



The new bus shelter on the A19 near Whitefield Lane was installed thanks to a joint funding initiative by the Parish Council and the Selby Southern Community Engagement Forum. Now southbound passengers can shelter as well as those on the other side of the road!



WINTER 2014

NEWSLETTER

Several playgrounds in the village are maintained by the Parish Council. A double swing was installed at the Lee View area at the suggestion of families and these are all regularly monitored for safety and suitability. Let the PC know if you feel there could be improvements made.

CHRISTMAS IN WHITLEY

The Parish Council gives a Christmas hamper every year to each of our senior residents that are aged 80 or over. If you, or someone you know, is not on our list for any reason contact Kath Walton on 662720.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES are posted on the village noticeboards.

THE GEORGE & DRAGON have their annual carols with brass band outside around the tree on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm. as well as further events through the season.

WHITLEY & EGGBOROUGH SCHOOL are having a Christmas Fair on Friday December 5th 2-4pm with a variety of crafts and stalls.

CHRISTMAS TREES are available from Crown Garden Centre here in Whitley (661643) or you could try Richard Hardman who grows them on his smallholding at Hillam (07542 366213)



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ROAD SAFETY

You will no doubt be aware that the village recently saw a number of serious road traffic incidents, including a schoolgirl being knocked down on the A19 and the tragic death of a cyclist on the M62 roundabout. Both of these happened in the same week that Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, arranged to meet with the residents of Whitley specifically to discuss traffic concerns in the village. This was highly unusual for her to arrange this open forum which included representatives of NY police, Highways and Traffic Management. A good number of residents rightly expressed some strong views about traffic safety here. Had the meeting not been scheduled during school hours there would certainly have been many more concerned parents present. Nonetheless, along with local residents present were representatives from the Parish Council, Selby District Councillors Gillian Ivey & Sue Ryder, NY County Councillor John McCartney, Whitley School Head Julia Snead and from Tunstall Telecoms, Graham Flack. A summary of the meeting is posted on the website and it is clear that the community wants to press for further traffic management through the village and that there are particular concerns around the Learning Lane junction.

The Parish Council is, of course, in contact with these authorities regularly but our immediate aims are

- the installation of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign at both ends of the village
- the possible introduction of a 20MPH zone at the school area
- the reintroduction of the Police Mobile Speed Van
- better road lining and signage
- possible installation of a pedestrian crossing or traffic light system near the school

DAFFODIL FIELD PARK

We hope everyone continues to enjoy the Daffodil Field Park. The trees are beginning to mature and this year we have planted a bed of dogwoods to bring some extra colour and foliage. Also this year, on the centenary anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, the park now has a handsome memorial stone to mark the sacrifice made by local people in conflict. Their names can be seen in All Saints church. We will also soon be erecting a Whitley information board on site and hope to commission an entrance sign too.

For the benefit of all we ask that you continue to put all litter in the bins provided and to use the dog poo bins by the entrances.

The park is maintained by the Parish Council but big thanks to Mr Jim Taylor who does all the actual hard graft and maintenance to such a high standard.

GRASS CUTTING

North Yorkshire County Council are withdrawing non essential grass cutting from the village. This means the PC will have to organise this AND pass on the costs to residents via the precept, or we can just let the grass grow! How about helping to cut costs by maintaining any grass verge outside your property...?

BROWNIES

Whitley Brownies urgently need a new leadership team. If you can help, contact Lisa Taylor 07976 946721 or email tinymoz@gmail.com

YOUTH CLUB

for 5-11 year olds meets Fridays 6:15pm at Eggborough Village Hall. www.yotm.net

OSGOLDCROSS FORUM LUNCHEON CLUB

meets on Fridays at Kellington Manor. Contact Eric Beechey 661747 for more info.

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

The allotment holders have had a very busy summer and it has been an excellent year for produce. There is now a community area for a cuppa and a chat and where summer and bonfire night BBQs were held. There are also plans for a communal greenhouse.

If you are interested in joining, contact the chairman

Phill Broadhurst 661867 or email phill.broadhurst@gmail.com

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

Now over 120 local people use the co-operative to get the best price for fuel. Contact John on 662917 or email whitleyoilcooperative@orangehome.co.uk

