

GREETWELL NEWS

Autumn 2024



Well time marches on and here we are in September.

The Parish Council has been busy continuing to work for the parish. Residents will have noticed the colourful displays of flowers in the planter at the entrance to the parish on the approach from Lincoln, the tubs on the corner of Westfield Drive and the new planter which is now sited by the bus shelter outside Glendales depot. These are tended by Councillors Mrs Sarah Bates and Mrs Jo Dimelow.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Speed Indicator Device – Following the demolishing of the Speed Indicator Device on Wragby Road last November the Parish Council is pleased to report that the Insurance company paid in full for the replacement device and post and the excess of £125.00 was also able to be reclaimed. County Councillor Ian Fleetwood and a Councillor from Cherry Willingham PC kindly fitted the new device onto the post and CC Fleetwood continues to assist Councillor Mrs Sarah Bates on the retrieval of statistics.

Data has been retrieved from the Speed Indicator Device as follows:-

10.9.2023 – 27.5.2024

Incoming vehicles – 2,041,331 Outgoing vehicles – 1,762,588

Total 3,803,919

Incoming - 85% were adhering to the speed limit but this still left 301,524 over the speed limit.

Outgoing 71% were adhering to the speed limit which still let 507,286 over the speed limit.

Maximum speed recorded was 122mph on 13.1.2024 at 3.00am.

291 vehicles were travelling at over 100mph, nearly all outgoing, one being at 10.00am on 25.4.2024 and another at 1.30pm on 14.5.2024.

Footpaths - A resident has reported on Fix My Street three footpath items:-

- Length of shared footpath/cyclepath between A158 Greetwell Road Roundabout and North Greetwell village – surface in poor repair and width inadequate for pedestrians and cyclists to pass each other safely.

- A158 Wragby Road East, length of footpath between North Greetwell and Lodge Lane, Nettleham – No facilities on the path for cyclists, poor repair and width inadequate for pedestrians and cyclists.
- A158 Wragby Road East – length of footpath between Lodge Lane (to Nettleham) and Kennel Lane (to Reepham) – No continuity of cycle facilities on the path for cyclists after leaving the Sudbrooke to Kennel Lane shared use path. Surface in poor repair and width inadequate for pedestrians.

The Chairman, with members support, has taken these items up with County Councillor Ian Fleetwood and our MP Sir Edward Leigh.

Vandalism at The Chase – Sadly one of the pieces of play equipment – the spring rocker - experienced vandalism over the summer breaking the spring entirely from the base. Fortunately our Chairman was on site quickly to make the equipment as safe as possible, it being too heavy to move at the time. Our Play Equipment Inspector was contacted and fortunately was able to repair the spring so that the children had it for playing on. The cost of this is likely to be in the region of £500 which will be another claim on the Parish Council insurance.

The matter was reported to the Police who are increasing patrols in the area.

Police Matters – Cherry Willingham has also experienced some serious vandalism to its street furniture and play equipment. The Police Inspector for our area has stated that the area (including Greetwell) is a very large area which is covered by one Police Constable. Policing across the whole West Lindsey District is guided by reported crime and police officers are understandably allocated to areas with the higher reported incidents. The issue that we have is that the reporting of crime in our Ward is very low. In order to increase the number of police officers allocated to Neighbourhood Policing in the District and get those officers visible in our parishes we need residents **to report any crime that residents see or are affected by.**

Parishioners are therefore encouraged to **report every crime** that they are aware of on this link to the Lincs Police website and the report button is on the front page [Home | Lincolnshire Police \(lincs.police.uk\)](https://www.lincs.police.uk)

Additionally, incidents can be phoned in using the **101 telephone** number or of course for **emergencies 999**.

The late Mrs 'May' Wheatley – Many residents of North Greetwell knew Mrs 'May' Wheatley who lived on Westfield Drive for many years. 'May' passed away earlier this year at the age of 102. The Parish Council was asked to provide a memorial plaque on the seat on the corner of Westfield Drive, opposite her home.



Christmas Tree Switch On – Children back to school, dare we mention Christmas? Arrangements for the Greetwell Christmas tree light switch on have been ongoing for a while!

The date is fixed for **Saturday 30th November at 4.00pm** on the Roundabout of Westfield Avenue. There will be more lights on the trees/shrubs on the roundabout this year. A choir is booked; mulled wine and mince pies; sweets for the children and of course Santa has said he will call in during his busy schedule.

There will be no charge for the event but if anyone would like to donate to the Greetwell Events fund to enable future events in the parish a bucket will be available! All welcome!!

D Day 80 Event – We think it can be said that everyone who attended the street party in Westfield Avenue on Saturday 8 June 2024 enjoyed the afternoon.

Apart from the wind the sun stayed out. So many had made a tremendous effort to dress for the occasion and the fantastic sum of £376.70 was raised to be split between the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

Neighbourhood Plan for Greetwell – Neighbourhood Plans allow communities to have more influence and control over their local area to ensure they get the right type of development for their neighbourhood. Could you help prepare this plan for Greetwell? If so please contact the Parish Council on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Audit of Accounts – The Parish Council accounts were audited for the previous year 23/24 and signed off as correct.

New phone number – Greetwell Parish Council has changed its phone number to **07599 244251**. If there is no answer there is the facility to leave a message. Calls will be returned when the Clerk is next working.

Next Parish Council meetings – 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December. All meetings held in the Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall.

POTHLES - We all notice things around the village that we think need fixing.

The Parish Council welcomes reports about such things but did you know you can report it yourself at www.fixmystreet.com It is better if the authority in question gets multiple reports rather than just one from the Parish Council. There is a link to the site from the Parish website at <https://Greetwell.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

BEING KEPT UP TO DATE - If you would like to be kept up to date of what is happening in the parish, i.e. road closures, events, electronic Greetwell News please join the residents email group by contacting the Parish Clerk on Greetwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

GREETWELL HISTORY

We have a local lady who is researching the history of Greetwell and is interested to hear from anyone who may be able to help her.

She reports - 'I have been assured by experts on WW1 that Greetwell began in WW1 but the use of the camp still evades me.

Several of the buildings were of the type of accommodation for officers so it could have been German officers or for Americans at Scampton. An American airman arrived in Britain in January 1918, was at one point stationed at Scampton and in August 1918 married a Nettleham girl in Nettleham church. The certificate states they were both domiciled in Nettleham.

The properties alongside the A158 could be classed as Nettleham as a strip of land south of the road was at that time in Nettleham parish. Any comments from the parish will be welcome. Whatever I feel certain the camp was established late in the war.'

Mrs Wheatley's contact is pearl.wheatley@btinternet.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The timetable shows when the Mobile Library will be in the area

September	October	November	December
20 th	18 th	15 th	13 th

The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Fiskerton	Village Hall	10:00	11:15
Sudbrooke	Village Hall	11.30	12.15
North Greetwell	West Field Drive	13.00	13.30
Monks Road	Roman Pavement	13:45	14:15
Nettleham Fields	Marigold Close	14.30	15.15

To access your Library account visit:

<https://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/lincolnshire>

Your reservation pick up branch is – Mobile Library North

Nettleham Heritage Association

PROGRAMME 2024-25

All welcome to meetings which are held at 7.30pm at the Old School in Nettleham. Meetings are free to members - otherwise £3.00.

Further information 01522 595114

2024

September 25th - Brian Porter – The Historic Graffiti Survey of Lincolnshire Churches

October 23rd - Horace Liberty – Lincoln Then and Now. Exploring the development in pictures.

November 27th - Nigel Horner – The strange and fantastic story of Lincoln Lunatic Asylum, from public acclaim to public acrimony (1829-1853)

2025

January 22nd - Ken Redmore – Burringham Church- very special in Lincolnshire

February 26th - Neil Wright – Lincoln Theatre Royal, a complete story

March 26th - Stephen Brown -It's Hell on Wheels – the learning to drive industry (with abundance of amusing stories).

April 23rd - Chris Hewis – Pictorial walk down the hill in Lincoln from an enormous collection of historic postcards.

May 28th - Stephen Betteridge – The story of Dunham Bridge, the truths about stopping to pay the toll.

June 25th - Adrian Gray Why did they come from here? The story of the Mayflower Pilgrims

News from Nettleham Medical Practice

Telephone - 01522 751717 (When the surgery is closed, please ring Freephone 111)
WEBSITE – www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

STAFF CHANGES - We are delighted to announce that the practice has two new GPs who have started at the practice recently. Dr Chris Graham joined the practice in July following relocation to Lincolnshire and Dr Gayathri Krishnan joined the practice at the beginning of August following completion of her GP training locally.

Alysia, the practice Physician Associate will be returning to the practice following maternity leave at the end of August 2024.

We will be saying goodbye to Dr Johnson Ozioko who will be leaving the practice at the end of August. We wish him all the best for his future.

VACCINATIONS - There are a lot of updates to adult vaccinations that are happening this autumn which may affect you. The Practice are busy preparing extra clinics through the week and weekends ready for this Autumn's vaccination campaigns. Please ensure we have up to date mobile phone numbers.

RSV Vaccine - This is a new addition to the national vaccination programme from September 2024. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. RSV infection often causes symptoms similar to a cold, including cough, sore throat, sneezing and runny or blocked nose. It can also make you become wheezy or short of breath and lead to pneumonia and other life-threatening conditions. There is no specific treatment, and most infections will get better by themselves. Every year thousands of older adults need hospital care for RSV, and some of them will die.

Almost all older adults will have had several RSV infections during their life. A single dose of vaccine will help to boost protection as you reach an age group at highest risk of serious RSV infection.

Everyone turning 75 years old on or after the 1 September 2024 will be offered a single dose of RSV vaccine once they have had their 75th birthday. This is because older adults are more at risk of serious complications from RSV. You can still get the vaccine up to the day before you turn 80. For the first year of the programme, the vaccine will also be offered to those who are already aged 75 to 79 years on 1 September 2024 as part of a catch-up programme.



<https://www.gov.uk/.../your-guide-to-the-rsv-vaccine-for...>

The practice will be inviting patients for this vaccine from September 2024 onwards starting with the older patients. The vaccine cannot be given at the same time as the Flu or covid vaccine though. Please wait to be contacted to book an appointment for this new vaccination.

Flu vaccines - The Practice will be offering the annual influenza vaccine to eligible patients this Autumn. In line with NHS England advice the start of the programme for most adults has been moved to the beginning of October.

From 1st September vaccines will be offered to:

- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2024 will be contacted to arrange an appointment.
- (Children from reception class to year 11 will be offered the vaccine via the school immunisation teams)
- Pregnant women can book in for a vaccine.

From 3rd October 2024 vaccines will be offered to:

- aged 65 years and over.
- those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups.
- 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.

For those patients that have a mobile telephone number, the practice will send out a booking link text from early September so that you can book an appointment that is convenient for you. For those that don't have a mobile telephone number, we will contact you by letter or telephone or alternatively, you can contact the practice after 10:30am from Tuesday 10th September 2024 to book an appointment.

Covid Vaccination - The Practice is waiting for an official announcement regarding the covid vaccine autumn campaign. However, the JCVI announced in early August 2024 that the vaccine should be offered to:

- adults aged 65 years and over.
- residents in a care home for older adults
- persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group.

The vaccine should usually be offered no earlier than around 6 months after the last vaccine dose (with a minimum of 3 months between doses)

Once more details are received at the practice, we will post information on the practice's social media pages and will contact all eligible patients to invite them for the vaccination.

CLOSURE FOR STAFF TRAINING - Lincolnshire ICB has recently informed practices that they can close one afternoon a month for staff training starting from September 2024. This has to be done in conjunction with the PCN that each practice belong, so that training can be across the entire PCN practices. Currently the practice is working with its PCN colleagues to plan and organise the staff training afternoons. We will update our social media platforms with more information as plans become more definite.

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**COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024 - To be held at 7.30pm in the
Bramham Lounge of Sudbrooke Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke
LN2 2QJ - All Mondays**

7th October, 4th November, 2nd 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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- ✓ Bank details



STEP 3

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STEP 4

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