

"O' YEAH"

PARISH NEWSLETTER



WHISTON
PARISH COUNCIL

May 2017

Introduction

May I again welcome readers to O'Yeah, the second biannual Whiston Parish Council newsletter for the parishioners of the beautiful village of Whiston.

As you will follow there has been much activity in the village over the last six months and more is planned throughout the summer and autumn.

Remember our motto "get involved."

Easter Event

This Easter saw the holding of the first Easter Egg-travaganza which was arranged by the Parish Council at the Parish Hall and about the village.

The event was very well attended and fortunately the sun came out for the event. Everyone was able to enjoy the outdoor attractions which included duck racing in the brook, egg hunting about the village green and a children's petting farm

with goats ducks, lambs, piglets and other farm yard animals. Indoors the village hall hosted many craft and community stalls as well as competitions including the 'Great Whiston Bake Off' and Children's Easter bonnet parade. To top things off Thurcroft Welfare Brass Band played musical favourites in the bright sunshine in the garden at the hall. A wonderful Easter Egg-travaganza which the Council hopes will become a regular annual event.

Parish Hall Renovations

The Parish Council is currently looking to renovate the Hall. A complete refurbishment of the toilet facilities and reception area are planned and planning permission has been granted to extend the facilities at the rear. This will create a larger meeting room which can be used for a variety of purposes and group activities. The Council is currently seeking quotes and hope to schedule the works during 2017.



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Festival of Brass – aka ‘BRASSTONBURY’

The forthcoming annual Whiston Festival of Brass, affectionately referred to now in Brass Band parlance as “Brasstonbury”, will again take place in the heart village on Saturday 1st July 2017. The Festival will commence around 1.00pm with ten ‘top class’ brass bands from around the locality and further afield having entered the band contest to date. Additionally, the Festival will present other musical genres with performances from Irish dancers, musical theatre groups and resident village rock band ‘The Make Shifts’. The Festival will also close this year with a spectacular firework display. The main stage will be surrounded by street craft stalls and children’s fairground activities and for the more mature festival goers there will be the usual street bar serving alcoholic beverages. All three of the village pubs will be involved in the day’s festivities helping to make the Festival a well-deserved community party. Please contact Robert Brown on 07976 250624 for further information.

Cow Rakes – Damage to swing and paint spillage

In the autumn of 2016 the Parish Council invested a considerable amount of money improving the play park facilities at Cowrakes recreational ground. The improvements included the installation of new swings of differing kinds for a variety of age ranges, a large new slide, roundabout and modern climbing equipment. Unfortunately, some people think it necessary to permanently mark their presence at the play park by deliberately attempting

to destroy the new equipment. It is most sad and angering that some people are intent on spoiling the park for others. The Parish Council are now in the process of repairing the damaged equipment and appeal to all residents that if vandalism of any Council play equipment is witnessed, please do report it immediately to either the Parish Clerk on 07712 503729 or the Chairman of the Parish Council, Robert Brown on 07976 250624.

The ‘Red’ Telephone Box

The Parish Council are pleased to advise that the ‘Red’ traditional telephone box located to the front of the Sitwell Arms public house is not to be removed by British Telecom. The initiative to save the traditional telephone box was fronted by Councillor Tim Stevenson, who is now appealing to the community



for ideas what to ‘do’ with the ‘Red Box’. Obviously it requires renovation and painting but it would be an attraction within the village if the box could house something interesting for example, a sculpture, displays of art, arrangements of flowers, items made by the village children etc. Those with ideas and willing to help Tim should in the first instance contact the Clerk to the Parish on 07712 305729

Community Pantomime

Historically a community pantomime was an annual event held at the Methodist Church in the village, however this has been missing in recent Christmas festivities due to a number of factors. The Parish Council, with the help of the Methodist Church and other community groups, would like to form an initiative with the aim of

presenting a community pantomime at Christmas this year and hopefully thereafter on an annual basis. In the first instance the pantomime is not envisaged to be a spectacular, professional performance, but a medium to bring together the community to celebrate Christmas together. Those interested in helping to produce and participate



in a community pantomime please contact Robert on 07976 250624. We may even win £250 on ‘You been Framed’!.



Friends of Whiston Green

A new community based group called The Friends of Whiston Green ('Friends') has been formed and in recent weeks members held their first meeting and inaugural event in the village. The 'Friends' aims include bringing together community orientated, like minded people who wish to foster a community spirit in the village and importantly help tidy, improve and sustain the village

to create a picturesque hamlet, which is Whiston. The Friends aim to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30am at the village green. Tools and work wear will be provided, as will refreshments and general good banter! The group invites any interested residents to come and 'join in'! For further information please contact Robert Brown on 07976 250624.

Youth Council

"Whiston Youth Council" has recently been formed and was awarded grant funding from RMBC to enable a group of young people to come together and act as a Youth Council. This will provide the Parish Council with direction on matters concerning young people in the village and what they would like the Parish Council to consider, e.g. events, facilities, formation of groups etc. There will be no formal elections to be a member of the Council but those who look to take up a position should appreciate that being a member of the Youth Council brings with it the responsibility of helping further the aspirations of young people in the village. Those interested in being a member of the Youth Council should contact Kerry or Genaya, via the Parish Clerk on 07712 305729

Parish Hall Hire

The Parish Hall is bookable for all different types of engagement. Indeed all of the community groups meet within the hall. The hall has two rooms, a large room which acts as a function room. This has an adjacent bar and alcove area. Additionally, the hall has a smaller room which is where the council meets (i.e the Council Chamber). The hall also has a large kitchen where food preparation for events can be undertaken.

Whiston Parish Council Hall can provide a great venue for birthday parties, meetings, conferences etc. Please Contact us for more details or to make a booking

The hall fees are as follows:

Regular Users £15.00 per hour (weekly/monthly classes etc)

Functions £20.00 per hour

Bar Facility £25.00

Conference Room £10.00 per hour

Hall Events

Play Group – Monday & Tuesday 9-11.00am
(Term time)

Women's Institute – Mondays 1-3.30pm

Womens Institute (evenings) – Thursday
7-10.00pm (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Girl Guides – Monday 7- 8.00pm (Term time)

Rainbows – Tuesdays 6-7.00pm (Term time)

Brownies – Wednesday 6-7.15pm (Term time)

Wine Club Thursday 7-9.30pm (3rd Thursday
of the month)

Mini Kicks Friday 9.15-10.00am

Cinema Club- Friday 6-8.30pm (Fortnightly)

Noodles Ballet – Friday 4-4.45pm (Term time)

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Kevin Barron MP 01909 568611

Calendar

Summer months – Dates to be arranged

– Sunday afternoon Brass on the Grass - Band Concerts – Village Green and Parish Hall Garden

Saturday 1st July 2017 – Whiston Festival of Brass

Saturday 11th November 2017

– Armistice Day Remembrance Concert, Parish Hall, Well Lane.

Saturday 2nd December 2017

Whiston Christmas Lights Switch-on at 5.00pm

We're on the Web
www.whistonparishcouncil.com

Useful Contacts

Streetpride (RMBC): 01709 336003 (Report potholes, dog fouling, flytipping or faulty highways signs and street lights)

South Yorkshire Police: 101
(Non emergencies)

South Yorkshire Travel Transport Helpline: 01709 515151
(Information about public transport services)

Age UK Rotherham: 01709 835214
(Help for older people)

RMBC General Enquiries
01709 382121

RMBC Council Tax and Benefits
01709 336007/ 336065

RMBC Adult Social Services
01709 822330

RMBC Children's Social Care
01709 336080

RMBC Housing Repairs and Enquiries
01709 336009

Ulley Café Days 2017

The Friends of Ulley Country Park will be holding Café Days in the following Sundays during 2017

May 21st

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 10th

The Café will be open in the Visitors Centre from 11am until 3pm with a range of home-made refreshments with a special event at each Café Day where possible.

Visit the website friendsofulley.com for more details of each Café Day