

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

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*Greetham Vikings Petanque
Club practising in readiness
for next season*



*Nicole Brown opening the
village fete*

The plant stall at the fete

The Gathering

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	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

What a great night we had on the Breakout Evening! A big thank you to all the bands and you for coming.

Though the year is slowly coming to an end it doesn't mean the fun has too. We have loads to offer for adults, children and the whole family.

- . 30th Oct. Halloween
- . Nov 5 Bonfire Night - great Family event
- . 12 Nov Friends night, come and have a drink chat and light music.
- . 20 Nov Family night - Shoddy Waddy great tribute band.
Fancy dress optional
- 3rd Dec Bingo night for all
- . Dec 18 Children's Christmas Party
- . Dec 19 Santa's visit through the village
- 31 Dec New Years Eve Party for all the family

More information will follow nearer the time on each event.

Another great gathering was fully attended with great cars, bikes, cakes, food not forgetting the bar.

There's something for everyone in Greetham, come and enjoy your Community Centre, it's here for you.

If you have any ideas for events come and tell us on the 12th November.

Stay safe

Greetham Events & Engagement Team

COMING EVENTS

GREETHAM SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 2nd October 2021

GREETHAM CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 9.30 am

Everyone is welcome to come to Harvest Festival in Greetham on October 3rd.

It will be a breakfast service - coffee/tea, bread, croissants, fruit etc which is served from 9.00am

Harvest gifts may be brought to the service or left in the church during the previous week. All gifts will be given to Foodbank or Second Helpings so tins and packets are gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Church services for October

All services are all at 9.30am and families and children are always welcome.

Oct 3rd - Our World service with guest speaker - this month's subject is the Leprosy Mission

Oct 10th - **Harvest Breakfast** - please bring food items for Rutland Food Bank or Second Helpings.

Breakfast from 9.00am

Oct 17th - Morning Praise

Oct 24th - Holy Communion

Craft Group

October's first session will be on Monday 4th October from 9.30 – 12.30. The cost is £1 for each hour you are there.

All are welcome.

Bring your own craft, try a new one or simply join us for a coffee and a chat.

The date of the following meeting will be announced when it is confirmed – keep an eye on the notices in the shop window.

If you have any queries ring Gill on 01572 813902 or Sue on 01572 812807.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday October 13th 2021 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Social adult tennis doubles

Calling intermediate/ex club players

If you are interested in joining our regular Wednesday 5pm and Sunday 4pm knock abouts, please call Stephen Calnan on 01572 813943 or e-mail stephen.calnan@btinternet.com

Come on down and enjoy some fun, fresh air and banter!



REVIEWS

An Autumnal Gathering



September, being the month of the last Gathering in 2021 is always a little different. The summer days have passed and the nights are drawing in. Dusk comes upon us around 8:00pm and so the Gathering is a much reduced (time wise) event. However, the sun looked down upon us in a favourable manner and gave us a delightful evening. The

number of cars and motorbikes is not known at the time of writing – we just haven't had the time to do the counting but we will let you know on the Gathering website (www.greethamgathering.co.uk). Suffice it to say we were busy, and whilst we believe the numbers were a little under our best - there were still hundreds who turned up.

The photos taken at the event will be published on our website when we have collected them together. A few from the motorbike park are included with this article. It goes without saying that there were some fantastic vehicles on display – both cars and bikes. We don't list them as it would be an impossible task but there are a few pictures here and also on our website (www.greethamgathering.co.uk).

Finally, many thanks as always to all who helped to make the event such a success. Whether it involved setting up the field, marshalling cars and motorcycles and arranging parking or clearing up when finished. Also we thank Andy Saunders and his team, the Rutland First Responders and the ladies in the kitchen and on the cake stall. Lastly, thank you to all who

attended and helped make the day such a success. Same again in 2022? Let's hope so – the first one for 2022 is in May so see you then. We'll keep you updated through our website.

Greetham church fete.

A very big thank you to all who helped us raise £3,000 for the church at the fete in August. It was a very good turnout and the rain held off longer than any of us dared hope given the forecast. Thank you to our sponsors and local businesses who provided raffle prizes and everyone who donated items and gave of their time and talents. We hope you all had a good time.

Helen and Jackie

Church wardens of St Mary's, Greetham

Christian Aid

Sophie Brightwell, the Christian Aid Week manager wrote to us in late August to thank us for the £233.74 raised during Christian Aid Week in May. She was delighted by our support and wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for the fundraising in our community.

Peter Hitchcox

GENERAL NEWS

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.

Updated Village Walk

The Rutland Local History and Record Society have updated the Greetham Village Walk and done an excellent job. It is well worth a look.

It can be found on the village website greethamrutland.com under "Things to do". It is one of the walks which can be downloaded.

If you are interested in village history, then the Rutland Local History and Record Society is a font of information. See <https://www.rutlandhistory.org/villagewalks.htm>

Dave

David Hodson

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Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal

Yes, it's that time again! Please support this year's campaign by packing a shoebox with gifts that will bring joy to children who may never have received a gift before. The boxes go to various countries and are given to children who may be disadvantaged, in orphanages, hospitals, living in poverty or in some cases terminally ill. Do please pick up a leaflet which explains what to do and gives ideas of suitable gifts and also lists those that cannot be included (the rules have changed again). There are also details on line and patterns for making hats, cuddly toys and other craft items. Leaflets will be available in Cottesmore, Exton and Greetham churches or telephone me on 01572 813118. National collection week is from 15-22 November but I will need boxes by Sunday 14 November as I then have to deliver them elsewhere the following week. Boxes may be left in the churches already named, delivered to me at Horseshoe Cottage, 3 New Field Road, Exton or telephone me if collection is needed.

Patricia Hagger

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

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 8th September 2021 @ 7.30pm held at the Community Centre

Welcome

The Chair reported the death of two previous parish councillors – Colin Eason and Nigel MacNichol. GPC offer their condolences to both families.

Planning Application 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry

JD gave the following update on the North West Extension and Extension to restoration date on Existing Quarry:

NW Extension: After the March Planning Committee we approached a barrister who sent RCC a Pre-action Protocol Letter in which we challenged their decision to grant the planning application and requested that the council:

- Not grant planning permission

- Agree to review the entirety of the officer report and background material

- Agree to discuss the scheme and any alternative designs with the Parish Council

- Bring the matter back before the Planning Committee.

We are currently working on our presentations as Parish Council and with

Nick Begy our Ward Member. Dave Hodson will present on behalf of residents. At the request of RCC – we approached Mick George with a request to meet to discuss an alternative reduced size of quarry, which we believe is more in line with RCC Local Plan policies. This was rejected. We will be focussing our presentations again on reducing the size of the quarry

We also believe that RCC are not following the Precautionary Principle: We believe that the planning authority has based certain key decisions on the success of assumptions of unidentified remediation measures and that Mick George has not provided real hard evidence of the dust emission and how effective the mitigation measures will be, instead MGL have assumed values based on Best Available Techniques, without specifying what these techniques are and how effective they will be in reality. We have asked RCC to review this aspect of the application and requested that this information is provided by the applicant BEFORE the application is considered for decision.

Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry

Planning Permission was granted in March, subject to a bond/escrow arrangement being a condition of the permission. We understand that Mick George has refused to undertake such a condition and it has been dropped from the latest Officers report.

Our view is that planning permission to extend the deadline should now be refused because the condition set by the Planning Committee has been refused by the applicant. Therefore the application is null and void and restoration should commence with immediate effect.

We have another meeting with the barrister this Friday.

We are awaiting a response from RCC.

Other Planning Applications

Comments were put on the RCC Planning Portal in respect of the following 2 planning applications received in August.

Application 2021/0857/FUL – The Old Piggery, Far Wood Lane, Greetham – Proposed temporary static caravan for onsite occupation whilst works are being carried out to the agricultural conversion.

Planning Application: 2021/0983/CAT – 43 Main Street, Greetham LE15 7NJ

Proposal: At the back of house take out the crown on 1 no. wild Apple Tree and take out the crown of 1 no. Portuguese Laurel. This is beside the house at the back and is now obscuring the windows, and causing excessive shading, its roots are also problematic. They are both causing problems for the house next door. No 41 Main Street. The Tree Warden has

inspected and GPC have no objections.

Consideration of Planning Application: 2021/0984/FUL – The Elms, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham LE15 7SB

Proposal: Erection of workshop/maintenance building.

It was noted that the current house on the site is not a permanent home. It is on the edge of the Five Counties Park and is constrained by a hedge. After discussion, there were no objections, provided the workshop/ maintenance building is only used by the occupant of that piece of site. The Chair gave an update received from RCC on 45 – 47 Main Street. Planning Officers are now happy on the proposed access. The planning application is progressing, but has not been approved yet.

Decision Notices

Planning Application: 2021/0600/FUL- 17 Five Counties Park, Greetham Inn Lane – Erection of maintenance shed

Planning permission granted.

Planning Application: 2021/0871/CAT – The Chestnuts, Church Lane, Greetham LE15 7NF- Red Chestnut (T1), Remove due to decline and possible disease

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

Planning Application: 2021/0592/FUL – 5 Church Lane, Greetham LE15 7NF - Single storey side extension

RCC have granted planning permission

AGENDA ITEMS

Provision of Allotments

There have been 15 expressions of interest received from residents. The proposer has confirmation of the ownership of land and is considering the following options:

1. Not to go ahead
2. If allotments go ahead, consideration of a lease with an Allotment Society.
3. Tree planting on site.

The proposer is not in a position to make a decision at present.

Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association

The Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association is looking for volunteers to join. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact GPC.

Green Week

JE gave a full update on the Green Week taking place 18th – 25th September which is a National week. The Rutland Action Climate Group have activities planned – bulb planting and the LRWT Speaking Event (Ref: 127.6). Information on the Rutland events can be found on the Great Big Green website: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com>

Greetham will be working on a pilot project with the Land Sustainability Trust, Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust (LRWT) to record the wildlife in the village. There are a list of priorities, for example, wildlife mapping specific to what we want to offer residents and stories capturing wildlife in Greetham.

A message with a wildlife recording form has gone out in the Greetham Newsletter to encourage residents to report the wildlife they see around the village. It was suggested that this should also go on Greetham Facebook page to chase up the return of forms and send out messages on Green Week.

Focus Groups

Community Speed Watch

This was cancelled in August due to a shortage of volunteers during the holiday period. It was noted that most of village was excluded from the exercise due the 20mph speed limit. It is unlikely this scheme will be continued in the future.

Accident reporting system

A notice has gone in the Greetham Newsletter for residents to report any incidents to GPC Clerk. GPC will then record traffic accidents and traffic damage to property in Greetham. A date and brief description of what happened will help to form an overview of danger points in the village.

It has been brought to GPC attention that 2 flowerbeds on unconsecrated land have a number of ornaments in the beds. The burial ground rules state that mementos can be placed for special anniversaries but should be removed after a reasonable period so that maintenance of the grounds is not impeded. An update will be reported in October.

Biffa Award – 3rd party contributions towards CC project.

A grant has been awarded from Biffa for Stage 2 of the Community Centre refurbishment project. This will cover improvements to the Main Hall.

Stage 3 will be looking at further improvements, including extending

the outside terrace.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for July and August

July:

Assault – Exton, Great Casterton x 2, Langham, Market Overton, Ryall, Greetham

Theft – Cottesmore x 3, Whitwell x 5, Great Casterton, Langham, Exton

Theft from Vehicle – Ryall, Essendine, A1 layby

Criminal Damage – Ryall, Essendine

Public Order – Ryall

August:

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Burglary (business) – Stretton

Theft – Whitwell x 2, Market Overton

Theft from vehicle – A1 x 2 (HGVs), Greetham

Damage to vehicle – Stretton, A1, Whissendine

Public Order Offence – Cottesmore, Ryall, Langham x 2

Assault – Barnsdale, Langham, Cottesmore

Criminal Damage – Cottesmore, Ryall, Langham, Casterton, Whissendine

Next meeting Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm

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.

Lest we forget....



In November this year, the Parish Council would like to place a life sized cut out image of a Tommy soldier on the village green, to remember our fallen of the two world wars, and every conflict since. Purchasing this Tommy will support the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to help sponsor this tribute to the brave men and women who have laid down their lives to keep us all safe, please let the Parish Clerk, Jayne Isaac, know.

The suggested contribution is £5, and your generous support will be recorded on a list of Sponsors, displayed on the Village Noticeboard.

Greetham remembers its fallen heroes.

Contact the Clerk on Greethampc@gmail.com
Or send your contribution to 73 Main Street, Greetham,
LE15 7NJ. Cheques payable to Greetham Parish Council.
Please include your name as you would like it to appear on
the list of Sponsors.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

CHURCH AUTUMN CLEAN SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 10-12

It will be all hands on deck on Saturday 6th November to give Greetham Church a really good clean.

The more the merrier and there will be cake!

Please join us to get the church sparkling and ready for Remembrance and then Christmas.

Helen and Jackie

HOPE AGAINST CANCER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 1.00PM

2 Course Christmas Lunch Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies

£10.00 per person, under 10's £5.00

This must be pre-booked Please contact: Sally Cluley Tel: 01572 813639

Raffle Prizes welcome

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by Wednesday October 20th please

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Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Enriching our curriculum

This year, alongside other schools in the Rutland Learning Trust, we are focussing on enriching our curriculum through developing a range of sports, music and arts activities alongside our taught curriculum. The children missed out on so many trips and activities last year, we want to make this year a year to remember for the right reasons!



The newly re-formed Exton & Greetham Primary School Choir is already raising the roof with song and singing in parts, and we are looking forward to some different sporting and artistic activities too. Watch this space!

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

We are happy to show prospective parents around the school. Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at extonoffice@rlltschools.com.