

The Heritage Lottery Fund have set aside part of their fund specifically for projects commemorating the centenary of the First World War. HLF are keen to support communities wanting to get involved with a local project and help with a grant towards the costs. Examples could be researching the lives of local people who fought in the conflict, or indeed the lives of those that were left behind in the community. If you would like to get involved with a local project please contact the Parish Council.



AUTUMN 2013

NEWSLETTER

A big THANK YOU to people who helped water and weed the village planters during the dry weather. We will be getting them ready for spring, very shortly and planting more daffodils along the verges. Please get in touch with Sue White on 662917 if you have time to help.

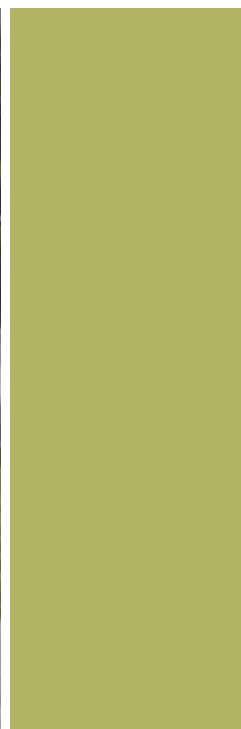
YOUR VIEWS

What's it like to live in Whitley?

We need your opinion about life in Whitley to help us identify the Parish Council's priorities for the period ahead. Please take part in a very short survey by answering just 2 questions:

1. What's the best thing about living in Whitley?
2. What's the worst thing about life in our village and what could we do to improve it?

Email postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk or give any of the Parish Council members a call, or speak to us personally. It would be really helpful if you could respond by the end of November. If there are several people in your house please encourage them to reply individually so we get a good range of views. Thanks!



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

WWW.WHITLEYCOMMUNITY.CO.UK

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Parish Council Clerk: Keith Leppingwell	kleppingwell@tiscali.co.uk	662800
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We are keen to develop a database of residents' contact email addresses. Get in touch postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk



FUEL GROUPS

Since the last newsletter, the village has now established an Oil Cooperative consisting of over 50 members. Two very successful group orders have been placed supplying almost 35,000 litres to 40 homes in the village. The savings have been significant, amounting to a total group saving of around £1500, averaging about £30 a home each delivery.

Additionally residents in Whitley Farm Close and Blackthorn Close have achieved savings on LPG by joining together and negotiating price reductions of over 10%. This along with the success of other residents who use LPG demonstrates that group buying works.

Details on the website, or contact

John 662917 or whitleyvoilcooperative@orangehome.co.uk.

You may be eligible for other help with fuel costs...

www.getfreeboiler.co.uk

PLANNING

An application has been lodged to change greenbelt agricultural land to the rear of Tunstall Lodge into a recreational fishing facility, by creating a number of large ponds and associated landscaping and facilities. The PC is, of course, in favour of villagers benefitting from new local amenities, but along with local residents we have a number of concerns regarding the development, particularly construction traffic and spoil removal onto the A19, as well as safety issues, and the impact of re-landscaping this site. NYCC Councillor John McCartney has been publicly critical of the development.

Peel Environmental are planning a major incinerator or 'energy centre' at Kellingley Colliery. See more at www.peel.co.uk/southmoor

SDC planning committee have rejected the council's own application for a gypsy & traveller site at Burn airfield. More planning info at www.selby.gov.uk



ROAD SAFETY

Whitley School, the PC and local residents have long campaigned about road safety, particularly for our children, and as a result of continued pressure, there is a real possibility that NYCC will provide a School Crossing Patrol site at the junction of Learning Lane and the A19. Regular checks are now being made by the Police Mobile Camera vehicle. During a two and half hour surveillance in August, 12 warning notices were issued and 2 speeding tickets. In addition you will see NYCC Highways have now installed new signs at each end of the village further reminding drivers of our speed limit. And remember the village has its own hand held speed gun available, contact any council member for details.

OVER 80?

It is a long standing tradition in the village that the Parish Council gives a Christmas hamper every year to each of our senior residents that are aged 80 or more. If you, or someone you know, is not on our list for any reason please contact Kath Walton on 662720

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

is being installed in the village. Hopefully the roadworks will be finished soon, as the target for completion is December

YOUTH CLUB

for 5-11 year olds continues to meet each Wednesday 6:15pm at Whitley & Eggborough School. www.yotm.net

OSGOLDCROSS FORUM LUNCHEON CLUB

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

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

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, but you must be a resident of Whitley. If you are interested, contact John on 662917 or whitej@whites84.freeseve.co.uk.

OTHER LOCAL LINKS

www.villagechurchonline.co.uk

www.whitleyandeggboroughcpschool.co.uk

www.georgeanddragonwhitley.co.uk

You may have seen our War Memorial Stone in the Daffodil Field Park, kindly donated by Darrington Quarry. An inscription stone will soon complete this important salute to local people who have served, and died, in combat.

DAFFODIL FIELD