

“O’ YEAH”

PARISH NEWSLETTER



WHISTON
PARISH COUNCIL

November 2018

Introduction

Welcome to this the November issue of Whiston Parish Council’s bi-annual O’Yeah newsletter.

This is dedicated to Council and community activities in and around the village of Whiston. As you will read, much has been happening in the village and the Council continues to encourage parishioners to get involved in local activities.



Support Your Community-Volunteers Wanted!

Unfortunately, the village has not had any organised community-based activities recently and therefore the Council is looking to create a new group of Councillors and volunteers to undertake tasks around the village to help tidy, improve and enhance the local area. Tools and workwear will be provided, as will refreshments and generally good banter! The Council invites any interested residents to contact Rex Carter rexcarter323@gmail.com or the Clerk on 07712 305729

Whiston Festival of lights

This year’s switch on of the Christmas lights will be held on Saturday 1st December 2018 from 3- 6pm.

The event will be centred in the village with Christmas fayre and stalls in the Village Hall on Well Lane. Santa will greet children and parents in his grotto and Ian’s Farm will also be in attendance for children to enjoy. Around 5.30pm, there will be the annual switch on of the Christmas lights in the centre of the village, which this year will include many new additions with the Parish Council investing



significantly in new wrapped trees, lighting of Whiston Brook and streetlight motifs. A new nativity crib will take its place on Whiston Green and the “Sitwell triangle” will also boast a new set of lights. The Council welcomes all residents to attend and enjoy the festivities.

NEW Whiston Youth Club!

In October 2017, the Parish Council took advice from the local Youth Council as to what they would like to see in the village for young people.

One key request was for a local Youth Club and the Parish Council has been working hard over the last year to make this a reality. We are pleased to inform that we have now employed a



Senior Youth Worker, Jordon Arno, to develop and manage a Youth Club for local children. Sessions will be held at Whiston Parish Hall, Well Lane, Whiston on Thursday Evenings from 6-8.30pm (term time) for 11-16 year olds and will have games, crafts, music, refreshments and much more for children to come and enjoy!

Sessions commence on the 29th November. For more information, please email whistonyouthclub@gmail.com or visit twitter.com/whistonyouth

Please bring your children along, (sessions are only £1) and help us make this new initiative a great success.

Refurbishment of the Parish Hall

Earlier this year, the Council undertook a major refurbishment of the village hall, which not only brought the venue up to a modern standard but also incorporated an extension to provide an additional 'function' room with bi-fold doors leading out onto the rear garden.

The new room is already generating

much interest with several new weekly classes now operating. (See our Hall Events article for full details). The Council is delighted that these promote and provide new community-based activities for residents to enjoy in the area. It is also to be the home of the new Youth Club.

The Council is currently looking to develop and refurbish the kitchen area (as the final part of the internal

renovations) and redesign the outdoor garden space where a new patio and seating are envisaged to cater for summer events at the hall. It is hoped this work can commence in Spring 2019.



Remembrance Day 1918-2018

To mark the 100th Anniversary on the end of WWI, Whiston Parish Council arranged a veteran's event at the Parish Hall.

A pie n peas supper and entertainment were provided for those attending with a bar serving refreshments. Tickets were only a £1 and a good time was had by all. Thanks goes to the parish councillors who volunteered to arrange and coordinate the event on the day. The Council hopes to make this an annual function and anyone who would be interested in attending future events should contact the Clerk to the Council (contact details on the back page).



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Hall Events

- Play Group – Monday & Tuesday 9-11.00am (Term time)
- Natter Group – Mondays 10-11pm (2nd Monday of the month)
- Women’s Institute – Mondays 1-3.30pm
- Pilates – Monday 6-7pm
- Girl Guides – Monday 7- 8.00pm (Term time)
- Locomotion Dance – Tuesdays 5-6.30pm (Term time)
- Rainbows – Tuesdays 6-7.00pm (Term time)
- Arts and Crafts (Children) - Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am
- Brownies – Wednesday 6-7.15pm (Term time)
- Women’s Institute (evenings) – Thursday 7-10.00pm (2nd Tuesday of the month)
- Wine Club Thursday 7-9.30pm (3rd Thursday of the month)
- Whiston Youth Club Thursday 6-8.30pm (Term time)
- Mini Kicks Friday 9.15-10.00am



Council Meetings - 2019

All full Council meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Meeting room in the Parish Hall, Well Lane, Whiston, S60 4HX

- Monday 21st January 2019
- Monday 18th February 2019
- Monday 18th March 2019
- Monday 15th April 2019
- Thursday 20th May 2019
- Monday 17th June 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- No meeting August
- Monday 16th Sept 2019
- Monday 21st October 2019
- Monday 18th November 2019
- Monday 16th December 2019
- Annual Parish Meeting to be held in May 2019
- Minutes and Agendas are available at www.whistonparishcouncil.com
- The Agenda is advertised 3 clear days before the meeting on the Monday – usually on the Wednesday. There will be a copy in the Notice Board at the entrance to the Parish Hall and on the website.



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Useful Contacts

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

South Yorkshire Police: 101 (Non emergencies)

RMBC General Enquiries 01709 382121



Parish Council Election 13th December

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies with an election called for Thursday 13th December 2018 to fill these posts. Candidates need to be 18 or over; a local resident (within 3 miles of Whiston) and a UK citizen to apply. Even if you aren't looking to sit on the Council please don't forget to exercise your democratic rights and vote!!

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, recently extended room, which is suitable for smaller events and classes. 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 classes)
- Functions £20.00 per hour
- Bar Facility £25.00
- Conference Room £12.50 per hour