

Reeds Well



Whitsome's Newsletter
February 2024

Whitsome Enhancement Group

We hope you all had a Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone who helped with putting up and taking down the Christmas Lights. Also, thanks to those who took part in the competition, made soups and joined us at the "Lights switch on" and carol singing. The total of £125.35 was raised for the MND Charity My name's Doddie Foundation, this goes toward research and effective treatments to motor neuron disease.

As you are probably aware the first phase of the Loaning Path is now complete. Ideally, if we are able to get additional funding, we hope to extend this down to the end of the Loaning to Reeds Well Sensory Garden. The overall aim being is to have an area that is fully accessible to everyone. We also have Information Boards throughout the Loaning. Feedback on the improvements have been really positive.

WEG are holding an official opening in the Loaning on **Saturday 20 April 2024 at 2.30pm** followed by a buffet in the Hall. There is an invite to join us in this edition of Reeds Well. So come along and join us and we can discuss plans we have for the area and listen to any suggestions you may have.

The date for the **Annual Plant Sale is Sunday 2 June 2024 at 10.30 am**. If you have any spare plants, or are splitting any perennials that you wish to donate please let us know. We will arrange collection if necessary.

Anne Taylor- Clark

Chair WEG

(On behalf of the WEG team)

Quiz Night

There will be a fun quiz on Friday 15th March in the Ark from 7pm. More details to follow, but keep the day and get your teams organised.

Community Shop and Post Office

As always thank you for all your support. It is pleasing that so many new faces have found us in recent months.

With the closure of all the local banks we feel our ability to offer basic local banking is even more important so please do call in and discuss what services we can offer through the Post Office.

It's that time of year again and the bags of compost are on sale.

They are great for improving your soil, especially after the terrible weather this winter. When it's gone it's gone!

The Community Shop is just that. If you want us to stock something we will try our best to do so.

Events in Whitsome

A meeting will be held on Saturday Feb 10th at 9.30am to consider ideas and plans for events for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, or would like to contribute in any way please do come along. The idea is to put together an interesting and varied programme with something for everyone, so please don't be shy.

June has offered to make bacon rolls, or scones so what more incentive do you need.

Whitsome Local History Group

Ever wondered about the history of your house, when it was built, what it was used for, who lived there etc. What did the village used to be like? Do we have any claims to fame?

These and many other questions are the kinds of things the local history group might explore. The group used to meet monthly and some material has already been gathered and is available to share.

If you are interested there will be an exploratory meeting on Wed 14th February at 7pm in the Ark. All welcome.

Keeping Whitsome Tidy

Most of us agree that this community is a good place to be. So, we're all in this together. Let's look out for each other and keep our village the way we'd like it.

Please dispose of your rubbish properly and watch those bins in windy weather.

Keep recycling in our bottle bank and textile bin (just textiles please, plastic toys are not textiles). Other items can go in your ordinary rubbish bin, or recycling bin. If you find them full, please don't leave bags of stuff next to them for someone else to sort out. Hang on to it and tell Derek in the shop and he can pass the message on so they can be emptied.

Please clean up after your pets and make it a great place for all.

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.

We aim to publish 4 times a year in February, May, August and November. Entries may be edited if space is tight and must be received by the last day of January, April, July or October.

Dates for Your Diary

Fridays 12.30 'Whitsome Winter Warmer" in Ark

All Welcome

10 Feb Events Meeting 9.30am All Welcome

13 Feb, 12 March, 9 April Scones & Coffee 10.15am-11.30am in Ark

19 February Community Council Meeting 7pm in Ark

18 March Community Council Meeting 7pm in Allanton Hall

15 April Community Council Meeting 7pm in Ark

20 April 2.30pm Loaning Event to officially open the new path

To book the Ark call our Booking Secretary Bill Wilson on

07485109944 or email: yasumi5591@gmail.com