# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017 www.greethamrutland.com



The Mud, Sweat and Gears team from Greetham l to r: Alex Bland, Robert Macleod-Smith, Helen Macleod-Smith, Dave Smith, Eleanor Bland, Tom Longlands, Sylvia Bland.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

What's On!

Meet 'em in Greetham – every Thursday morning

# **Looking Ahead !!**

## Safari Supper Saturday 7th October!

Children's Halloween Party – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm Firework Night – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 6pm Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 4-6 pm

### **Planning an Event?**

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**Music by popular DJ Steve Tummons** 

**Greetham Community Centre** 

Friday 27th October 4.00-6.00pm

Tickets: £3.00 to include Hot dog, Cake and drink. Tickets available from Maureen 813061

Parents:

Tea, coffee, hot dogs and cake will be available for adults to purchase.

**Bar open** come for a chat while the children bop the night away.

Children 7 years and under must be accompanied.



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All donations go towards the cost of
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Soup Hotdogs, Jacket potatoes On sale

#### COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Sun 1st Greetham Church said Communion 8am Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship

Mon 2nd Macmillan coffee morning
Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

Wed 4th Oak House Lunch Sat 7th Safari Supper

Sun 8th Greetham Church 9.30am Morning Worship (9.00 breakfast) Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

Thu 12th Mobile Library

Sun 15th Greetham Church Morning Praise 9.30am

Mon 19th WI

Fri 20th Last day for newsletter items for November newsletter

Sun 22nd Greetham Church 9.30am Holy Communion

Thu 26th Mobile library

Fri 27th Junior Halloween Disco

Sat 28th Village clean up

Sun 29th Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Monday 2nd October 2017 - 11.00 am - 1.00 pm At The Paddock, Shepherds Lane, Greetham Everyone welcome, raffle prizes required. Look forward to seeing you. Sally Cluley



#### Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Monday October 2nd 2017 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

#### Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th October - 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 Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday October 8th and 29th 8pm. (After the Harvest Auction). 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



#### Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday October 12th and 26th. Times are approximate Oakham Road Lock's Close 14.00 - 14:20

Church Lane Near No 20 14:20 - 14:40 Church Lane Opp. The Plough 14:40 - 15.00

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 72291



#### WI

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This month it's Member's Night.

### Village Clean Up

Date 28<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am at the Community Centre.

The Parish Council is most grateful to all of you who keep Greetham a tidy village. IOur October clean- up really helps to ensure that we keep Greetham a place of which to be proud. All volunteers very welcome.

#### **REVIEWS**

#### Greetham Team Raises over £900 for Rutland Churches

A team of seven cycle riders from Greetham participating in the Ride and Stride sponsored event has raised over £900 for the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Calling themselves the Mud, Sweat and Gears team they cycled around Rutland visiting (44) of the (64) churches in the county. The money from their sponsors goes to the Trust for the preservation of the many beautiful and ancient church buildings in Rutland. Greetham parish church will get half of the funds raised for the church roof fund.

Team leader Sylvia Bland said 'We split into three groups in order to visit as many churches as possible. The riding was tough during several heavy rain showers but this was more than compensated for by the warm welcome at every church where drinks and snacks were generously provided. A most enjoyable adventure for a very worthy cause'.



PS Congratulations to The Magnificent Seven-a splendid effort - also to those kind people who sat in church recording the cyclists and walkers, those who baked such wonderful cakes and provided drinks. Grandson Paul and I also cycled from Greetham and had a great day out, only being rained on once. We heard from others taking part that the refreshments at Greetham were the best – though Paul thought Edith Weston's fruit cake, chocolate rolls etc. first rate. We visited twenty churches. As a trustee with responsibility for seven churches including Greetham, I am delighted that we have already allocated a grant of £2000 towards the

roof repairs. Our function is to give grants and loans to places of worship within the county in order to keep them in good condition- and open. Peter Hitchcox Trustee-Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Fund

#### September Gathering not rained off



For several days before the event, the Weather forecast had been showing that we were to expect rain on Gathering day. This was no surprise and we are always optimistic when it comes to the weather – after all there have been loads of times in the past that the forecast proved unreliable and we benefited from much better weather than expected. So, that would happen again, wouldn't it? The sun would shine on us, wouldn't it?

Well, for the first time in 4 years the answer to that was a resounding NO! When setting up the arena started at around 2:00pm it was already raining steadily, and as the afternoon progressed the rain continued. Who would turn up in this weather? Will anyone come and eat burgers, cakes or have a drink? Optimism was still around, but not widely voiced. The show must go on!

Slowly, from about 5:00pm vehicles started to arrive. Not at the pace we had enjoyed at previous Gatherings but it was just great to see anyone turn up. Many regulars turned up, some without their classic vehicles,

and some were not worried by the rain. By about 6:30pm the rain had stopped and the sky brightened up and gradually turned blue as the cloud dispersed. If only that had happened a few hours earlier, but never mind – the Gathering did take place.

In the end we had about 40 classic cars show up, and 4 brave motorcycles (2 of which





were classics). In the car arena we had the pleasure of 2 Mustangs, 2 Model T Fords, 2 MGB V8s, 5 Land Rovers, plus BMWs, Jaguars, a VW Camper, a Citroen 2CV and a Citroen Traction Avant, a Morris, a Chrysler, a Mercedes, and several others including a Sinclair C5 pedal/electric trike. In the motorcycle park we were graced with a beautiful red Moto Guzzi 2 stroke and a 250cc BMW R26 single.

Thanks as always must go to all who attended, whether showing a vehicle or not. Also to Andy and crew for the fine food he always prepares and especially when the weather had significantly reduced the customer numbers AND when he had just become a dad again (Congratulations Andy and Ruth); to Anne and team for the bar; to Carol and her extended team of additional volunteers for the cakes and coffee; to Janet for running the raffle; to Debbie, Pippa and Sue on the gate; to Steve P, Brian, and Jeremy for helping marshalling, and to all the supporters who lend a hand as and when. Finally a big Thank You again to the first response team for attending and we give thanks that they had nothing to do.

Well, that's the season of Gatherings over for 2017, but rest assured we shall return next May for our 5<sup>th</sup> year. We cannot do it without the support of the wider community and again we thank you all. Once we have tied up all that needs doing this year we will make our donation to the local Air Ambulance and will publicise it through the village magazine and our website.

Pictures from this Gathering will be posted on the Gathering website (<a href="www.GreethamGathering.co.uk">www.GreethamGathering.co.uk</a>) in the coming days. We shall only post the rarer ones as we don't want to keep publishing the same vehicles when they kindly support us each time. We shall hold the 2018 Gatherings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of May to September, from 5:00pm to dusk, but will keep you all informed of any changes or news.



Martin Fairbairn. Email: Martin@Middle-house.co.uk, mobile: 07759052146, home 01572 813717

#### GREETHAM VALLEY BOWLS CLUB

This season the Greetham Valley Robins team have been riding high. They have gained promotion to division 2 in the Stamford and District Bowls League, came runners up in the Boor and Wainwright Competition and Neil Crees, Roger Clarke and Graham Jackson won the coveted Duncomb Shield.

Five years ago the Robins languished at the bottom of the 3rd division, so the progress has been exceptional and the team can legitimately feel proud of their achievements. The trophies will be presented at the AGM on the 18.11.17 venue Greetham Valley Golf Club. David Watson Captain



The Duncomb Shield winners with trophy, from the left: Graham Jackson, Neil Cress, Dennis Henshaw the Stamford and District League's President, Roger Clarke.

The runners up of the Boor and Wainwright competition top row, from the left: Alan Bennett, David Watson, Malcolm Metcalf, Roger Clarke, Neil Crees, Graham Jackson.

Front row, from the left: Rita Knapp, Bryony Batch, Barbara Watson, Bruce Strickland



#### **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.

#### **Cottesmore Brownies**

1<sup>st</sup> Cottesmore Brownies invite you to a Coffee Evening on Thursday 12 October. 6.15-7.30pm in Cottesmore Community Centre. Raising money for MenCap Melton Mowbray. There will be refreshments, homemade cakes, raffle and Brownie Entertainment!

Please come along and support us. Bernie Wallace – Unit Leader. 01572812956/07858484918

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal**

Yes, it's that time again. This is a wonderful way to bring joy and demonstrate the love of Jesus to disadvantaged, sick and orphaned children in other countries. To take part pick up a leaflet from Exton, Cottesmore or Greetham churches or contact me. The leaflet explains what to do and gives guidance as to what and what not to include. I will order some flat packed boxes so if all that is holding you back is a shoe box contact me. I will need to have completed boxes by early November and will give a final date in a future edition.

Patricia Hagger 01572 813118

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

# Greetham Parish Council Minutes Thursday September 14th 2017

**Members present :** Mr K. Edward (Chair); Mrs J. Denyer (Vice- Chair) Mr P. Hitchcox; Mr D. Hodson; Dr R. Oakes; Mrs Ann Jenkins; Mrs S. Begy; Mrs R. Marshall.

In attendance: 6 members of the public. Points raised in advance of the meeting:

Involvement of the Environmental agency in assessing the stream.

1 Apologies for absence None

2 Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda

Chair declared a personal interest in item 6 2017/0579/FUL

**3 Approval of minutes from August 7<sup>th</sup> 2017** Proposed: DH Seconded: RM Carried unanimously

4 Matters arising

### **Ongoing**

Dog waste bag dispensers. Thanks to DH for putting these up at the gate to Great Lane and near the waste bin on the Community Centre field. Speed Watch. RCC request the support of the Ward Member in establishing a Speed Watch Scheme in the County.

Church Lane meeting: Traffic Focus Group. Ongoing.

Grass/ verge cutting 2018. RCC have yet to respond. Ongoing.

#### **August**

Bench permits. PH reports that the required application form is completed and will be delivered to RCC.

Great Lane 'hedge' update. RCC report that any work required to maintain this is the responsibility of the landowner.

#### 5 Finance

#### For information:

A3 Printer cartridge, £43.71 A4 Printer cartridge, £25

RCC -£493

# For approval

Lamp post poppies £150 Proposed: KE Seconded: JD Carried unanimously The editor of the Village Newsletter to be approached to advertise sponsorship of lamp posts. Poppies £3.00 each (2 per lamp post).

#### 6 Planning – all planning applications can be accessed on the **RCC** website

6.1 Information/ clarification from Planning Enforcement Officer Old Post Office/ Halliday's Yard, Main Street. The Enforcement Officer is responding to concerns regarding the windows, doors and fence.

2017 /0769/CAT Fell 1 number Horse Chestnut. 3a Great Lane A comment is placed on RCC website requesting that resident of the property contact the forestry officer at RCC to confirm disease is present prior to a decision being reached

KE left room having declared a prejudicial interest.

2017/0759/FUL Reconstruct wall and create new entrance. 4, Great Lane.

The plans are not available on the website. Comment to be placed on RCC website: The wall has been constructed so this should be a retrospective permission application. As this property is in the conservation area of Greetham GPC regret that the wall as built is not at the height of the previous wall and request that a planning inspector from RCC visit to ensure the height is acceptable. GPC request that RCC Highways are contacted to ensure that the newly constructed pedestrian entrance, which now divides the wall, maintains safety. Proposed: SB Seconded: AJ Carried.

KE re-joined the meeting.

Discussion of "Rutland local Plan 2016 - 2036, Local Plan Review, Consultation Draft Plan, July 2017"

The Draft response 'Local Plan Response' was available in advance of the meeting on www.greethamrutland.com

An addendum will be drafted which includes the comments made by

residents who attended the pre-ceding Village meeting.

Thanks are offered for the large amount of effort put in by the Councillors on the Planning Focus Group in producing the Draft Response (DH, JD, AJ)

#### 7 Focus groups.

Update – Benches. Clarification is requested regarding the design of proposed benches. These will replicate those already in place on the Village Green

# 8 Playground Project – approval of RCC proposition regarding funding

Proposal to accept an offered grant of £2,500 to GPC to undertake work necessary to plan and cost improvements to the play area, grant of a further £25,000 to undertake the works, which would be released to the Parish Council once a scheme has been agreed with the PC, Play Area Group (Community Centre) and Ward Members, and reviewed by a member of the RCC Environmental Services team. Any additional costs to be raised by the community. Proposed: KE Seconded: PH Carried unanimously.

#### 9 Tree Warden update

For information.

Proposal by RCC to plant trees along the B668:

5 trees on North side between turn off and Travellers Site. This is at no cost to GPC.

# 10 Floods, sewers and surface water / Conservation and environmental issues

Hooby Lane Quarry. The RCC Enforcement Officer will visit to ensure the required work has been completed.

Smoke omission. As the Environment Agency has not responded to requests for an update RCC to be asked to intervene. Action: NB

#### 11 Traffic Issues

Document 'Greetham Traffic Concerns' was available on www.greethamrutland.com in advance of the meeting.

GPC welcome, and are encouraged by, the positive and constructive response received from RCC to this document and welcome further developments.

#### 12 Risk Assessment

Proposal that the risk assessment be adopted. Document 'Litter pick risk assessment' available on <a href="https://www.greethamrutland.com">www.greethamrutland.com</a>

A5 copies to be handed out at the next litter pick

Proposed: JD Seconded: RM Carried unanimously.

#### 13 Community Centre Update

Apologies offered to the CC for lack of attendance by GPC representatives

The fencing around the skate park and tennis courts has been treated with preservative. Thanks are offered to the members of the committee and villagers who volunteered to assist with this project.

Further maintenance is being undertaken to the building and grounds. Heating continues to be the main project and is being progressed.

#### 14 Neighbourhood Plan update

Declaration of outcome of referendum:

A high turnout resulted in a 9:1 vote in favour of adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. Thanks to the Steering Committee for the work undertaken throughout the process.

#### 15 Cylce path

Update. Document 'Cycle Path Proposal' available on www.greethamrutland.com

Proposal that GPC support this. Proposed: KE Seconded: PH Carried unanimously.

16 Welcome Visit Pond Lane: KE

#### 17 Holes in hedges

Photographs available on <a href="https://www.greethamrutland.com">www.greethamrutland.com</a>

Concerns are raised regarding holes being cut in hedges, specifically to the Burial Ground and hedges at the CC. This constitutes vandalism and is costly to GPC as the resulting gaps at the Burial Ground have to be repaired. It is requested that anyone aware of who is responsible report this.

#### 18 Western Power

GPC request information regarding future works.

Action: Contact WP for future plans and a time line.

#### 19 Village Clean Up

Date 28<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am at the Community Centre. All volunteers welcome.

RCC to be contacted for equipment required. (Clerk)

#### 20 Correspondence and Communication

Lamp post poppies. RCC Highways support this initiative and have provided guidance regarding putting up and taking down.

Resident regarding path alongside stream behind Wheatsheaf, maintenance work to the path and impact on watercourse.

Environment and RCC respond that the waterway is unaffected.

Parish Forum October 2<sup>nd</sup> clashes with GPC next meeting. Ward Member and DH to represent GPC.

Response from DLP planning regarding quarry. An apology has been received and the comment on the webpage removed.

Email from residents regarding local plan. GPC draft response has addressed the concerns and points raised at the Village Meeting incorporated in the addendum. Ward member to respond to email.

Planning enforcement re 66, Main Street. RCC Enforcement Officer informed of concerns.

Parish trees policy – RCC. Passed to Tree Warden for information. Email from resident regarding tree on un-adopted road. Request for confirmation of tree identified to be repeated.

Email from resident regarding allocation of 'Council Money'. This is an issue for RCC to address.

Sent:

FOI request sent to RCC regarding communications with Stamford Stone (quarry development). A response has been received today to the first request.

Second request (outline) response still awaited.

#### 21 Reports from outside bodies

28/9/17 Planning training – Parish Forum. Confirm attendees. KE/JD/Clerk

LRALC – Meeting of Rutland PC representatives held in Uppingham, regarding Local Plan.

#### 22 Items for a future agenda

Risk assessment for volunteers.

Rubbish bin at Northbrook Close is damaged. Check ownership (Clerk) LRALC membership (finance)

Dog waste bin, request to RCC to empty.

23 Date of next meeting - Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017-

E mail: <a href="mailto:greethampc@gmail.com">greethampc@gmail.com</a>

#### FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### St. Mary's Church

Nov 2nd (Thursday) All Souls Service - to remember those who have died and to bring healing and wholeness.

Nov 12 (Sunday) Remembrance Service (there will not be a breakfast service this month)

Advance notice for Saturday Nov 25 The Emmanuel Apostolic Gospel Academy (EAGA) will be bringing their renowned Gospel Choir, from the Leicester region, who sing all over the country at different events, to Greetham. They were finalists in the Gareth Malone show 'The Choir: Best in Britain 2016',

They will be performing at St Mary's Church Greetham on Saturday 25th Nov 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Diane Creasey (812079) Helen McCloud Smith (812852) and Chris Parkin (813162) on a first come first served basis and will be £12.50 each.

#### HOPE AGAINST CANCER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

#### SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

2 COURSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH TEA/COFFEE & MINCE PIES £10.00 per person Under 10's £5.00 Lunch served at 1.00 pm - Bar will be open Please contact Sally on 01572 813639

Raffle prizes welcome



Rutland County Council is offering some refresher driving courses aimed at Rutland drivers.

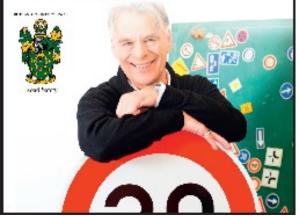
# THE NEXT COURSE IS BEING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES IN OAKHAM ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

Thursday 12th October 2017 10.00 - 12.30

There are also 3 more courses organised for 2018.

These theory courses are aimed at drivers who would like to update their isrowledge as well as learn how to drive more safely and efficiently. There will be a short break for refreshments. The course is currently free for Flutland residents and £30 for non-residents, it consists of a 2 ½ theory course and a voucher for an hour practical session to use with a local driving instructor at a later date.

For more information or to book your place telephone 01572-758248 or email tbarnwell@rutland.gov.uk



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