

EVENTS

On **Sunday 13th April**, the Whitley Allotments Association held an Easter egg hunt at the Daffodil Park. Around 60 parents and children attended and 150 eggs found! Egg & spoon races also took place followed by a buffet, allotment quiz, best decorated egg and Easter bonnet competitions at the George and Dragon.

COMING UP There will be a community walk around Whitley and the surrounding public footpaths on **Sunday 1st June starting 10am at the Daffodil Park.**

Look out for the flyers or contact richardputtrell@hotmail.com or 661285

Next Parish Council meeting & Annual General Meeting **27th May 7:00pm at the School**

Have you seen the 30mph posters on the wheelie bins? We are hoping that everyone who puts their bins out along the A19 will display one. The PC are delivering to all residents on the A19, or get in touch to receive one.



SPRING 2014

NEWSLETTER

MAKING WHITLEY SAFER

Police Withdraw Camera Van from Whitley

Disappointingly, North Yorkshire Police recently decided to stop the regular patrols in the village claiming other priorities and the lack of accidents as the main reasons. In 2013 more than 250 drivers were stopped in our village, and issued with either penalty notices or required to attend a speed awareness course. This is as many or more than were stopped at other locations which oddly have retained regular patrols by the camera vans.

These figures demonstrate there is still a real problem with speeding along the A19 by a persistent group of motorists, and we want these patrols reinstated urgently.

You can do your bit by keeping to the speed limit and reporting your concerns to NYCC using their 95Alive form which can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25535

You can also register your views with Julia Mulligan our Police and Crime Commissioner for Yorkshire, 01423 569562 or info@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

WWW.WHITLEYCOMMUNITY.CO.UK

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The Parish Council is made up of local people who volunteer their time to make a difference to the community. If you have a local issue, problem or suggestion, come along to one of our meetings or contact postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk

If you use heating oil we think we can help you reduce your bills through the power of group ordering. Since August last year we have organised over 140 deliveries, totalling 108,000 litres of oil. We now have over 100 members and based on an average saving of 2p a litre, we believe we have collectively saved members over £2,000. So if you want to know more check out the website or ring John on 662917. And we can help with LPG as well. The residents on Whitley Farm Close and The Hollies have also acted collectively with Calor, all proving you are likely to get a better deal if you join a group.

In a previous newsletter we said that we expected this to be available by Christmas 2013 but you may have seen that work to lay new cables is still going on. Hopefully it will finally be available later this year for those of us desperate to use faster speeds and capacity.



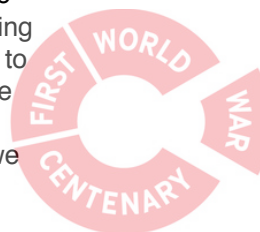
The PC is responsible for the maintenance of the three playgrounds in the village at the Daffodil Park, Lee View and Blackthorn Close. We have recently had our annual inspection check carried out by a specialist approved by ROSPA. All three were cleared of any serious defects, but there is some remedial work which the PC is now arranging to be completed. A copy of the full report is available from the PC.

The PC is also looking to improve these areas where possible, and welcomes your comments and suggestions. We are hoping to update the small area at the rear of Lee View to include a double toddler/parent swing after residents asked for this to be considered.

We are also considering a proposal to fund a bus shelter for villagers travelling south from Whitley, as none of these stops currently provide any sheltering.



We have now traced the military and census records for all 23 men who are listed on the war memorial in the church. It is a fascinating piece of local history and we can be proud to remember the sacrifice made by the people of Whitley and surrounding villages. If you have some stories or photographs which we could display on the website please get in touch.



In our growing community there are always things to do to improve the village, such as planting daffodils and other plants, delivering the newsletter, tending the planters. Many hands make light work so if you can spare an odd hour now and again please get in touch and help make a difference.

The PC has been made aware of a problem with dog fouling along Learning Lane and in the Daffodil Park. This is unpleasant, potentially dangerous and, of course, an offence (£50 fine). Dog bins are sited at the entrance to the Daffodil Park so we do ask that dog owners use them.

The village has 25 plots at the Allotment site behind Whitefield Lane, they are open all the time and visitors are very welcome to come and see what we get up to. Anyone interested in taking up a plot can contact the secretary on 662917 or whitej@whites84.freemove.co.uk.

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

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

www.villagechurchonline.co.uk
www.whitleyandeggboroughcpschool.co.uk
www.georgeanddragonwhitley.co.uk

After a short campaign the village now has its very own school patrol, so a big thank you to the school and everyone who campaigned, and especially our patrol officer who is on duty every morning and afternoon. Please support her by saying hello and good job!



A19 SCHOOL CROSSING

ANOTHER POWER STATION FOR EGGBOROUGH?

A company called Drenl are planning a renewable energy facility at the former ARBRE site in Eggborough. Recycled materials will most likely be delivered by lorry using the A19 through Whitley. See their website for more info www.drenl.co.uk