

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

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*Our local band McGoo playing at the
bandstand in Oakham*

New Jubilee Room for Hire!

Following the successful refurbishment of our lovely 'light and airy' Jubilee Room, we are now able to take bookings for this great new space. Please get in touch with any enquiries:

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Mobile 07500 079780

Email: greethamccbookings@gmail.com



Free Live Sports Screening

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Watch your favourite sports on our wide-screen TV in comfort in our Clubroom and among friends and neighbours. A guest ale will be on tap and snacks available.



Starting with England's World Cup game against the USA, make sure you note the following events in your diary.



Friday 25 th November – 7.00 pm	England v USA, World Cup
Tuesday 29 th November – 7.00 pm	Wales v England, World Cup
Sunday 18 th December 3.00 pm	World Cup Final
Saturday 4 th February 4.45 pm	England v Scotland, Six Nations Rugby
Saturday 25 th February 4.45 pm	Wales v England, Six Nations Rugby
Saturday 11 th March 4.45 pm	England v France, Six Nations Rugby
Saturday 18 th March 5.00 pm	Ireland v England, Six Nations Rugby
Saturday 6 th June	FA Cup Final
Sunday 16 th July, 1.00 pm	Wimbledon Men's Final

Other events will be added, for example, if England or Wales progress in the World Cup. Unfortunately, we can't show Women's Wimbledon Final as the Centre is booked that day.



Rates from 1st April 2022

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	15.00	18.00	18.00	21.00
Hall with Bar	19.00	22.00	22.00	25.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	23.00	26.00	26.00	29.00
Meeting Room/Jubilee Room	12.00	14.00	14.00	16.00
Meeting Room with bar	15.00	18.00	18.00	20.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	22.00	22.00	24.00
Whole facility (not incl kitchen)	22.00	25.00	24.00	27.00
Sports Rate	7.00	9.00	7.00	9.00

Single Charge Rates	
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
Table Hire - Residents only per item	1.00

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE UP- DATE

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT IS COM- ING UP!

Cooler weather has come, the children are back at school and autumn is in the air! The Community Centre has been a central place this last month – for the good times and the sad times – for the community to gather. Here are a few updates regarding our end of summer events and a little bit on what is coming up in October and further down the road.

Schools Out Club

Ande would like to once again thank everyone in the community for the fabulous support for the Schools Out Club. As you recall from our last update, the Community Centre opened up twice a week during the summer vacations for kids and carers to gather with free-flowing games and activities, free snacks for the kids and cakes/teas for the carers. Once again, Mo was fabulous organising crafts every week and a big thank you to those who helped, provided cakes and to Tesco for providing fruit.

The final day we held a special tea party for all the kids and adults, which was enjoyed by all. We hope to reinstate the Schools Out Club in the future and, given the great feedback from attendees, something for you to look out for in the future!

Following on, however, from the Schools Out Club, an update on the ***Plans for a Greetham Village Youth Club!*** As the weather turns colder and the nights close in, it would be nice to have a central place where our youth can meet up, learn and develop skills and just have a nice time. Plans continue to develop through the work of a small team to have all the organisation and administrative aspects in order to start the club this autumn (for kids 5-11 in the first instance). Robin, the lead trustee on the project, would still very much like to talk to those who might be interested and willing to contribute skills and knowledge to the club. We **STILL** want to hear from **YOU** regarding what would work and be of interest to the community's children!

If you have thoughts and are interested in participating, or wish for more information, please contact Robin Tidd (07973 713574 or at rob-in.tidd@btinternet.com).

Ahead of this, however, we have a great activity for the kids as we, once again, host a ***HALLOWEEN PARTY and DISCO***. Disco Steve will be calling out all little Monsters for a fancy dress ***Spooktacular*** time. The

event will happen on the Saturday, October 22nd (please note the earlier date) from 4-6pm. Tickets are £2.50 and include hotdog and free drinks to keep those little spooks **booging**. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Village Shop or at the door.

Continuing our youth engagement theme at the Centre, have you seen and tried out the newly updated **Skate Park**? Katy updates us with this:

We were extremely lucky to be approached by Biffa Award earlier this year, who were looking for community projects to fund in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. A huge thank you to Linda Edward for recognising the opportunity and for taking the bull by the horns in dealing with all the necessary paperwork and administrative issues.

Having spent time engaging with the village kids & parents in the last couple of years it was decided that the money (£10,000) would be put to good use and used to upgrade the skate park. The Trustees agreed to fund the rest of the project, with agreement to replace funds through fundraising activities. It was decided that Boardroom Skate Parks Ltd would complete the work and under their guidance, we chose to install a 'mini ramp' (some people might mistakenly call it a 'half pipe').

Work was undertaken during the latter part of the summer, and Chris and the team worked tirelessly in the heat to make sure the project was completed by the end of the summer (as this was a requirement of the grant). The team were incredibly tidy considering the rubble, concrete and dirt involved! More importantly they were flexible around what was a busy summer for the Community Centre and so huge thanks to them all!

It has been fantastic to see such a great reception to the ramp since it was opened in mid-September and it has been in almost constant use over the weekends! Alex Bland commented that, "The angle of the curve and height of ramp is ideal and the surface is beautifully smooth. There's enough space at the top for more than one person to wait their turn. The two curves on each ramp allow full movement around the other ramps in the park. Good entry level skate park that has been built by someone who cares about skating."

We would ask that parents encourage kids to stay off the mud banks please, these are seeded and need some time (& rain) to settle in a bit more. Once funding is in place we'll be hoping for a phase 2 plan, to hopefully include some seating and further reconfiguration of the space. If anybody has any ideas please get in touch with Katy Anderson.

katyanderson80@hotmail.com

A final update on our outside spaces. We are firstly, appreciative of the community centre Friends and Focus Group members who keep an eye on our spaces and for helping out as needed – for example in helping

keep our willow tunnel healthy and in shape, and approaching the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust about improving our natural habitat with bat and bird boxes. We have also been advised that a new initiative is being launched by the Trust called **Next Door Nature**. Have a look <https://www.wotws.org> for more information. Or, just be inspired and head out on the lovely green paths for an autumn walk around the village.

Some further community events happening for the whole family and things in the works include our **Free Live Sports Screening**. Come enjoy some of the BIG EVENTS together at the Community Centre with our new big screen tv. The Bar will be open and available for these events. The Kick Off event will be the England V. USA World Cup Game in late November (see events list below).

We continue to make the most of our new media set up to bring the community together. Many came together to share on the 19th of September for the Queens' Funeral (more to come), but we hope we can also come together for happier events as well. As such, a **Greetham Community Cinema** is now well under way. Working with Cinema for All, Ed and Jane have been getting all our administrative and logistical aspects sorted in order for the Community Centre to host a wide variety of movies over the coming year. The current project plan is that we will be set to host these movies in our own 'local cinema' (aka club room) in late November and December. Please keep a look out for updates!

Last but certainly not least, make sure as well, to come along to our annual **Bonfire Night festivities including a Family BBQ**. Food, family fun and music and, of course, fireworks are all planned for a festive Bonfire Night event on Friday, 4th (not the 5th) of November. The Barbeque will start around 5pm and the bar and club room will also be open for 'warming up' if the evening is cold. Music will continue after the fireworks, so a real fun time for all.

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

Make sure these events are on your calendar!

22nd October (Saturday): Kids Halloween Disco, 4pm-6pm

4th November (Friday): Bonfire Night Festivities at the Community Centre, BBQ starts at 5pm

25th November (Friday): World Cup Kick Off with live screening of England v. USA, 7pm

29th November (Tuesday): World Cup live screening of England v. Wales, 7pm

18th December (Sunday): World Cup Final (will it be England?), 3pm.



COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM SERVICES OCTOBER 2022

Sunday October 2 nd	9.30am	Our World Service. Guest speaker Geraldine Feehally on Hope in Action
Sunday October 9 th	9.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL Breakfast Service - breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday October 16 th	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday October 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday October 30 th	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Thistleton Church

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday October 3rd 2022 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 18.20 hrs.

Please note the change of day.

Church Events in October

Sunday October 9th - Harvest festival breakfast service 9.00 for 9.30am All donations of food or produce will be given to Foodbank or Second Helpings. Breakfast starts at 9.00.

Saturday October 15th - church autumn clean and churchyard tidy 10 - 12. Refreshments provided

All welcome to come and help with dusters and polish or gardening gloves and secateurs.

Craft Group is Back

We are starting up again after our summer break. We meet at the Community Centre on alternate Tuesday mornings, usually in the Club Room but sometimes in the new Jubilee Room. The October meetings will be on 11th and 25th.

We start at 9.30 and finish at 12.30, but you are welcome to join us for only part of the session. It's £1 for every hour you are there and 50p for coffee and biscuits – a bargain!

Bring your own craft or start something new. We have a variety of skills between us and are very happy to help each other.

We're a very friendly group and hope to welcome some new members this autumn.

If you have any queries ring me, Gill Hodson, on 813902

REVIEWS

September Gathering – What a finish to the season!



September is the last Gathering for 2022 and as it takes place in September it tends to attract fewer people owing to the early onset of nightfall. So, we always expect less, and true to form we did have fewer vehicles but we are happy that we still had respectable numbers. We clocked in 361 cars (classic and non-classic) and this was our lowest turnout of cars this year. Conversely, we had 145 bikes which was not the lowest

number for this year.

We were delighted with the turnout and the weather stayed dry – even though we had weather forecasts that indicated it may not. Yet again we are lucky to have favourable weather.



Back in 2014 – the year we started the Gatherings, we were able to make a donation to our Air Ambulance of £450.00 for the year. Since then, and with your terrific support, we have been able to increase our donation each year and this year we expect to make a donation in excess of £4000.00 to our Air Ambulance. We shall announce that figure as soon as we can.

So, looking forward to next year, it is likely to be more of the same. We keep getting great feedback from you all, and so we don't want to change anything that doesn't need it.

As always we look forward to seeing you again in 2023. We are always pleased to have volunteer helpers give us a hand – so can you? Whether it be outside marshalling the vehicles, arranging parking, assisting another volunteer or cleaning up when finished, or if you can bake some cakes or serve the teas, and coffees, then that would be a great help to us. Simply approach any volunteer with a yellow fluorescent waistcoat with the Gathering logo on the back or contact Martin on 01572 813717 or by email at Greethamgathering@mail.com.

A big “thank You” to all who have supported the Gathering. Mention must be made to those that continuously make it happen like Gilbert, Roly, Martin, Mike; Debbie and Sue at the gate, Carol and Maureen on cakes and teas, the bar staff at the Centre, Andy Saunders and his catering crew, Graham Cluley for cutting the grass so beautifully in our overflow field, the Rutland First Responders, all the ladies in the village who have made and donated cakes and all who help and assist, and anyone I've forgotten to mention (Sorry!). A big “Thank You”!



We look forward to seeing you on 18th May 2023
Martin

GENERAL

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

Yes, it's that time again to start packing shoeboxes for distribution to children in less fortunate situations. This year Samaritan's Purse plan to send two thirds of the boxes received in the UK to Ukraine and neighbouring countries that are hosting Ukranian families. Completed boxes need to be with me by Sunday 13th November at the latest.

Full instructions as to how to prepare and pack a box are included in a leaflet. These will be available in Cottesmore, Exton and Greetham churches or direct from me. Completed boxes may be left in any of the churches already mentioned or delivered to me. If you need a box/boxes collected please contact me.

Patricia Hagger, 01572 813118, Horseshoe Cottage, 3 New Field Road, Exton, LE15 8AU

Platinum Jubilee tree planting

Would you like to buy a tree to extend our tree planting at the Community Centre field and flood the field with wonderful early spring cherry blossom?

As you may know the parish council planted seven flowering cherry trees to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee earlier this year. This tree planting initiative has been extended as a memorial to her. The Queen's Green Canopy encouraged people 'to plant a tree for the jubilee'. Over one million trees have been planted. The season has now been extended to March 31st 2023 to include the autumn to spring seasons. .

I have already been approached by several people who would like to buy a tree, perhaps as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II or maybe in memory of a loved one . Barchams-our supplier- can offer the following and suggest that the trees, similar to the ones planted earlier, will both brighten up the field in spring and also give orange and crimson leaves in the autumn.

The parish council has agreed to fund all planting costs. It will also keep a record of all donors.

The *Prunus Sargentii* 'Rancho' **will cost £115 per tree.**

We would hope to plant the trees in late November if possible.

If you would like to donate a tree(s) please make a cheque payable to Greetham Parish Council or you can pay by BACS but please let our Parish Clerk know that you are using this method.

The clerk's e mail is greethampc@gmail.com

BACS details

Greetham parish Council

Sort Code 30-90-89

Account 45381460

Send cheques to any of the following:

Ken Edward Ivy Farmhouse Great Lane Greetham LE15 7NG

Peter Hltchcox The Walnuts 69 Main Street Greetham LE15 7NJ

Jayne Isaac (Parish Clerk) Holly Cottage 73 Main Street Greetham LE15 7NJ

Peter Hltchcox Tree Warden

PARISH COUNCIL

The following Parish Council report is extracted from the full minutes.

Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website www.Greethamrutland.com

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th September @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

PLANNING

**Planning Application: 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry
Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry
2021/0170/MAO Housing & 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing**

The 3 applications are being debated at the Planning Meeting on 20th September at 6pm at Rutland County Council offices. Depositions will be made by the Chair of GPC at the meeting.

ADDENDUM Due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the date for this meeting may now be changed. Please check RCC website for details.

Some contentious issues have been found in the conditions received from RCC, which GPC may need to seek legal advice on – maximum cost of £2,400 (incl. VAT which can be recovered).

All voted in favour to support the possibility of consulting with a Barrister.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting in person to show the strength of feelings. GPC have put flyers in all doors and encourage residents to add their own objections/comments again on the RCC Planning Portal.

Planning Application: 2022/0914/PTA

1 No. Ash tree – Remove branches in contact with garage roof and remove dead branches within the canopy. Slightly raise the crown on the south side of the tree.

36 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NL

The tree warden has visited the site and can see no reason for any objections to this application. The recommendation to support the application was approved by all members and this has been entered on the planning portal to meet the deadline date of 3rd September.

Decision Notices

Application 2022/0765/CAT

(Tree 4) 1 no. Sycamore – lop branches resting on adjoining property 3B Great Lane

2 Little Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NQ

RCC has decided not to exercise its power to make a provision Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Application 2022/0758/CAT

(Tree 1) no. European Beech – Raise the canopy and trim. (Tree 2) 1 no. Ash – Raise the canopy and trim. (Tree 3) 1 no. Sycamore – Raise the canopy and trim.

3B Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG

RCC has decided not to exercise its power to make a provision Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Application 3033/0654/FUL

Construction of Canopy Porch

Pennybrook, 54 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NL

RCC has granted planning permission.

AGENDA ITEMS

Update on the Village Shop

A shop has opened at the Plough Pub to fill the gap since the closure of the village shop. The Chair thanked the Plough Pub.

Update on Grass Verge Policy

AJ outlined the map/plan of designated sites of grass verges with the definitive list of verges to be protected. – viewed by all.

Members were asked to put forward any additions to the map at the next meeting

The suggested policy for cuts was highlighted and the need for Blackthorn intrusion to be addressed.

Response to Penny Sharp, RCC

The response to the Stage 2 Complaint regarding Greetham Quarry Restoration from Penny Sharp at RCC is not felt to be satisfactory.

The proposed reply back to Penny Sharp was circulated to all in advance of the meeting.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways

A letter from a member of the public has been received to request white lines between Great Lane and Little Lane, particularly due to the Planning Application on 45 and 47 Main Street, which will increase the possibility of accidents. Agreed for “white lines” to be added to the list of issues for the Traffic Focus Group to follow up with RCC.

The Traffic Focus Group have met and refined the current list of issues. The next step is a meeting with Highways to put forward the issues raised.

The Traffic Focus Group has also met with MP Alicia Kearns regarding the traffic and speeding issues. She will be writing to Highways England regarding the A606. A large dossier with data and hard copies of correspondence to be forwarded to the MP as soon as possible.

Trees, Nature and Environment

PH reported that the RCC Forestry Officer will be replanting the trees that need replacing between Greetham and Cottesmore.

Donations of trees from members of the public were discussed. The planting and staking would be funded by the PC out of the budget for trees and could be planted along the Community Centre field.

PH to put an article in the Village magazine.

Highways have pruned the overgrown Buddleia in Great Lane following complaints received.

Burial Ground

The agreed memorial bed for the scattering of residents' pet ashes will be situated on un-consecrated ground in a small area with low wicker fencing around the area. Residents will be able to purchase a metal plaque to be engraved in memory of their pet.

Drainage, Sewage and Water

One further complaint received to date.

It was noted that cleaning is being carried out more frequently since complaints have been logged.

Next Meeting

Monday 3rd October at 7pm

Schedule of Meetings for 2022

Wednesday 9th November at 7pm

No meeting in December

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.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Quiz Night

Save the date: Friday 11th November . Quiz night at the Greetham community centre. Teams of 4 to 6 people, bar available, £3 per person. All proceeds to the Greetham Vikings Petanque Club"

HOPE AGAINST CANCER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Greetham Community Centre - Sunday 27th November 2022 at 1.00 pm

2 Course Christmas Lunch plus Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

£12.50 per person - Under 10's £5.00

This is a pre-booked event please contact:

Sally Cluley Tel: 01572 813639 Raffle prizes welcome

Comedy Night 2023

Save the date Saturday 25th March 2023 put it in your diaries

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by THURSDAY October 20th please

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Ofsted tells us our school is good, and the children tell Ofsted our school is amazing!

The school was visited by Ofsted at the end of June and have now published their report confirming that we are a 'good' school.

The inspectors particularly highlighted the following:

- *Exton and Greetham CofE Primary School is a warm and friendly school.*
- *The school motto 'we are kind, we are honest and we forgive' is evident in all aspects of school life.*
- *Leaders are ambitious for all pupils. This school is inclusive. Pupils, including those with SEND receive the support they need to flourish and achieve well.*
- *Pupils enjoy coming to school, feel safe and are rightly proud of themselves and their school.*
- *Pupils know that everyone is welcome at this school.*
- *Pupils are highly respectful of each other and of all adults.*
- *Pupils are taught well – teachers explain new ideas and concepts clearly due to strong subject knowledge and nurturing relationships.*
- *Pupils said that their teachers are supportive and encouraging and that they make lessons enjoyable.*
- *Behaviour is good – no bullying!*
- *The children are delightful!*
- *Pupils benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities.*

This is a marvellous result, and the whole school community deserves to take credit for their skills, dedication and hard work to make the school what it is today - a school and team which we all feel extremely privileged to be part of.

***If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website–
www.extonschool.co.uk.***

***We are always happy to show prospective parents around the school.
Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email
at extonoffice@rltschools.com to arrange a visit.***