

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

There are a few vacant plots at the allotments just behind Whitefield Lane, please contact Anita on 07889 985195 or Sarah 01977 288768.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

All Saints Church Coffee Morning 10:30 on the first Friday in every month
 Mums and Tots (Facebook Egg tots) meet every Thursday 9.30 am Eggborough Village Hall
 Community Café every Wednesday morning at Methodist Community church Eggborough

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

The Oil Cooperative organises a group order for anyone in Whitley and the surrounding communities every 2 months. If you're interested, email whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com or ring 01977 662917 for more information.

CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Whitley – 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9.30.
 St Edmund's Kellington – 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 9.30
 Contact Rev M Marsh 01977 663553

CONTACT

Follow our Facebook page WhitleyCommunity for local news from the Parish Council and other community news. Whitleyneighbourhoodwatch is also one to follow with information about incidents in our area.



A reminder that all our Parish Councillors live in Whitley and take local issues very seriously. Contact details are on the village website.



SPRING 2018

NEWSLETTER

Parish Council Meeting Dates for the Year

2018	May 22nd (AGM)	2019	January
	June		February
	July		March
	September		April
	October		May
	November		

Meetings are held at the primary school on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. See the website for which Tuesday in each month.

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Whitley Community

LOCAL NEWS

Since the last newsletter we've had **a few unfortunate incidents**. First the bench in Whitefield Lane was broken, then the litter bin on the A19 near Gravel Hill Lane was smashed by a vehicle, and most recently our large "birdnest" swing was stolen from the park. The Parish Council (that's all of our community) has to meet the costs, money we could have spent on other things.

On a happier note, now that spring is finally here we are going to try and **tidy up our main park** over the next few months as we know how much it is enjoyed by so many people. If you have any ideas for the park, or wish to contribute, please let us know.

Motorists speeding through the village continues to concern many residents. Fortunately the police have recognised this and we are now regularly visited by the safety camera vans. Since they were deployed last June over 500 drivers have been caught speeding, resulting either in attendance at a "Speed Awareness Course" or for repeated offenders an immediate fine and points. While we may never stop drivers speeding, the camera van, the 2 vehicle activated signs and the wheelie bin stickers all help to remind drivers.

A number of residents have commented about the cars regularly **parked on the A19** near Whitley Farm Close. The Parish Council agree this is a problem, and will work with all parties to find a solution.

The Parish Council have given their support to **new restrictions in Learning Lane**, these should stop parking which adds to the problems for parents when dropping off and collecting their children.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Once again, the Parish Council has successfully carried out its duties and obligations on behalf of the community of Whitley. I hope you agree, but if not, we welcome residents' concerns and suggestions.

We continue to communicate through the website and our Facebook pages, which we have found to be the most efficient and cost effective way of distributing local information.

You may have noticed that the Parish Council did not raise the precept charge for this year. We always strive to maintain a fair budget.

Sadly, local resident Mr Jack Davie died at the end of last year. Jack served for many years as our Chairman and Councillor, and most recently in 2016 he lit our beacon at the Queens 90th birthday celebrations in the Daffodil Park. Jack worked tirelessly on local issues in and around Whitley, and he will be greatly missed.

We welcome our new clerk, Mr John Hunter. John is a long standing Whitley resident and has already proven to be an excellent asset to the Council.

Bedford Mowing have been re-contracted this year to maintain the grass verges and park and play areas around the village.

My thanks, again, to my excellent fellow councillors, our diligent parish clerk, and everyone who contributes to this community.

Simon Humphrey, Chair, Whitley Parish Council

A reminder also that NYCC are still looking to recruit someone for the **school crossing patrol at Learning Lane**. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school or NYCC.

It's worth reminding everyone that we have a **defibrillator located at the George & Dragon**. This can be used without any training. The machine analyses someone's heart rhythm and then uses visual or voice prompts to guide you through each step. Ambulances have them on board, but using an defibrillator in the minutes before an ambulance arrives can double someone's chances of survival.

Our thanks goes to the generous donations which have paid for this.

We're not sure if everyone in the village knows, but there is a real possibility that our **village church could close**. This is our local history where weddings, baptisms and funerals are held. The church dates back to 1860, with funding from local landowners.

Two meetings have been held with the church council and local residents from the village to discuss ways to keep our church, and a working group has been formed to investigate if the villagers of Whitley wish to keep All Saints and use it as a joint place of worship / community centre. If you would like to become involved or even join the group you can contact them by email whitley.church@outlook.com or follow **Facebook Friends of Whitley Church**, where your interest will be acknowledged and contact made.

It would be a great loss if the church were to be sold off and our heritage with it. Keep an eye open for information about progress and a questionnaire which is due to be released very soon. Your support counts and is important to the future of retaining All Saints in our village.