

Spring News

Well it's goodbye to Poplar Farm as we now look forward to the regeneration of the site as a small housing development and new people to Whitley. A feature of this village is that the old larger houses with land all too often disappear as new houses replace them.

The parish council always objects to the loss of open space in the village but we try to view new builds constructively and look to



see if community space and facilities can be included in all planning developments. This is a very hard task but the PC is committed to arguing for infrastructure and a better environment as the village continues to grow.

For our younger residents, a youth club meets every Wednesday evening at Whitley & Eggborough School. Ages 5-11, more details on www.yotm.net.

Residents are invited to join the Osgoldcross Forum luncheon club which meets on Fridays at Kellington Manor. Lunch with sweet and coffee followed by bingo is provided for £4.50. Call 661183 for more details.

All Saints church services are the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30am.

More details can be found on the village noticeboards at Silver St., at the Church and Templar Close, inc. PC dates. Next meeting, April 23rd, 7:30pm at Whitley School.

Prefer eNewsletters? We are looking at starting a mailing list to communicate electronically. Contact us via the website if you can help with the IT side.

Happy Spring!
Whitley Parish Council



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Speeding: We Can All Help to Keep our Roads Safe

Hopefully everyone knows that the speed limit through the village is 30mph, and we have the flashing signs at both ends to help drivers reduce their speed. Unfortunately not everyone keeps to the speed limit and the Parish Council is trying to help drivers cut their speed. We have invested in our own handheld speed gun and villagers have been using it, and where we find a commercial vehicle exceeding the limit we will be emailing the company. We can help by simply driving at the right speed, this prevents other vehicles speeding. Whitley Village Speedwatch Group for more info, on 661442 or email watsonwhitley@hotmail.com.



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Selby Council Tax Error

You may have seen in the news that this year's Council Tax Notices contain an error with regard to the amount of Parish Council precept payable. Whitley PC has NOT increased this charge as indicated and SDC will be issuing adjusted notices across the area. More information about this is on the Selby District Council website.

www.selby.gov.uk

Fuel Syndicates Can Mean Lower Prices

It's Spring !

As we know Whitley is not connected to the national mains gas network, despite us being right next to a major UK motorway. This means we all have to use alternative fuel sources, often far more expensive and less convenient than mains gas. There is however a possible answer, Fuel Syndicates. Fuel syndicates are groups of local people who negotiate an agreement with a single supplier with the purpose of achieving savings through making bulk orders. Many rural areas have formed syndicates and are achieving savings as big as 25%. Whitley is looking to do the same, we already have one group of 22 homes who are benefiting from a group contract for LPG, and we want to extend this and try and do the same for oil and include as many people as possible so we can all benefit from lower prices, (unfortunately if you are in contract with a supplier, you may have to wait until it expires). For more information please contact John on 662917 or email whitej@whites84.freeseve.co.uk.

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Mains Gas in Whitley

Over the years we have been asked many times why there is no mains gas in the village and can we mount a campaign to get it installed. Recent enquiries indicate that the cost will currently be in the region of £150,000, and this has all to be borne by participating Whitley residents. The logistics of being bounded by the M62 and canal to the north, and the distance south to Askern make the costs prohibitive. The large scale property developments here have never addressed this issue, nor have the developers been inclined to contribute anything to these infrastructure costs. If you feel enough Whitley residents would be willing to share these costs and want to pursue this, or start the campaign yourself, let us know!



Whitley Village Allotment Association

Would you like to grow your own vegetable, fruit or flowers, or all three? Then an allotment is for you. The village has a number of full size and half size plots, just behind Whitefield Lane, and All Saints Church. If we cannot offer you a plot immediately you can join our waiting list.

The cost is either £30 or £40 for a year, and you must be a resident of Whitley Village. If you are interested, please contact John on 662917 or email whitej@whites84.freeseve.co.uk

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DOGS 'n' DAFFS

The Daffodil Field Park should soon be living up to it's name and is proving very popular with everyone. Dog waste bins are going to be installed and we do hope that all dog owners will use these and do their bit to keep the park a delightful space for all the community to enjoy!

