

Reeds Well



Whitsome's Newsletter
May 2024

Whitsome Enhancement Group (WEG)

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Official Opening of the Loaning Path on 20 April. It was an enjoyable afternoon and feedback was very favourable on the improvements made. If you were not able to make it, please take the time to visit the Loaning as the Wildflower Garden and the Orchard are starting to come to life!

We are extremely grateful of the funding from National Lottery Community Funding for the path - our aim is to make the Loaning more accessible for everyone. The group hope to get additional funding to run the path from the Orchard area down to the Sensory Garden, this will mean that everyone will be able to access all of the Loaning. We are also mindful that due to the weather the loaning has been waterlogged, extending the path would go some way to addressing this issue.

WEG intend to hold the Plant Sale on **Sunday 2 June 10.30am - 1.30pm**. This is our main source of income, so come along and give us your support. Also, a reminder if you have any plants, or are splitting any perennials that you wish to donate for the Plant Sale please let us know. We will arrange collection if necessary. Compost is also available for sale in the Shop and at the plant sale.

Additionally, we have incurred considerable expense over the last two years. The machine known as "The Beast" was beyond repair so this has been replaced by a heavy-duty Garden Scythe for use in The Loaning and also over £1,000 has been spent on replacement lights and poles for the Christmas display. Finally, our Ride on Mower is costing a lot to repair and we intend to purchase a new one next year, we will explore any grants available that may be able to assist us, but we will try to raise funds just in case. Please be reassured we are keen to continue with the Christmas Lights and WEG events in general, but we need to raise funds to keep this going, so we will be holding events throughout the year to enable us to be able to do this. There is to be a coffee morning on **Saturday 15 June at 10.00 am** so please come along and support us. More details to follow on the Whitsome website.

If you have any suggestions for WEG, please speak to me or any member of the group or send an e mail to chair@whitsome.scot

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

Summer Fun

Hello Everyone,

Summer is on its way - BBQ's, picnics and hopefully SUNSHINE, but whatever the weather we can still have fun together.

This year instead of our usual Whitsome BBQ we have decided, for a change, to have a 1960's/1970's fun evening 20th July. We hope you will support us, (as you have with the BBQ) and have a great night.

There will be the wonderful music of the 60/70's, food of the era, tombola, twisting competition and much more.

If you wish to dress in the 60/70's style please do so and if you would rather not, it doesn't matter at all, just pop along and have a good time.

So please, please, come along and support us, we can guarantee a fun packed evening for young and old.

If you have a favourite song of the 60/70's you would like us to play on the night, please write your request on the booking form, or send to the email provided.

Glenys Richardson

Whitsome Local History Group

It has been good to get this friendly group going again. The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 15th at 7pm. If you are curious about the history of your house, village and/or the area please do come along and if you can share anything you might know, or have documented, all the better.

Dates for your diary in Whitsome Ark

12 May - Beetle Drive 2pm

16 May - Talk by Borders Search and Rescue 7pm

Whitsome Bowling

The Indoor Bowling season is coming to an end for another year and 2023/24 has been good with many new faces.

With no indoor bowling league this year we have managed to play a couple of friendly matches with local team Horncliffe and this, I think everyone will agree, has been fun for both teams.

The Whitsome singles champion is Derek Russell who won a close final against Peter Cartwright. He is now a three times single champion joining an elite group. The doubles champions are Peter Cartwright and Neil Kinghorn. They won a close final against Derek Russell and Alan Barrett.

As the weather gets a little warmer and drier we are all looking forward to the Petanque season getting underway on Thursday evenings. The court needs a little TLC before we begin but I am sure this will be sorted and ready to play as soon as the weather improves.

John Dow

Community Council

Road Safety

Despite appearances we are still trying hard to push SBC to improve signage and road markings in the village to improve road safety. We have been promised many things and we remain optimistic we will not be overlooked for much longer.

Local Place Plan

We are in early stages of formulating a local plan for our area. This will allow us and other agencies to focus on what is wanted and needed locally. It will help in many ways including helping to attract the necessary funding. If you might be interested in helping with this please contact Derek Russell.

Help needed please!

Community Shop and Post Office

As you may be aware the shop relies heavily on volunteers. They buy all the stock. Keep the shop clean and tidy and help with the newspapers on Sundays and Bank holidays. If you might be able to help to sort the papers occasionally please let us know in the shop. It takes at most half an hour every few weeks and it would help a great deal.

The bags of compost are still on sale but are selling steadily so they will soon be gone. They are great for improving your soil, especially after the terrible weather this Winter.

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

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 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 and must be received by the last day of January, April, July or October.

Dates for Your Diary

12th May Beetle Drive 2pm Ark

Scones & Coffee May 14th, June 11th, July 9th 10.15am-11.30am Ark

16th May Borders Search and Rescue Talk Ark 7pm

20th May Community Council Meeting 7pm Edrom Church

2nd June WEG Plant Sale 10.30am-1.30pm Ark

15th June WEG Coffee Morning 10am Ark

17th June Community Council Meeting 7pm Ark

15th July Community Council Meeting 7pm Allanton Hall

20th July Summer Nights Disco 7pm-11pm Ark

To book the Ark call our Booking Secretary Bill Wilson on 07485109944 or email: yasumi5591@gmail.com