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WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Currently there are no vacant plots, but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the secretary <u>whitleyallotment@outlook.com</u>

AROUND THE VILLAGE

We know many of you use the footpaths in our area, if you see any antisocial activity you can report it to NYCC via their website <u>www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maintenance</u>.

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. And if you have LPG, often the best deals are by being part of a group on your estate or in the village.

CHURCH SERVICES

Our two local churches are St Edmunds in Kellington and Eggborough Methodist who both hold regular services. www.kellingtonwithwhitley.org.uk eggmethodist@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our Facebook or Nextdoor page <u>WhitleyCommunity</u>. For local news from the PC, residents, and other community updates and information join our <u>WhitleyCommunityGroup</u>. <u>WhitleyNeighbourhoodWatch</u> is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

Parish Council Meetings for the Year

2023 January 17th February 21st March 21st April 18th May 16th

Parish Council Chair: Kath WaltonKTWalton.wpc@outlook.com01977 662720Parish Council Clerk: John Hunterclerk4whitleypc@gmail.com01977 277503

All parish councillors are Whitley residents and take local issues very seriously.

Our SELBY DISTRICT and NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR is John McCartney 01977 662558 jmccartney@selby.gov.uk cllr.john.mccartney@northyorks.gov.uk



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DAFFODIL PARK MEMORIAL BENCH

Some sad news, the recent mindless vandalism of the memorial bench has shocked a lot of people. The bench commemorated a brave police officer who lived in Whitley, killed on duty in 2011. We hope those who did this will reflect on their actions. The Parish Council will consider what should be done about replacing it.

OVER 80'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER

As is tradition the Parish Council has distributed a food hamper to all those in the village who are over 80, this year around 20 will have received this. We would like to thank both Ringtons Tea and Tunstall Healthcare for their kind donations, help with the distribution and the printing of the newsletter. If you know anyone in the village who will be over 80 in 2023 please contact us.

GALE COMMON

A final appeal has been heard at the High Court to stop the disruption to our community if Eggborough Power go ahead with the 250 lorries a day coming in and out of the site, we await the decision of the court.

SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Unfortunately this continues to be a major source of concern and one which can only really be resolved through the intervention of the Police Assistant Chief Constable <u>elliot.foskett@northyorkshire.police.uk</u>

and the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Zoe Metcalfe info@northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk

For reasons which most people don't understand, North Yorkshire remains one of the only counties in the whole of the UK not to use Fixed Speed Cameras, and rejects all requests to deploy them. The use of cameras has been shown to significantly reduce driver behaviour as can be seen in nearby East, West and South Yorkshire.

Lobbying of these two groups might one day result in a change.

CHRISTMAS AT THE GEORGE & DRAGON

The pub will be open throughout the festive period organising all sorts of special evenings, Xmas Eve RaceNight, Christmas Day and New Years Eve, contact the pub for more details, 01977 277374 or Facebook George&Dragon.

CHURCH SERVICES

For those wishing to attend a local service. St Edmunds Kellington Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm Eggborough Methodist Chapel Carol Service Thursday 22nd December 9.30am followed by refreshments.

BUS SERVICES

The withdrawal of the 405 service Selby to Doncaster back in October has been a terrible blow to all those who rely on the bus service. Sadly falling passenger numbers and running costs are said to be the reason for these cutbacks. Following appeals to Arriva from the County Council, our County Councillor and the Parish Council, the 476 Selby to Pontefract service now comes as far as the George & Dragon. The Parish Council will continue to lobby for the 476 service to be extended to include the whole of our village and that the Arriva 51 service which runs empty down the A19, to start a service from Norton, should include a stop in Whitley.

The main times from the village are:

To Selby from George & Dragon, 07.58, 09.34, 11.44, 13.50 and 15.50 To Pontefract from George & Dragon, 10.09, 12.09, 14.09 Check the full timetable on <u>www.arrivabus.co.uk</u>, or Arriva Customer services 0344 8004411

TRAIN SERVICE

A reminder that there is a train every day from Whitley Bridge station, Monday to Saturday into Leeds, and stations in between. Leaving Whitley Bridge station at 08.06 (arrives 08.51) and returning from Leeds at 17.58 (arrives 18.42) www.northernrailway.co.uk

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents for their support and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.