

*Reeds Well*



*Whitsome's*

*Newsletter*

*November 2022*

## Whitsome Enhancement Group

On 3 October we held our AGM, it was a successful meeting, but we would like to see more of you to hear your views. At the meeting Louise Innes stood down from the committee and Maggie Clegg stood down earlier in July, both agreed to remain Friends of WEG helping out when they are able. Additionally Bill Wilson joined WEG and Dawn Taylor- Clark rejoined the committee. The Chair thanked all the Committee and the Friends of Whitsome for their help through the year. Many thanks to those who supported the talk by "John Wood Takes 2" on 13 October 2022. Special thanks go to John and his wife Sue. Feedback from the event has been very positive.

For those newcomers to Whitsome this is the time of year when we ask for volunteers to help put up the Christmas lights in the village. This involves approximately 2 hours work and volunteers are rewarded by tasty soup and refreshments in the Hall.

The date for this is **Saturday 12 November at 10am.**

We also run a competition in the Post Office during the month of December, with the proceeds going to a local charity, this year the money raised from the competition and collection at the Carol Service will go to WEG as we have incurred considerable expense following damage to the Christmas Lights, replacement of poles and damage in the Loaning following Storm Arwen.

Additionally, over the past couple of years we have purchased more heavy duty equipment to make it easier to carry out essential work. We are a registered charity and most of our income is from the Plant Sale held in June.

The winner of the Competition gets to switch on the Christmas Lights. The lights switch on will be on **Sunday 11 December at 6pm.** It is hoped to have carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies, but this may have to be revised depending on any Covid 19 restrictions at the time.

Finally, on behalf of the WEG team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and our very best wishes to you all for 2023.

Anne Taylor- Clark  
Chair WEG  
(On behalf of the WEG team)

## **Recycling**

The glass and textile banks in the village continue to be well used, which is fantastic. The latter brings in useful funds for village projects. Please be aware that the glass bank takes all colours of glass and the textile bank cannot accept some items, so check the notice on it. Please take away anything else for your home bin. Please ensure all items put into the textile bank are bagged and shoes are paired.

## **Community Shop and Post Office**

Thank you to all our customers old and new. In these very difficult times please remember that we try to stock most of the basics you might need from milk to toilet rolls, papers, magazines and even logs and kindling as well as all the usual post office services. Save the fuel and time going elsewhere. If there is something you would like us to stock just ask. We are also keen to sell any local produce, crafts etc so drop in and chat.

We are now also a collection point for the Duns Food Bank which covers our area. PS we still need more volunteers to help in all sorts of ways.

## **Community Council**

### **Road safety.**

The good news is that we have been listened to and we should have improved road markings and a speed warning sign soon. In the meantime please do report any dangerous driving to the police on 101. The more reports they get the more likely it is we will get some action.

The Community Council AGM will be held on 21st November at 7pm in the Whitsome Ark. Please feel free to come along and contribute any good ideas you may have to improve our area.

Derek Russell

## Community Council

### Remembrance Day 2022

There will be a service of remembrance at the memorials at the graveyard in Whitsome on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11 o'clock to remember those who gave their lives in the defence of our country.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please gather at 10.45.

Getting together for a cuppa and slice of toast is a bit of a tradition in the Armed Forces, dating back to the First World War when it was seen as essential to morale. Following on from the Remembrance Services on the 11th drop in to the Whitsome Ark for Tea and Toast and help to raise more funds for Poppy Scotland.

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## Whitsome Ark

### EVENTS 2022 - 2023

#### WHAT'S ON IN WHITSOME- FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR.

**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 6.45 FIREWORKS & CURRY NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 7pm WHIST DRIVE**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 6 pm SWITCHING ON OF LIGHTS & CAROLS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup> 8pm HOGMANAY & CEILIDH**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 7PM WHIST DRIVE**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm ALTERNATIVE BURNS NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7PM WHIST DRIVE**

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM WHIST DRIVE**

# Ark Regular Bookings 2022

	Regular Meetings	DUNS GUIDES
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Weekly	10am - 11	KEEP FIT
Weekly	11.30-1.45	PICKLEBALL - Whitsome
Weekly	2PM-4	SCOTTISH DANCE - Sep-Apr
1st week	2.30-3.30	WEG Meeting - Monthly
3rd week	7pm	COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Bi-Monthly	7pm	HALL COMMITTEE
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
1st Week	10-12.00	U3A GEOLOGY - Monthly
2nd Week	10.15-11.30	COFFEE & SCONES -Monthly
Weekly	2 - 4pm	BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSON
Weekly	6pm-8.30	PILATES - 2 sessions
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Weekly	10.30-12.30	PICKLEBALL
Weekly	2.0-4.0	SWINTON CRAFT GROUP
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Weekly	10am-1.0	LIFE DRAWING
Wkly (not 3rd)	2pm-4	CRAFT GROUP Whitsome
3rd week in month	2pm-4	NTR (Not the Rural)
Weekly	7.30- 9.30	BOWLING (Autumn - Spring)
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Weekly	10-11.30	RAINBOW ARK
Last Friday	7.30-9.30	BOOK CLUB - Monthly

See website for further details and contacts at [whitsome.scot](http://whitsome.scot)

## **Craft Group**

Thursday 2-4pm (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) in Ark café. A chance to try something new, share your skills, enjoy some company. Come along and join us. £2 a session.

Enquiries: call June 870256

## **NTR (Not the Rural)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 2-4pm. Whitsome Scottish Women's Institute (formerly the Rural) closed in September. We are now a sociable group meeting once a month for friendship and activities; newcomers are very welcome. Enquiries: call June 870256

## **DIY Keep Fit**

Monday 10-11am in Ark hall

We were unable to source an instructor, so we are going ahead with videos/DVDs and having a bit of fun. Come and join us (at your own risk)! £2 a session.

Enquiries: call June 870256

## **Carpet Bowls**

Thursday 7.30pm in Ark hall

**2022-2023 season has begun.** Come along and try your hand at this sociable activity, suitable for all ages and abilities. £1 a session

Enquiries: speak to Derek in the Post Office

## **What's your news?**

If you've got a story to share relating to Whitsome let us know.

Items for inclusion in Reeds Well will be most welcome and if possible will be included in the next issue.

All contributions should be addressed to:-

[reedswellwhitsome@gmail.com](mailto:reedswellwhitsome@gmail.com) or call June on 01890870256 (the current compiler).

We aim to publish 4 times a year in February, May, August and November. Entries may be edited if space is tight

## Dates for Your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> Nov Curry Night & Fireworks

8<sup>th</sup> Nov; 13<sup>th</sup> Dec; 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Scones & Coffee 10.15am-11.30am in Ark

11<sup>th</sup> Nov; 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Whist Drive 7pm in Ark

12<sup>th</sup> Nov WEG work party to put up Christmas Lights 10am at Ark

21<sup>st</sup> Nov Community Council AGM Meeting 7pm in Ark

28<sup>th</sup> Nov Hall AGM 7pm in Ark

11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm "Switch-on" Christmas Lights in Ark

31<sup>st</sup> Dec Hogmanay and Ceilidh 8pm in Ark

27<sup>th</sup> Jan Alternative Burns Night 7pm in Ark

The title "Reeds Well", alludes to the site of the Whitsome Tragedy (Tales of The Scottish Borders No. 41 -Vol. 1. P319) and to the fact that the newsletter is worth reading!