sunday December 1st 4pm Greetham Church

Carol Singing

Keep Monday evening December 23rd free and join us on the Big Red Bus for carol singing around the village. Further details next month



WI Soups and Deserts

An early warning of the WI soups and Desserts To be held in the Community Centre
Sunday 19th January 12.00 Tickets available from Chris Parkin/ Helen McGarrigle

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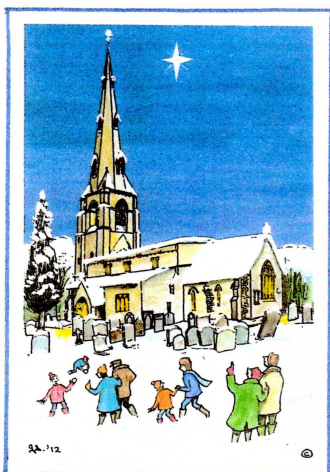
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox
by **Wednesday 20th November**
The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
e mail:greethamnews@aol.com*



REMINDER - Don't forget that I always welcome contributions of photos. There is so much going on. Let's share our pictures!

Thanks to Gerald and Barbara Wiebkin who have generously sponsored the newsletter for November and December



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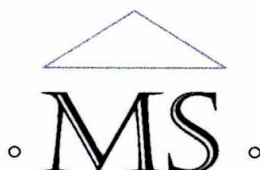
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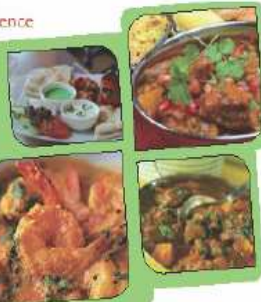
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'Thinking of others' has been a key theme during the past few weeks. We have been busy fundraising for lots of different charities; some close to our hearts.

For Harvest we collected tins and packets for the Rutland Food Bank. This newly set up charity provides food for those in Rutland who, for whatever reason, need help putting meals on the table. This worthy cause will continue to need help beyond the Harvest season, so if you find yourself with a spare tin or packet in your shopping do think of the Foodbank.

As I type, the children are in non-uniform raising money for the Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Rutland Air Ambulance, and completing activities linked to their work. This is another local charity that provides our community with much needed help.

Looking further afield, we are busy collating Shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. This will provide children in other countries with a Christmas parcel. If you have any donations that could go into a shoebox, do drop them in at the school before the 15th November.

Many thanks.

We really appreciate all of those who come in to help our school community; from parents who have been in to sweep up leaves and mount pictures for displays, to people from the community who come in to listen to readers. We are lucky to be part of such a warm and committed community. Thank you if you help us in any way.

Bingo and Spud Night!

Come and join us for our Bingo Night on Friday 15th November 2013. Doors open at 5.15pm and 'eyes down' at 6.15pm. Please contact the school on 01572 812380 for further information.

As we near the end of our first term, our younger children have a new found confidence in their learning and are producing some great work, while the problem solving and development of skills of some of our older children is really coming on. Don't forget to look at our website www.exton.rutland.sch.uk to find out what we have been up to!

The Christmas Community Lunch will take place on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm. The cost is £3.50 for a lovely homemade two course Christmas Lunch. Please give the school a ring (01572 812380) to book your place.

What a busy term we have had! We are looking forward to returning to one of our favourite terms in November. The pantomime writing is about to begin, and there may even be a special visitor in December!

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