



Good News for Whitley

Daffodil Field Recreational Open Space

Good progress is being made on the developing the Daffodil Field in Whitley, to provide recreational open space which everyone in the village can use.

Selby District Council has now given planning permission for change of use of the land. Whitley Parish Council have been successful in obtaining £55,000 in grants to pay for the landscaping work.

The Parish Council would like to set up a daffodil Field Group to help with preparation and start planning events. An early task will be digging up daffodil bulbs already on site and store them carefully whilst landscaping work is carried out. These can then be replanted in a suitable place as part of the landscape.

If you have any ideas, some time available and/or want to be involved in this exciting village project, please contact Parish Councillor Kath Walton with your details on **Tel: 01977 662720** or email her **kathleenwalton@btinternet.com**

Traffic on the A19 in Whitley

The number of motor vehicle accidents on the A19 through our village over the last year has created a demand from residents to improve the situation. Recent data collected in February 2010 indicated that 79% of vehicles (nearly 4 out of 5) were exceeding the 30 mph speed limit through the village. Indeed one vehicle was clocked at 76 mph! Large numbers of people from Whitley attended the Selby South Community Engagement Forum in December last year to make their feelings known to both North Yorkshire police and North Yorkshire Highways Department. This, together with other lobbying has brought assurances from the Police that they will be *“Regularly involved in speed enforcement activities in Whitley”*

Additionally North Yorkshire Highways have given assurances that funding will soon be allocated to improve traffic signage through our village. We want to ensure these promises are delivered to improve safety and our quality of life. In order to confirm to the relevant authorities the strength of feelings in our community, a village petition has been created. People will be knocking on doors over the next few weeks to collect signatures, also petition forms will be available in the George & Dragon pub so that you can call in for a drink and sign it! In addition we can all help to reduce the danger of speeding by making sure we drive at 30mph or below in our own village. Alternatively email your support to postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk.

FREE Home Energy Check!

Selby District Council in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust is offering residents FREE home energy checks—which could help save up to £300 a year on household energy bills. The impartial checks can be carried out in three different ways:-



- Residents can call their local Energy Saving Trust advice centre on freephone **0800 512 012** and an adviser can complete the questionnaire over the phone;
- Residents can call the same telephone number to receive a free paper copy of the questionnaire by post;
- Complete the questionnaire online and receive the results instantly by visiting www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/check.

Whitley Allotments Update

The Parish Council (following enquiries from local residents) has agreed to buy some land behind Whitefield Lane for use as allotments. Subject to obtaining suitable access to the land for cars and machinery, the council hope to complete the purchase quickly.



An allotment committee is in place, with volunteers required to set up and manage the site. To date there are 20 applications from local people requesting an allotment. If you would like more information or want to register your interest in acquiring an allotment please contact one of the following committee members below:-

John Holdway	Tel: 661786
Chris Ward	Tel: 07766 405729
Cole Ward	Tel: 662080
Sue White	Tel: 662917 email: susan.white2@sth.nhs.uk

Further information and regular updates can be obtained from the Allotments Club page on our village website at www.whitleycommunity.co.uk



For information about what's going on, where and when, try the village website, it's full of useful information about the area. Fancy a meal out, check the website of where to eat. Want to know the latest traffic information, weather and road reports, check the website.

Easter is the start of school holidays for kids, want to know where to take them and what's FREE! Then checkout the village website. The website contains details about designer shopping, pubs, clubs, hotels, entertainment and much, much more - so now you have no excuse for staying in!! You can also post us information that would like to appear on the website using the Contact Us webpage - why not try it out now...

<http://www.whitleycommunity.co.uk>

New Church Service Times as Vicar Retires

Rev. Colin White retires after the delivery of Easter Services following many happy years in the area. Sunday Communion Services held at Kellington and Whitley churches will change from **Sunday 11th April** to the following:-

Kellington St. Edmunds —Communion held every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month commencing at 4pm.

Whitley All Saints —Communion held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month commencing at 4pm.

To book a Wedding, Baptism or Funeral at either church, please use one of the following contacts:

Ann Procter—661638

Eric Chambers—661875

David Bradley—661255

Moira Richmond—661690

Church Conversion to Community Centre

The project is making progress and villagers will already have seen an improvement with trees being removed in the church grounds revealing a quaint and historic building. The next stage will soon see a new child safety fence being erected to the rear of All Saints church. This is the first stage in preparing a safe environment where parents can take children to play and run around freely without worrying about the busy A19 road.



New committee members are needed to drive the project forward which will see changes to the inside of the church, together with a new extension being built to the rear. If you would like to become a part of these changes in the village and secure a community building for use by everyone, please contact Dave Broadbent on 662477

Dog Management

The Parish Council has been asked by local residents to remind dog owners to make sure that their dogs behave responsibly in the village. Please keep them on a lead when necessary and please clean up after your dog.

