

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019

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Greetham Church
Fundraising Concert



Rutland BIG BAND

Monday, 2nd December
8.00 pm

at Greetham Church
Tickets £10

Includes a glass of wine

Tickets from Greetham Village Shop

Roo Douglas, Jackie Gauntley

Helen Macleod-Smith





Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Looking Ahead



Family Fireworks Night

Friday 1st November
Family Friendly
Food and Bar Open
from 6pm

This is a donation event, if you would like
information on how to donate, please Contact
Pauline on: 07977575056

Please Note Date Correction



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends



Friday 6th December 2019

DOORS OPEN- 6.30PM

EYES DOWN- 7.00PM

FANTASTIC PRIZES

LICENSED BAR

*All proceeds towards
Greetham Community
Centre and the Greetham
Bowls Club.*

*Donated prizes are wel-
come to be left either at
coffee morning on a
Thursday or with Louise
Smith 01572 813007*



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2019
Greetham Community Centre
4.00 TO 6.00 P.M.

All Children Welcome

FREE ADMISSION

DISCO, FUN & GAMES
PLAY TOYS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

PLEASE BRING A LITTLE GIFT FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FOR SANTA'S SACK
 (Approx. £3.00)

TO RESERVE A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE RING MAUREEN ON 813061

BAR OPEN - COME ALONG JOIN IN THE FUN

Planning an Event?

Contact us

www.greethamrutland.com/

community-centre

Find us on facebook

01572 812389 or mobile 07500 079780

Alternatively email us
 at **bookgreetham@gmx.com**

Regular Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency
Monday	WI	7.30pm	2 nd Monday monthly
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Community Centre Meeting Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm 7.30pm	1 st Wednesday monthly 2 nd Wednesday monthly
Thursday	Meet 'Em and Greet 'Em Coffee Morning Badminton	10am 7.30pm	Weekly Weekly
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

Hall Charges

	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

COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Fri	1st	Family Fireworks
Sat	2nd	Village Autumn clear up All Souls' Service Clipsham church
Sun	3rd	9.30am Morning Worship - Greetham Community Centre
Mon	4th	Mobile library
Wed	6th	Oak House Lunch
Fri	8th	Bridge Tea
Sun	10th	Remembrance Day service Greetham Church
Mon	11th	WI
Wed	13th	Parish Council
Sun	17th	9.30am Morning Praise Greetham Church Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
Mon	18th	Mobile library
Wed	20th	Last day for items for December newsletter
Sun	24th	9.30 Holy Communion Greetham Church Hope against Cancer Christmas lunch

Village Autumn Clear Up, November 2nd

Can you help with a good old fashioned Village Autumn Clear up!
We are going to have a major litter pick and tidy up in Greetham on Saturday 2nd November 2019 and we need your help!
We are meeting at 10.00 am at the Community Centre and we will have pickers and bags ready for you to use and a game plan to get to all the hidden corners of the village. Many hands make light work so please come along and help for an hour or so. Greetham Parish Council

All Souls Service

An All Souls Service will be held on Saturday 2nd November 2019 at 6pm at St Mary's Church Clipsham. This service is open to all who would like to come and reflect and remember loved ones who have died. All are welcome.

Please note that the service is at Clipsham as Greetham church is still under building repairs. Open to all in the Benefice.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Monday November 4th and 18th.
Oakham Road Bungalows 1400 - 1420. Times are approximate
For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 6th November - 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 Bridge Tea

There will be a Bridge tea in aid of Greetham Church at the Community Centre on Friday November 8th at 1.00 for 1.30 pm start.. All bridge players are welcome. Play will be progressive, £10 per head, delicious tea, raffle and prizes. For further information phone 812852.

Greetham Church Roof / Remembrance Sunday

St Mary's Church has a new nave roof. Despite all the rain the job should be completed on time and on budget and the first service when the church re-opens will be the Remembrance Day service on Sunday November 10th at 9.30. Thank you to all who have contributed to this project - we could not have done it without the support of the village and, as always, everyone is welcome to the church at all times.

WI

Our next meeting on November 11th at 7.30pm will be the AGM.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 13th November, 2019 7.00 start for Public Meeting followed by PC meeting

Note earlier time. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Greetham Quarry Presentation to the Parish Council and the Public.

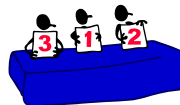
Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.00pm at the Greetham Community Centre

This will be followed by the November Parish Council meeting John Gough, Planning Director, for Mick George, will be making a presentation to the Parish Council and local residents regarding a future planning application to extend the Greetham Quarry on the north -western side. He will explain the proposal in detail and address any issues the Parish Council or public would like to raise.

Please make sure you attend if you have any concerns or questions regarding the Quarry development.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday November 17th at 8pm.
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.



HOPE AGAINST CANCER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This event is now SOLD OUT

REVIEWS

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September

Thank you to all who came to the coffee morning, also many thanks for the kind additional donations, lovely cakes, tea/coffee and raffle prizes. A total of £411.50 was raised well done. Sally Cluley

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.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

Just a final reminder that I will need completed boxes and any cash donations by Sunday November 10th at the latest. Boxes can be left in Exton and Cottesmore churches and at my front door, 3 New Field Road, Exton. However, if anyone is unable to deliver please contact me (01572 813118) and I will collect.

Patricia Hagger

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on 9th October 2019 at 7.30 at the Community Centre

Members Mr. Ken Edward, Mrs S. Begy (SB), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr P. Hitchcox (PH);, Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)

Ward Member: Nick Begy

Members Present: Mrs S. Begy (SB), Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Hodson (DH), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mr R. Kinchen (RK)

6 Members of public attended

Issues raised by members of public

Bollards on chicane by shop – why are these not yellow so that they stand out?

Church Lane is a mess due to gravel on road from Shepherds Lane pot holes and drainage problems.

On Main Street outside Old School House blocked drain

Parking by Jacobs Well causing issues

A1 Count down markers still not installed

Query as to what constitutes “a significant objection” in respect of Quarry Planning application?

Main Street by Greetham House. Trees need cutting back.

View that the chicane outside the shop has wrong priority

Comment that conifers should be planted up Great Lane to reduce noise and dust

Comment that there should be a footpath up Great Lane and the road reopened

Potholes reported in Wood Lane

98 trees have been planted behind North brook. 110 were specified. Issues with weed and rubbish.

1 Apologies for absence K Edward, Peter Hitchcox

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

RFO (DH) does not vote on financial matters

DH will not participate in discussion regarding NHW

3 Approval of minutes from 11th September 2019 and & 25th September 2019

Motion to accept both minutes

Proposed: AJ, Seconded” SB, Voted to accept.

4 Matters arising.

A meeting has been arranged with RCC officials to seek action on the following issues:

Blocked drains Church Lane & Main Street junction. Thistleton Rd

Path dust by quarry and accident damage to path by quarry

Church Lane Restriction Signs

Moving of 20 mph sign from current location (entrance of Church Lane) to nearer Begy Gardens

Re-set Speed Indicator at both ends of the village such that it's set point is 20 mph rather than 30 mph

Oak House chicane – smoothing of radius.

Reset kerbs and re-tarmac pavements at various dangerous locations around the village (including re-setting man hole covers). Survey of pavements completed by GPC

Improve kerb line and pavement in front of Jacob's Well

The meeting will take place on 10th October 2019 at 10am, meeting at the bus stop opposite the Wheatsheaf.

Lovell Tree Planting Begy Gardens

Additional trees have been planted and PH will monitor them.

North Brook Tree Planting:

Forestry Commission (Charles Cuthbert) has stated that the trees have been planted satisfactorily. However there are weed control issues and the site has not been cleaned up which is a PC issue.

Quarry Dust:

A petition with 60 signatures passed to RCC with covering letter.

Mick George to attend November meeting (13th November) to talk about proposed extension of quarrying work.

We would like as many people as possible to attend.

Actions –
Book Main Hall
Article in News letter required
Poster on notice board required

Bridge Lane Tree Pruning – requested by RCC

Vote of Thanks to the Denyer's for pruning the tree. Unfortunately RCC had not specified what pruning they required. It is now understood that the request is to facilitate the Refuse Collection lorry going up Bridge Lane.

Clerk Job Vacancy – Appointment made. Jayne Issac will be the new clerk with effect from 1st November

Essential Drainage Works – completed

Safer Villages Scheme – JD will be the village representative for this scheme which is

aimed at coordinating all safety issues in the village.

Christmas Tree for Village Green – DH has potted tree which will be installed on 1st December (pot will be recessed into the ground)

School Bus Changes – ongoing issues. KE had communicated with the person who raised the issues and is awaiting response.

5 Finance

No further communication from P.K.F. Littlejohn regarding AGAR return

Monthly Budget – Attached. No comments

Invoices for Payment –

P K F Littlejohn Invoice for AGAR professional services £240.00

Ink Cartridges for JD £77.37

Water Plus for burial Ground £17.64

Magnets for noticeboard for KE £6.99

Proposed: AJ Seconded: RK Voted to approve

Approval to Place an Order

Second quote received to cut back hedge at Community Centre. Agreed to accept quote

Proposed: JD, Seconded AJ Voted in favour.

6 Planning

In response to a “Freedom of Information Request” RCC to see all the documentation relating to the updating of the Settlement Hierarchy document which is on file, this information has been received. DH to digest and report

Construction of Artisan Bakery together with ancillary staff and office accommodation: – Planning App No: 2019/0620/FUL

It was proposed to Support the application but include two comments. Firstly the supporting documentation raised a number of environmental issues and a particular concern is pollution of ground water. Secondly, the report on wild life impact was thought to be inadequate.

RCC are urged to thoroughly investigate these matters.

Proposed: SB, Seconded RK. Vote – 4 in favour and one abstention. Motion carried.

2019/1065/CAT – Fell 3 conifer trees 3 Wheatsheaf Lane

On advice from Tree Warden – Support but request replacement smaller trees.

7 Standing Orders and Focus Groups

Standing Orders and all appendices

It was proposed to adopt the new draft standing order and appendices as presented.

Proposed: DH, Seconded RK, Voted to adopt

Planning. (DH/AJ/RK)

No further updates on Local Plan Review

Traffic/Footpaths/Pavements/Lighting. PH/AJ/RK

Issues to be included in the proposed meeting with Highways.

Burial Ground. SB/KE/JD

It was agreed that the existing rules and fee structure would be circulated to councillors for comment by 22nd October 2019. Burial committee will then draft new rules for inclusion as an agenda item in November meeting.

It was noted that Oakham have increased their burial fees seven fold to deter interment and

this may result in more applications for burial in Greetham with people not connected with the village

Trees/ Benches/ Clean up SB/PH/AJ

Clean-up day re 2nd November. Focus Group to liaise with KE re maps etc and advertising

PH has written to RCC re grass cutting up Great Lane

Western Power are proposing laying underground electricity up Great Lane. Trenches could either be dug between the trees and the hedge or on the edge of the road.

Benches – Proposal for another bench.

SB is pursuing the acquisition of a bench from a resident. Proposal with purchase price and cost of base is required. Need for RCC consent should also be investigated.

Great Lane Trees: No 45 tree (2nd planting) is poorly

Jacob's Well DH/JD

Upgrading of kerbs and paving will be raised at the proposed meeting with Highways.

Community Centre Grant Projects JD/KE

Report has been sent to RCC regarding grant expenditure. Response awaited

Community Garden Group DH

Date for the next session has been advertised in the Newsletter (27th October 2019 at 2pm outside the Old Vicarage, Church Lane)

8 Community Centre

Future events: Halloween (26/10), Firework Night (1/11), New Years Eve, and planning for VE Day celebrations next year.

Blue Sky Project Team provided report of proposals for future CC enhancements and currently applying for a grant to improve tennis courts.

Suggested that we purchase replacement chairs for Community Centre as we can reclaim VAT

9 Welcome Card Visit

New residents at 23 & 40 North Brook

New residents at 81 Main Street

10 Correspondence and Communication

Snow Wardens

RCC have requested that the Parish Council organise snow wardens for the village. See attached letter. A request for volunteers will be put in the next Newsletter.

Ann Jenkins volunteered to be a Parish Representative on RCC Conduct Committee. JD to put her name forward with RCC

Licensing Policy Consultation

Agreed that Greetham Parish Council would not comment on this.

Letter re Road Safety and Safer Villages

Rutland North Beat Report – Laurie Appleton Report On website.

Parish Council Forum -21st October

Update Mobile Library revised timetable – on village noticeboard

Great Lane – Refuse Collection days – Letter sent to residents in Great Lane regarding parking on bin collection days

Neighbourhood Watch – request for donation

Agreed to include an agenda item for £30 at next meeting

Mick George meeting request and information see 4.4

Poppy update – approve this years' commemoration plan

Agreed that KE will use existing stock to decorate poles in clusters at suitable locations

11 Reports from outside bodies See attachment on A1 meeting

12 Items for future agendas

Wheelie Bin Stickers – do we wish to advertise and promote use of stickers for 20 mph

Digital Rutland Communication

Burial Ground proposals

Finance – Chairs for Community Centre

13 Date of next PC Meeting

13th November, 2019 7.00 start for Public Meeting followed by PC meeting

Note earlier time

14 Note items to be filed on Dropbox from this meeting for future reference

All correspondence

Meeting regarding Quarry Extension

The owners of the Greetham Quarry are preparing a planning application for a north-western extension to the existing quarry site in Greetham.

This will bring quarry operations even closer to housing than at present.

The owners have requested a meeting with the Parish Council to explain the proposals in more detail and address any issue local residents may have.

The meeting will take place before the next Parish Council meeting on:

Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7pm at the Community Centre.

Given the concern over noise and dust pollution from the existing operation, we would like as many people as possible to attend this meeting to voice their concerns.

The Parish Council believes that it is unlikely that a planning application will be refused, as mineral extraction is considered to be in the national interest. We have every right, however, to demand legitimate mitigation measures such as barriers and trees. We should also try to influence the methods of extraction to reduce dust and noise.

Please attend this meeting and make your voice heard.

NB A map of the proposed extension is displayed on the village notice-board.

Greetham Parish Council

Snow Warden Scheme

Rutland County Council is seeking to establish Snow Wardens as follows:

1. The Snow Warden is working on behalf of the parish/town council, not RCC, and will deliver winter maintenance support, determined by parish or town councils, to their communities. Their roles and responsibilities include:

- o · Keeping a register of local trained volunteers
- o · Receiving and responding locally to weather alerts
- o · Organising and deploying volunteers to clear snow
- o · Organising and deploying volunteers to spread grit when snow conditions are forecast
- o · Informing RCC of when grit bins require re-filling
- o · Encouraging the responsible use of grit/salt and help to minimise the abuse of grit/salt within communities
- Providing information on local conditions.

This is a significant commitment. Before pursuing this scheme, the Parish Council would like to establish whether or not there are sufficient volunteers to make it practicable.

If you would be willing to be a snow warden or help with gritting pavements / clearing snow, please contact the Clerk

on greethampc@gmail.com

Greetham Parish Council

Tree Warden update

I am pleased to report that Lovells have completed planting trees at Begy Gardens as shown on their building plan. Also small 'whip' trees have now been planted at the back of Northbrook Close to replace those trees which were unlawfully taken down. Rutland County Council Enforcement Officer, the Forestry Commissioner and residents are to be thanked for their persistence in ensuring that tree planting was eventually carried out. Let's hope these trees flourish.

I have taken most of the 'ties' off the trees in Great Lane as this will encourage greater root growth and strengthen the trees and avoid damage to the trunks. I have now been informed by RCC that full cutting of the verges will now happen only once in three years and am somewhat concerned that the gap between the trees and the hedges will be overgrown by the hedges. I am investigating what action can be taken to keep the avenue in good order.

Village Information Display Boards

The Parish Council has received a grant from Larkfleet Homes for information display boards which will be located around the village.

Their purpose will be to provide interesting information about the village for the benefit of residents and visitors. They will be made to the same standard as those seen at Historic England sites.

The plan is to have one in the vicinity of the St Mary's Church, one by the village green and one by either The Wheatsheaf or Jacob's Well.

Helen Macleod-Smith has kindly provided information about the Church and Judy Swinfen is busy doing a picture for this board.

The Women's Institute will be sponsoring another board and will decide what content to go on it.

So I have one last board to sort out. If any one has historic pictures associated with the village or historical information which could be included, please let me know.

I would also very much appreciate help in deciding exactly what should go on the boards and how to arrange the information. Please let me know if you will help as this will be much appreciated.

David Hodson 01572 813 902 hodson001@gmail.com

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Living Advent Calendar 2019

After a very successful first year, we are beginning the planning of our second Greetham Living Advent Calendar!

The Annual Advent Calendar event will be taking place in December from the 1st through until Christmas Eve.

Each evening at 6.30pm one window of the Living Advent calendar will be unveiled at houses around the village.

If you are resident in Greetham and would like to join in, Please complete the choices form or please contact us on Facebook or telephone Pauline on 07977575056 or Gillian on 813943

Dates will be allocated to suit but obviously contacting us sooner will mean the most choice for your evening. The window displays can be simple or works of art - it does not matter - participating is fun and the location can be anywhere in the village. Generally the unveiling involves a tippie of something and some nibbles but it's not obligatory! Contributions can also include 'extras' such as recitals or song.

This year we would like to collect donations of Christmas food tins for Oakham Food bank, or money donation for the VE Day celebrations to be organised next May, to which all villagers we hope will benefit. Your kindness will be appreciated.

Happy planning, Pauline, Gillian and Sylvia

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox
by Wednesday November 20th please*

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
email: greethamnews@aol.com*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor at greetham-news@aol.com

*Thanks to Janet,
Clive and Sean
Halliday for
sponsoring the
newsletter in memory
of Fred.*

Stamford Shoestring's next production is:

Blue Stockings

by Jessica Swale

A pre-Christmas treat!

Don't miss this chance to see what promises to be a highly entertaining and thought-provoking evening. Shakespeare's Globe was packed to the rafters when *Blue Stockings* was first produced in 2013. Currently it is performed by theatre companies up and down the country and is hugely popular.

Girton College, Cambridge, was one of the first colleges in Britain to admit women.

The year is 1896 and Jessica Swale's lively play tells the story of Tess Moffat and a group of 'first-years' determined to win the right to a degree. Their story is followed over one tumultuous year as they encounter the many hurdles in their way - the class divide, misogyny, and the university opposition – not to mention the distractions of love. Finally, the whole issue is put to the vote...

Love or knowledge: which would you choose?

In performance at the Stamford Arts Centre Theatre
from:

Tues 3-Sat 7 December 7.45pm – tickets £10 (£8)

Box Office: 01780 763203

www.stamfordartscentre.com

(An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books)

*Thanks to Shoestring Theatre for sponsoring
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the local community



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Greetham Valley

Dine with us this festive

Boxing Day Buffet

Feast Luncheon

just £25.00pp

New Year's Day Luncheon

three courses £21.95

children 5-10 £15.00, under 5s free

Our Christmas restaurant menu

is available throughout

December!

12 - 3pm & 6 - 9pm

Monday to Saturday

two courses £15.95

three courses £19.95

Table reservation is essential for all festive dining

Menus and further information available on our website

Please contact us on 01780 460444 or info@greethamvalley.co.uk

www.greethamvalley.co.uk

Greetham Valley, Wood Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland LE15 7SN



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

The Exton 'Big Dig'!

In mid-October, Exton residents (and visitors to the Exton playing fields) may have wondered what we were doing on the field at school. We were very excited to be having our Exton 'Big Dig'!

With the help of a local archaeologist parent, plus the help of some other parents, we were able to measure and dig out our own small trench, just like archaeologists do, to see what we could find out about the environment in which we live and about how people lived here in Exton in the past.

We didn't know what we would find, and our 'treasures' are still being sifted through as I type. However, we definitely found pieces of pottery and shaped flint stones amongst other things.

There are a few photographs here, but to see and find out more, do visit the news page of our school website.



School website:

www.extonschool.co.uk

**Phone: 01572 812380 if you
would like to arrange a visit.**