

Whitley Village News



Summer 2009

Welcome to the Summer 2009 release of our village Newsletter, it's packed full of useful information to bring you up to date with what's going on in the community.

Summer is well and truly here with the sun shining and school holidays just around the corner, there is a lot to look forward to despite the credit crunch. Visit our website to find details of exciting days out for the family (Mostly FREE) and treat the kids during the long holidays. www.whitleycommunity.co.uk

The planters in the village are looking great as the flowers come into full bloom, the Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to Pauline Leppingwell and Crown Garden Centre for the hard work they contributed in making such wonderful displays.

THANK YOU! - the Parish Council would like to thank Jack Davie as the outgoing chair, for all his hard work over the past years.



The Parish Council are looking for ideas from the community of how to make Whitley a recycle friendly village. Have you got a great idea?

Let us know email:-
postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Whitley & Eggborough School, Learning Lane, Whitley, 7:30pm

August No Meeting	September 8th 2009	October 20th 2009
November 24th 2009	December No Meeting	January 12th 2010
February 23rd 2010	March 23rd 2010	April 20th 2010
AGM to be agreed at April meeting when dates for meetings held in 2010/11 will be agreed		

Website:

The village website has been modernised and updated containing a wealth of local information such as local shops offers, bus timetables, where to eat out, activities for children etc. so why not pay us a visit?

www.whitleycommunity.co.uk

Whitley Parish Council - Recreational Land

At long last a piece of land has been purchased by Whitley Parish Council in the village. The land has been purchased for recreational use by the community of Whitley. It is located next door to the playground and small football pitch at Whitley Farm Close. Many locals know this site as the daffodil field.

More information will be available in a leaflet this year.

Would you like an Allotment — Grow your own?



The credit crunch is certainly not easing its grip on people's finances, the Parish Council are keen to identify how many people living in the village are interested in having an allotment to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers.

If sufficient interest is shown, the Parish Council will try to identify some land where this could happen. Allotment societies can be set-up to manage the allotments and apply for grants for setting-up and other facilities. To register your interest, please contact Susan White on 01977 662917 or send an email to [the Parish Council postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk](mailto:postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk)

Computer Training

New to computers? Not sure how they work? Problems with email? Osgoldcross Forum in partnership with local parish councils have organised training sessions for people of all ages, especially if you have never owned a computer before.

Training support is given on the basics of how to use a computer. Sessions are held every Friday afternoon in a warm and welcoming environment. Are you interested? Contact the Police house on **01977 662270** and ask for Bryan Crossdale.



Christmas Hampers



Every year at Christmas it has become traditional for the Parish Council distribute a hamper to everyone in the village aged 80 or over. If you know of someone who will be aged 80 on or before Christmas day 2009, who would like a hamper please let us know by contacting **Kathleen Walton on 01977 662720** with details of their name and address.

Community Police



Our local police at North Yorkshire are asking residents to of Whitley to remain vigilant after two vehicles were stolen (with keys) during the last four weeks. Please ensure you keep your car keys out of view and that you keep all external doors locked even when you are at home.

Opportunist thieves are looking to steal vehicles by firstly entering the house and taking the keys before removing the cars from the driveway. Please also ensure keys are removed from anywhere near open windows using sticks with hooks attached to reach in and take keys from tables etc.



Recent vehicles taken from our immediate area include 2 Black Honda Type R's, Vauxhall Astra VXR and a Volkswagen Golf. Should you own one of these vehicles please ensure you take extra security precautions in protecting it against this type of theft.

We would also like residents to take note of any unusual vehicles that appear parked up near their homes and seem out of the ordinary. Over the past two weeks we have had three separate occasions where vehicles that have been stolen from elsewhere have been left parked in the village overnight. Favoured locations seem to be quiet cul-de-sacs.

Please report any information or such incidents of note on 0845 6060247.

Joint Action Group (JAG)

Many people in the village are not aware of JAG or the benefits it can bring to the local community. JAG's are meetings held with local groups such as the Police, District Councillors, etc. including members of the public—anyone can attend.

At the last JAG meeting main issues included drivers speeding on the A19 through Whitley, and fly tipping. Meetings offer local villagers the opportunity to raise matters of concern that can be dealt with by the people who have the means.

The next JAG meeting will be held at Kellington Village Hall on Monday 3rd August starting at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome and any problems raised will be well received and discussed on the day.

The JAG representative from Whitley Parish Council is Kath Walton. You can email Kath with problems to be raised on kathleenwalton@btinternet.com

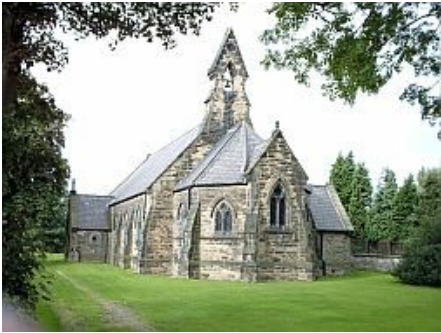
All Saints Church Whitley

Many people have noticed that the church can now easily be seen from the road, due to the two large trees being removed from the front. The trees have been felled for Health & Safety reasons, following a recent inspection where they were identified as being a major hazard in respect of falling down causing damage and possible injury.



On a more positive note, the church PCC (Parochial Church Council) will be replacing the trees more easily maintained such as Cherry Blossom or equivalent—watch this space. More details are available from our vicar Colin White on 01977 663728.

Church Conversion—Progress Report



The plan is to convert All Saints church into a joint place of worship and community centre. A lot of work has been put into the project during the past 18 months, however, there is still a lot more to be done.

There is a risk that if the church conversion does not go ahead, the Church of England will close and sell the church due to lack of use.

Sunday services are now only held once every two weeks due to poor attendance. Conversion to Community Centre would provide vital services identified by the community, both in the Village Plan and recent surveys.

The conversion committee need your help. Please email your support to our vicar Colin White at col_the_rev@hotmail.co.uk or call him on 01977 663728 and express your concern.

Help your Neighbour

Whitley Parish Council would like to promote community help by asking villagers to keep an eye on their elderly neighbours.

Getting groceries or a lift to the shops would help many people especially in bad weather, **what can you do?**



Whitley Wolves achieves FA Charter Status

Whitley Wolves Junior Football Club has been awarded the FA Charter Standard. This is a proud achievement for the club and coupled with the new ground currently under development, gives the club a firm footing for the future.



The Charter Standard Scheme is a best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for all clubs outside the Football League and Premier League. It is a benchmark for quality and to achieve this status the club needed to demonstrate the following:-

- A written constitution
- FA CRB checked volunteers
- All managers to have minimum FA Level 1 Coaching Course
- Commitment to attend in-service training
- Acceptance and promotion of Codes of Conduct
- Commitment to provide Mini-Soccer opportunities for U10s
- Commitment to promote schools liaison and equal opportunities for all

A big THANK YOU goes out to all our coaches and volunteers who made it all possible!!!

As mentioned above, the Club has obtained an agreement to lease a 5.5 acre field from Councillor Sue and Mr. Michael Ryder for an initial 5 year term, renewable after 5 years with an option to purchase. The field is adjacent to the A19 and M62 junction. This facility will be used in addition to the pitches at Whitley and Eggborough Primary School, Hensall Primary School and Eggborough Power Station, for training and matches to cope with the growth of the club. The field has been ploughed, leveled and laid to grass but will probably not be useable until the 2010-2011 season to allow the surface to bed-in.

We will be seeking new funding to allow us to further develop this new addition to include secure fencing and access, plus portable changing, toilet and storage facilities for the Club. Anyone who may be able to provide voluntary help with this process or would like to help with fund-raising or sponsorship should please contact us at the website: www.whitleywolves.co.uk We are still actively recruiting players in most age groups, especially in the girls categories at U14 and U16.

Christmas Decorations in Whitley

The Parish Council discussed Christmas lights at the June meeting. It was agreed to collaborate with Howard and Janet at the George and Dragon to provide a good, quality display at the centre of the village.



Whitley Historical Society and Heritage Trail



The Historical Society was formed in Whitley as an offshoot of the Village Plan. Whitley has an interesting history dating back to the Knights Templars in 1300, where they had a Templars Grange (type of farm) just outside Whitley.

The Historical Society following a large amount of research published the Whitley Heritage Trail booklet, which takes in the historical sights around our village starting at the George and Dragon pub.

The booklet is soon to be followed up by the society erecting lecterns at the various sites around the village containing information about each site so that people can see the important role Whitley has played.

If you would like to join the Historical Society, contact **Richard or Carol on 01977 661285** or visit their website www.whitleyhistory.synthasite.com

Open Space Alcohol-Free Zone

Selby licensing authority have proposed that open spaces in Whitley are designated alcohol free zones.

This doesn't mean that you can't enjoy a drink at the BBQ in your own back garden, but it does mean that the Police will have more powers to control nuisance drinking in open spaces around the village.



Moto Cross Planning Application

An application has been received, retrospectively, requesting planning permission to use a field in Whitefield Lane for Motocross meetings twice a month. The organisers have said that they will erect large banks to reduce noise levels. Please contact Simon Humphrey (Chairman) with any comments or make your views known on the website by contacting us on postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk



Beat the Recession in Whitley!

Now that Summer has arrived, why not make use of the **FREE** facilities on our doorstep? Picnic tables are available for free use at Whitley Lock, plus a large area to sun bathe and enjoy the narrow boats winding their way through the locks.

We also have the super Heritage Trail walk around the village starting at the George and Dragon pub, where leaflets are available (also on the village website to download).

The village website has a list of local places to visit at little or no cost. So visit the website and click on the "**Local Days Out**" link under Useful Links on the homepage.

Car share scheme

There is an opportunity to set-up a car share scheme which can save petrol costs, reduce carbon and help people in the village to get to know each other. Let us know your thoughts via the website post-box or contact Dave Broadbent on 662477. The new website will also enable you to sell your house and/or car on the new village website, due to go live late July, so keep visiting us!

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Shops Providing Home Delivery

To help elderly people in the village two shops have offered to deliver orders to OAP's and the Housebound in Whitley. A **BIG** thank you goes to Ian and Jean at Eggborough Post Office and Shane at Gilmer's Butchers.

Place your grocery order with **Ian on 01977 661221**, and he will do his best to deliver ASAP. Orders placed for meat with Gilmer's butchers on **01977 662785** before 10am on a Wednesday will be delivered the same afternoon.
Thank you for supporting our community!