

November 2024

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Whitsome Enhancement Group

On 7 October we held our AGM, the same members have remained in post. If you would like to join us, volunteer or just to know about the group please feel free to speak to any member of the Committee.

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 23rd November at 10am.**

We also run a competition during the month of November, with the proceeds going to charity. This year the money raised from the competition and collection at the Carol Service will go to Whitsome Enhancement Group towards a robotic mower.

The winner of the Competition gets to switch on the Christmas Lights. The lights switch on will be on **Sunday 8th December at 6pm.** This is followed by carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Variety Show - it was an enjoyable evening. Also, the recent Craft Fair proved very popular and we hope to run it once again next year. The next event will be the Curry Night on **Saturday 9th November** at 7pm, which is also a very popular event.

Finally, on behalf of the WEG team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and our very best wishes to you all for 2024.

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

Variety Show

We were treated to a wonderful evening's entertainment with a programme of acts entirely performed by talented village residents. There was something for everyone, comedy, music, songs and drama. Rick Walthew started us off with his brilliant Albert and the Lion, followed by a beautiful song by Raven, Andrew Lothian made us laugh with a Mermaid song and then one of his own with accompanying visuals. June Russell kept us laughing with her monologues and Rob Hale donned his cowboy hat for one of two lovely songs. The first half ended with a radio style Sherlock Holmes whodunnit drama.

Cullen & Liam on drums and guitar got the second half started, followed by Rick's "The Bricklayer". They also accompanied The Whitsome Wailers, who sang beautifully and certainly didn't wail! Joyce Quinn took us on a musical journey around the British Isles with her Northumbrian pipes and Rob and Andrew gave us a Beatles medley before the whole hall joined in the finale songs of Amarillo and Delilah.

What a fantastic show we had, every single act was brilliant and the hall was filled with happy smiling people. Thank you to you all who performed.

Bill Wilson's raffle was as usual epic with some great prizes, thank you Bill.

Of course the show would not have been possible without the hard work put in by Andrew setting up the sound and Derek and Rob doing the stage and lights. Also vital were all the volunteers who were on hand to help on the day. A very big thank you to you all.

Curry Night - Stop Press - Hurry

Last chance to get a seat at the Whitsome Curry Night on Saturday 9th November. Forms available in the shop sign up by Monday 4th

Whitsome Village Hall SCIO AGM

Monday 2nd December at 7pm in the Ark

All welcome.



Join us for the BIG

CHRISTMAS

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switch-on!

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6pm

Mince Pies

Carols

Mulled Wine

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Community Council

The Community Council AGM will be held on Monday 18th November at 7pm in Allanton Village Hall. As always you are welcome to attend.

Speed Indicators - finally - we hope!

The long awaited traffic speed indicators are finally on their way. Locations have been agreed and hopefully quite soon we will have 2, one at each end of the village. They may not stop all speeding but should help some drivers appreciate the limit.

Remembrance Day 2024

There will be a service of remembrance at the memorials at the graveyard in Whitsome on Monday, 11th 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.

At the same time there will also be a service at Edrom War Memorial.

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 between 11 and 12 and help to raise more funds for Poppy Scotland.

Community Shop and Post Office

Whitsome Community Shop is just that. The shop is run for the community by the community. Any profit it makes goes to support the village hall.

We try to stock items that people want, so let us know if there is anything you need. We have bread and milk deliveries twice a week and we are very happy to take orders for the bakery items that come from Fords.

Most stock is bought by volunteers alongside their own shopping, so we can hunt down the best bargains. The volunteers keep the shop in good order, help with the newspapers and generally keep it going.

We cannot compete with the big supermarkets, but we can provide those basic items that we all run out of when it makes little sense to drive to Berwick or Duns.

Newspapers and magazines are delivered daily and again we will happily take your order for these.

The more custom you can give to us when the going is good the more likely we will be able to be here when difficult times come round. We are proud that Covid never shut us, nor did the 'Beast from the East,' nor its friends since. The shop is here for you, but the shop does need more help. If you think you can help in any way at all please have a chat with Derek (or Ali, Liz or Kate) in the shop.

Post Office and Banking

The nearest bank branches are now Kelso and Berwick! Do not despair however as your local Post Office can fulfill most basic banking needs alongside the usual postal services you would expect. We are very fortunate to still have our post office so the more custom we get the more assured is its future.

Christmas Post

Christmas stamps are on sale from Monday 4th November. Second class stamps have not gone up in price and we have plenty. Last posting date leaflets are available. It's not long for last post for the far flung parts of the world.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On 27th September a MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in the Ark. A great result was achieved by raising over £750.00. Elizabeth would like to thank everyone who helped setup the coffee morning, baked cakes, served tea and coffee and washed up and a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Special thanks to Marianne for organising a super raffle which contributed greatly to our final total.

As always MacMillan is very grateful for the money which allows them to continue their marvellous work.

The Whitsome Winter Warmer returns!

The village hall is delighted to announce that the very popular Whitsome Winter Warmer will be running again this year. We plan to start the free Friday soup lunches at the end of November and to run them right through to Spring 2025. Come along to the hall and enjoy a hot lunch and chat with your neighbours - and remember that if you have difficulty travelling to the hall, we can arrange transport for you or, failing that, bring you a home delivered hot lunch. There is no charge (donate if you wish) - just turn up and enjoy yourself!

Start date 22nd November from 12.30.

Help with soup making and serving welcome.

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

Curry Night November 9th 7pm at Ark

Scones & Coffee November 12th, December 10th, January 14th 10.15am-11.30am Ark

18th November Community Council Meeting including AGM 7pm Allanton Village Hall

23rd November Erection of Christmas Lights 10am at Ark

2nd December Whitsome Village Hall SCIO AGM 7pm in Ark

8th December Christmas Lights Switch-On 6pm at Ark

16th December Community Council Meeting 7pm Ark

11th January Christmas Lights down 10am at Ark

20th January Community Council Meeting 7pm Ark

To book the Ark call our Booking Secretary Bill Wilson on 07485109944 or email:

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