

WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

SUMMER 2008

Newsletter choices

Yes, the newsletter is back! But in the future we plan to distribute it in 3 different ways. First, you can continue to get it through the letter box. Please ring Sue on 662917 and leave a message, including your address, if you would like to receive it in this format. Second, we can e mail it direct to you. If you want this to happen please register your e mail address by following the special link on the the village website whitleycommunity.co.uk Third, you can access the newsletter and other up-to-date local news and views via the website.

Neighbourhood police report

Fortunately we have low crime levels in Whitley. However, the neighbourhood policing team has noticed a recent increase in the theft of scrap metal. So make sure you keep any valuable metal items out of sight. Secondly, the police are having a blitz on illegal parking on the pavement. They will be issuing fines, so please make sure you keep your vehicle firmly on the road. The next meeting of the Community Safety Joint Action Group is On 21 July at 7pm at Kellington Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to go along to discuss how we can work with the local police to improve safety and security in our community. You can contact

the neighbourhood policing team on 0845 6060247.

Eco-town latest

Fingers crossed! The 11 Councils which make up Leeds City Region have decided not to recommend any sites at all for an eco-town in this area. But it's not over yet - The Department for Communities and Local Government will make a final decision in August.

Traffic - green light!



All residents should have received a consultation questionnaire from North Yorkshire County Council seeking views on new traffic schemes. They include traffic calming repeater lights in the village and at Balne crossroads, a zebra crossing in the centre of the village, a footpath extension, and a marked cycle route. This is all great news. Don't forget to respond to the consultation - say YES!

Whitley gears up for the Olympics!

Good progress is being made on plans to develop a sports and recreation area in the centre of the village, opposite the pub. Landscape architects have drawn up plans which include a junior

sports pitch, log play areas, grassy open space, and landscaped boggy areas. We now need formal permission to change the use of the land from agricultural to recreational. We are setting up a committee of residents to take this forward. Please contact Kath Walton on 662720 if you want to be involved. Meanwhile the refurbished school field is being well used by the school, Whitley Wolves, and the community more widely.

Whitley Lodge latest

Despite strong objections from the Parish and District Councillors, the application by McInerney homes to build 62 homes on the Tunstall site have been approved by Selby District Council. Following objections, the original plans have been modified to reduce the number of homes by a third, keep more mature trees, improve access to the site, and provide a play area.

Dog poo

The Parish Council is getting complaints about dog poo in Lea Lane, past the playground. This is a major health hazard. Please be a responsible resident and clean up after your dog. Keep our community clean and healthy.

Community Hall

Plans to convert part of the church into a community hall are still in the pipeline although we have had to seek alternative sources of funding.

Out and about



Now the weather is finally improving why not take a stroll along the village Heritage Trail? Leaflets about the trail were sent to householders last year. You can find information on the website, or ring John Watson on 661442.

Dates for your diary

Coffee morning last Friday of every month at the church - 10.30 till 12. £1 for coffee biscuits and entertainment. Great value!

We need someone to take over the parents and tots group which also meets at the church. If you think you can do this please call Jenny or Ted on 01757 270737.

The bus times change at the end of July so don't forget to ask for a new timetable.

Website

There is loads of info about Whitley on our website - why not take a look at whitleycommunity.co.uk

Contact us - Jack Davie, Parish Council Chair on 01302-700262 or Simon Humphrey, on 662271.

