

Reeds Well



Whitsome's Newsletter
May 2026

Whitsome Enhancement Group

The Plant Sale is due to take place on **Sunday 7 June 10.30am -1.30pm**. This event is our main source of income so please come along and show your support. Also, a reminder if you have any surplus plants, or are splitting any perennials that you wish to donate let us know. Collection can be arranged if necessary.

Also, a reminder about the Plant Pot Festival which runs from **Sunday 31 May -Sunday 14 June**. We really hope you will take part in this fun event for all ages. There are plant pots in the polytunnel in The Loaning if you need them.

Twelve gardens are open to the public taking part with WEG in Scotland's Open Gardens on **Sunday 5 July from 11 am -3pm**. Refreshments will be available at the Ark and the Loaning will also be part of the attraction. Proceeds will be split with WEG and Scotland's Open gardens designated charity. Posters and further information will be available shortly.

There are a number of different events taking place throughout the rest of the year, so keep your eyes peeled for updates in Reeds Well, whitsome.scot and facebook.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

Anne Taylor- Clark

Chair WEG

(On behalf of the WEG team)



Whitsome Enhancement Group
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Our Annual PLANT SALE!

Sunday 7 June
Doors open 10.30am



**PLANTS & SHRUBS - BACON ROLLS
HOME BAKING!**

WHITSOME *Ark* TD11 3NA

Scottish Charity: Whitsome Enhancement Group SC021104

REMINDER

Whitsome's gone to pot!

Whitsome Enhancement Group (W.E.G.) plans to hold a Flower Pot Festival for two weeks this summer - from Sunday 31 May -Sunday 14 June.

Residents of Whitsome and the surrounding area are invited to take part in the festival by creating characters (any theme) from flower pots (and anything else which you might need) and displaying it/them over the two-week period.

The display area will be along Whitsome Main Street and the land around the Ark. Alternatively, some people may prefer to position theirs at their own farm road ends etc.

Excellent websites full of good ideas can be found at -

“Settle Flower Pot Festival 2025”- It has a really colourful gallery page.

Also, “Flamborough Flower Pot Festival”- As well as a brilliant gallery of photographs, it has videos showing how to assemble a character.

W.E.G would love you to take part in the festival.

Entry is free - make as many characters/objects as you like!

There is no charge to the public to view our efforts - this is purely a fun event.

If you need help or want to find out more - contact

Mary-Rose Blythe at Glamis House

mrblythe@btinternet.com

Get your thinking caps on
It's surely going to be pretty potty!

Whitsome Spring Raffle raised £497.00

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and Special thanks to:

LNER, Achilles, Glenkinchie Distillery, Floors Castle, Duns Golf Club, Kelso Racecourse, Edinburgh Zoo, Lindisfarne Castle, Archie Hume, Flowers by Jen, Pearsons of Duns, The Mole House Gift Shop, ESG Drysdale and all personal local donations.

It was a great success, due to your generosity!



The March Quiz raised £268.00

It was a full night for the Quiz, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Special thanks to the Quiz Masters, the Supper Crew, and everyone who helped set up and tidy up. Beautiful Flowers for the winning team were donated by Flowers by McKenzie in Kelso. (Many Thanks Jamie McKenzie)



The Pizza van is coming!

The shop and Post Office will be opening for a trial period to coincide with Pizza Thyme coming to us every fortnight from Thursday 14th from 4.30pm. Shop and PO open until 6.30pm

You can post, bank, buy Giacobazzi ice cream and grab your pizza all in one visit!

The menu for Pizza Thyme will be posted on the notice boards and whitsome.scot. Orders and time slots can be booked from 10th May. Just text Pauline on 07491 380 968, but not before 10th May please.

Other Shop news

We have increased our locally sourced items to include local crafts from Jane Harbottle. Come and take a look if you are looking for a little gift, or card.

Ice cream news. We now have small tubs of Rum and Raisin. If you want a flavour just ask and we will see what we can do.

Post Office

The most popular services at present are Everyday Banking - cash withdrawals and deposits, and cheque deposits for most banks. Unfortunately cheque deposits for any of the Lloyds group can no longer be accepted.

Local collect - you can have parcels delivered to us by this service for collection when convenient to you, knowing they are in safe hands.

Postal services - we can help you with choosing the correct service for your needs.

Foreign currency - order online and collect from us next day.

Community Council

Jim Clark Rally

This will be held on the weekend of the 22nd-24th May. Details of the route are now available. The main closure that will affect Whitsome is the Ravelaw Road which will be closed potentially from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 23rd.

Please obey all road closures and they apply to cars and pedestrians. Check out their website for how to spectate safely.

Planning Applications

It has become apparent in the last few months that planning applications are taking a long time to be determined by SBC. If you have experienced problems because of this please do contact us or one of your elected SBC councillors and we will do what we can.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the CC will be held on Monday 25th May in Allanton Village Hall at 7pm. As always the meetings are open to all and we welcome contributions from the public. We cannot promise to resolve issues brought to us, but we will try.

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 12th May, 9th June, 14th July

10.15am-11.30am at Ark

Whitsome Enhancement Group meeting Monday 11th May

2.30pm Ark

Pizza Van Thursday 14th May from 4.30pm at Ark

Community Council Meeting Monday 25th May 7pm at Ark

WEG Plant Sale Sunday 7th June 10.30am at Ark

Community Council Meeting Monday 6th July at Allanton
Village Hall

Country & Western Night Saturday August 1st from 6pm at
Ark

To book the Ark: Email Bill Wilson on:

yasumi5591@gmail.com

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!