

Reeds Well



Whitsome's Newsletter

November 2025

Whitsome Enhancement Group

On 13 October we held our AGM, the same members have remained in post. Additionally, we warmly welcomed Mary-Rose Blythe to the group.

Work is about to start testing the Christmas Lights for the village. 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 22 November at 10am.**

We also run a competition during the month of December, this year the proceeds from the competition and collection at the Carol Service will go to a local charity.

The winner of the Competition gets to switch on the Christmas Lights. The lights switch on will be on **Sunday 7 December at 6pm.** There will be carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies.

We have started to work on possible events for next year. One is the possibly of holding Open Gardens next July so far, we have 9 people who have said they would take part, ideally we need 12, so please don't be shy and put your name forward!

Finally, on behalf of the WEG team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and our very best wishes to you all for 2026.

Anne Taylor- Clark

Chair WEG



Whitsome Enhancement Group
est. 1993



**SANTA NEEDS
SOME HELPERS!**

**Please join us at the Ark
Sat 22nd November to help
put up the Christmas lights!**

**We meet up at 10am
Soup & refreshments provided!**



WHITSOME

W.E.G proudly presents

Ark



The **BIG** Christmas Lights Switch-On!



SUNDAY 7 DEC ~ 6PM

Carols, mince pies & mulled wine!

Christmas Starts Here!



Hall News

5th November at 7pm local historian David McLean is giving a talk "A History of Farm Servants in the Borders"

All welcome £2 Refreshments 7pm

The talk is a joint venture between Whitsome History Group and Not the Rural.

11th November The annual **Remembrance Service** and laying of wreaths is at Whitsome grave yard at 11am. This will be followed by Tea & Toast (a services tradition to raise the spirits) in the hall for all, including those attending the service at Edrom War Memorial.

Organised by Allanton, Edrom & Whitsome Community Council.

HOGMANAY Ceilidh with local band SITKA

Ceilidh 31st December 2025: Doors open 20 00 till late. Tickets are £18.00 per adult and £5 for aged 16 and under. Ticket price includes entrance to the ceilidh, a glass of fizz or orange juice at the bells and free entry to the prize draw to win a pair of first class LNER return tickets! It s BYOB and snacks.

Tickets are available to buy from Loraine Small (lorainesmall@icloud.com) 07720051146

Shop News

2 new reasons to drop by and treat yourself.

We are pleased that we can now offer **Lavazza** coffee to go. Our new machine is up and running and can deliver excellent coffee and chocolate. Do drop in and give it a try.

Our range of Giacopazzi ice cream continues to expand we now have 10 flavours in small tubs and 6 flavours in the 1 litre tubs.

To improve our offering further we are looking at extending our opening hours. Keep your eyes peeled for updates.

Post Office

Christmas is coming. Christmas stamps on sale from 5th November. If you have items for far flung parts of the world we encourage you to get them away as soon as you can to ensure they arrive in time.

Many customers have discovered our local collect service. You can get items delivered to us for collection when it is convenient to you. This means less risk of items being left unattended on your doorstep. You know we will keep them safe. When purchasing items look for the options using Royal Mail for more details.

Following on from the government consultation regarding the future of Post Office Ltd it is particularly important that we get as many customers as possible. Footfall will be a factor in any future decision about our Post Office so please do use us as much as you can.

Community Council

We are pleased to announce that enough nominations have been received for the Community Council to continue. Many new faces are on board. New ideas and a fresh start. If you have any ideas or thoughts about anything that would enhance our area don't be shy and come along and share with us on Monday 17th November at the Ark at 7pm.

Donation

The Enhancement Group are very pleased to be in receipt of a legacy from the estate of Maureen Stogden, who passed away in August 2024. Maureen was a supporter of WEG for all her time in the village. She joined the committee in 2002, but was involved with the group before then, and after leaving for health reasons, she continued to support the group. One project that she jointly planned and obtained funds for from Spring Watch was the original wildflower meadow and bog garden (now the sensory garden). The group will be planting an ornamental cherry tree in the community orchard in her memory.

Thank you, Maureen.

Liz & Rick Walthew

Liz & Rick are settling in to their new home in Maxton. They would love to see old friends from Whitsome. Please ask June, or Derek for their contact details.

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

Scones & Coffee 11 Nov, 9 Dec, 13 Jan 10.15am-11.30am Ark

3 November Whitsome Enhancement Group Meeting 2.30pm in Ark

5 November "A History of Farm Servants in the Borders" a talk by David McLean in Ark All welcome £2 Refreshments 7pm

8 November Curry Night 7pm Whitsome Ark

11 November Remembrance Service at Whitsome graveyard 11am followed by Tea & Toast in the Ark

17 November Community Council Meeting 7pm Whitsome Ark

22 November Putting Christmas Lights up !0am at Ark

1 December Whitsome Enhancement Group Meeting 2.30pm in Ark

7 December Christmas Lights Switch-On 6pm at Ark

8 December Whitsome Village Hall SCIO AGM 7pm in Ark All Welcome

31 December Hogmanay Ceilidh in Ark

To book the Ark email our Booking Secretary Bill Wilson at:
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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!