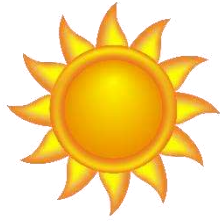


GREETWELL NEWS



Summer 2023

A contrast this month – The Parish Council is looking towards December and the first ever official ‘Greetwell Christmas Tree’. Paid from District Councillor Community funds and planted in the spring this year on the roundabout on Westfield Avenue. Councillor Sarah Bates has been tending to it and if we ever get any sunny weather it would be appreciated if nearby residents could give it a drink.

It is hoped to have lights on it during December and an official ‘Switch on’ with Mulled wine and mince pies – Watch this space for more details!



Picture shows John Taylor, Chairman of the Parish Council and former Councillor Keith Johnson after planting the tree.

CRIME IN NORTH GREETWELL – Please be alert – There were several thefts of catalytic converters taken from vehicles in North Greetwell recently. If anything suspicious is noted ring 999 immediately.

Greetwell Parish Council has been tirelessly asking the Lincolnshire County Council for a pedestrian crossing across the busy A158 coast road for the last 13 years following a request in July 2010 from a resident who was finding it difficult to get across the road safely after getting off the bus.

Since then 'Request for Pedestrian Crossing – update' has been an agenda item for Parish Council meetings on too many times to count! However, with persistence and not letting the issue rest for long the Parish Council has, along with the assistance from District and County Councillors and support from the local MP, at last achieved its aim when the Puffin Crossing was officially opened on Saturday 17th June.

Councillors and residents met at the crossing to 'officially' cut the ribbon and declare the crossing open.

Greetwell Parish Council Chairman John Taylor said 'This is a great day for the residents of North Greetwell, it has provided a safe link with the whole village. People can cross the road and catch the bus without wondering if they can get back to their home address.



The traffic levels are still atrocious but perhaps the County Council can address this with some improvements at the roundabout, as the situation has definitely got worse since the Eastern bypass opened.

This crossing now provides the initial link between Cherry Willingham and Nettleham when utilising sustainable means of transport. One day we may even get a footpath/cycleway to Lodge Lane on the north side of the A158? That is certainly something Greetwell Parish Council will be pursuing.'

After so many years it is such a fantastic achievement and will be instrumental in helping ensure the safety of residents of North Greetwell.

News from your Parish Council

Greetwell Parish Council welcomes new Councillor Mrs Joanne Dimelow, along with District Councillors Trevor Bridgwood and Maureen Palmer – contact details are on the back page of this *Greetwell News*.

The Chairman, Councillor John Taylor and Vice Chairman Mrs Sarah Bates were re-elected to these positions.

Some members were appointed with responsibilities:

Defibrillator sited on the garage wall – weekly checks – Councillor John Taylor
HR/Staffing Councillors Ms Sue Pullen and Mrs Sarah Bates
Grass Cutting/Grounds maintenance – Councillor Mike Taylor
Weekly Play area checks – Councillor Mike Taylor

Thanks must go to former Councillor Keith Johnson who did not seek re-election.

Community Speedwatch – There is now a second speed indicator device sited on the A158.

Planter on A158 – Anglian Water volunteers kindly emptied the planter of all the old soil so that a membrane could be put in the bottom to prevent the weeds coming through. New topsoil has been put in and the bulbs will be planted along with flowering plants.

Audit – The 2022/23 Audit has been passed by the Auditors. All documentation is available for viewing on the Parish website.

New development at Greetwell Fields – Are residents aware of the new road names on the development in Greetwell parish - All Saints Road, Austacre Way, Camshaws Road, Long Holt Close and Reedbush Avenue. The development is growing and will be followed by the Cathedral View development in the vicinity of the former quarry.

The Parish Council has endeavoured to integrate the residents into the parish by dropping a welcome letter through all letterboxes, giving information about the parish, Parish Council, meeting dates etc.

The Chase play area – a section of fencing has been repaired to eliminate the risk of children running out of the play area on to the highway.

The Clerk to the Council holds a list of residents' email addresses so that details can be forwarded for updates on local road closures and What is on in the area. You are very welcome join this by email Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com just confirming that you are in agreement to your personal contact details being held. There are probably 3 or 4 emails a month so your inbox won't be filled up!



NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

TRAVEL VACCINATIONS

If you are travelling abroad and think that you may require vaccinations, please contact the practice as you will need to complete a travel questionnaire. You can complete the questionnaire in a variety of ways:

- Submit an AskMyGP request stating that you would like a travel questionnaire. If you have a mobile telephone, we are able to send you the questionnaire via a SMS message for you to complete online. (This is the quickest and easiest method)
- Download one from the practice website (or app).
- Collect a paper copy from one of the practice sites.

Please note that one will need to be completed for each traveller.

Once the form is received back at the practice (in whichever format), we will contact you to book an appointment with one of the Practice Nurses.

Before you attend your appointment, a nurse will check the latest travel guidance as well as your records to ascertain which vaccines if any are required.

Please do not leave it to the last minute as the earlier the vaccines are given the better!

More information about travel vaccinations can be found on the NHS Choices website at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Travel-immunisation/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

General advice about travelling abroad can be found too on the NHS Choices website at <http://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/TravelHealth/Pages/Travelhealthhome.aspx> which includes links on how to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

LATENESS and MISSING OF APPOINTMENTS

We have had an increasing number of patients arriving for their appointments late or just not arriving at all!

All of the clinicians at the practice work to timed clinics with patients being offered appointments for a specific time which is sufficient to cover the reason they are being seen.

When someone is late for their appointment, we do ask the clinician if they will still see the patient, but it is at their discretion. It is not fair on other patients or the staff to be asked to be 'squeezed in' as there is more to an appointment than the time that the clinician spends with the patient.

For example, a routine blood test appointment is for 10 minutes. Below are the various processes that need to be undertaken during that appointment time:

1. Phlebotomist has to retrieve the patient's record and ascertain which blood tests are required
2. Print off the appropriate blood request form ensuring that all blood tests required are marked
3. Obtain the necessary blood bottles (there are different coloured bottles for different blood tests)
4. See patient and take blood
5. Ensure that all blood bottles are labelled correctly and placed in the right bag with the correct form
6. Write up their consultation notes on the computer for that patient.
7. Clean down the surfaces in readiness for the next patient.

During May 2023, we had **159** patients that did not attend their appointments that equates to over **36 hours** of clinician time wasted. We know how precious appointments are, so please if you are not able to attend a booked appointment, please contact the practice and cancel the appointment so that it is not wasted and another patient can be seen.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The practice has recently received the annual Flu letter from NHSE with details of the flu eligibility cohorts for the upcoming flu season. The eligible groups for a Flu Vaccine from September 2023 which can be administered at the practice will be:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline workers in a social care setting

There is a slight change this year in the eligibility group. 50-64 year olds without another qualifying health condition are no longer classed as eligible and so will not be able to have a flu vaccination.

The practice is currently starting to plan the flu vaccination clinics for the autumn and hope that these will be able to be booked from the last week of August 2023. For patients that we have a mobile telephone number and consent to send text messages, they will be sent a message which contains a unique booking link that can only be used by them to book suitable patients. For those patients without a mobile, you will be able to contact the practice from the last week in August after 10:30am to book a flu vaccine appointment.

ASKMYGP CHANGES

We would like to thank all of our patients for bearing with us over the last few weeks as we know it has not been easy when AskMyGP has closed early in the morning.

From Monday 19th June 2023, AskMyGP is open every week day from 6:00am – 10:00am and will not be closed early. After this time, if you require medical assistance, please contact the practice and the receptionist will be happy to raise an AMGP on your behalf.

We are aware that some patients use the AskMyGP system to request repeat prescriptions or have a purely administrative issue that they are unable to send these through once the system is closed.

Therefore, if AskMyGP is closed and you have a query or request regarding medication, you can send an email to licb.nettlehamdispensary@nhs.net.

Likewise, if you have a purely administrative question, you can send an email to licb.nettlehamadmin@nhs.net when AskMyGP is closed.

We hope that the above two email addresses will help patients and also knowing that the AskMyGP system is going to be open for a set period each day will ease some of the pressure on the telephones.

We thank you for your patience and are hopeful that the practice's 'on the day' capacity will return to normal in several weeks' time.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 01522 751717 (When the surgery is closed, please ring Freephone 111)

WEBSITE – www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

A BIT LATE NEWS BUT..... As of 1 April, CallConnect and ConnectBus Saturday operating hours are changing.

CallConnect and ConnectBus bus services will be operating on a Saturday from 8am – 6pm. Monday to Friday operating times remain unchanged at 7am – 7pm.

CallConnect is an on-demand bus service which is available to book from 7 days advance notice up to 1 hour in advance of journey time requested (all bookings are subject to availability). For more information and to find our further details please visit <https://lincsbus.info/> or call our friendly team on 0345 234 3344.

Lincsbus.info is where you can find all updates to bus services across Lincolnshire. Keep an eye on bus service updates here <https://lincsbus.info/bus-services/lincs-bus-updates/>

For additional help and advice with public transport information throughout Lincolnshire, the Transport Helpline is also available on 0345 456 4474.

Age UK, Lincoln has a new website full of useful information and links on:

- **Mental Health,**
- **Care,**
- **Support with digital technology,**
- **Cost of Living Support,**
- **Cancer Information and Support,**
- **Activities and venues in our area.**

[Connect to Support Lincolnshire | Lincolnshire](#)

The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining some Litter Pick Equipment for individuals to use in their own time/convenience to keep our parish tidy. If you would like a set please contact Councillor Sarah Bates on 01522 751515 or sarahbates670@gmail.com

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**COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023 - To be held at 7.30pm in the
Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke
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4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December

Agendas for Parish Council meetings are displayed on the parish website, and on noticeboards within the parish. Residents are welcome to attend meetings

Minutes are also available to view on the website

<https://greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

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