

Reeds Well



Whitsome's Newsletter
August 2026

Whitsome Enhancement Group

It has been an exceptionally busy few months for WEG. Firstly, the Plant Pot Festival which ran from Sunday 31 May -Sunday 14 June. We were really pleased so many made the effort and took part in this fun event. Some of us have held on to our characters, including myself! (See pictures of some on page 3).

The Plant Sale took place on Sunday 7 June and was a great success. The proceeds on the day were £1491.00 this includes £200 match funding from the Post Office. A further £80 was for post plant sale purchases and donations. The final amount total being £1571.00. This was a fantastic achievement, by far our best ever. Thanks to everyone who helped in whatever capacity.

On Sunday 5 July, The Loaning and Twelve Gardens were open to the public, for charity as part of Scotland's Open Gardens Scheme. Proceeds on the day from admission fees and the ever-popular Café was £792.97; this will be shared with Scotland's Open Gardens and WEG. Feedback has been positive with many people saying how much they enjoyed the event. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make this happen!

WEG are working together with Swinton Horticultural Society on Sunday 20 September, we will be running the Café. Doors open from 2pm. Information leaflets are in the shop if you would like to exhibit, or just come along.

In the meantime, the Cowboy and Western event on 1st August has sold out and should be an enjoyable evening.

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.

Anne Taylor- Clark

Chair WEG

(On behalf of the WEG team)



Shop news

The **Community Shop and Post Office** is to be found in the hall.

The shop is open every day except Sunday.

Hours: 8am to 1pm Mon – Fri; 8.30am-1pm Saturday.

In addition it is open until 3pm on Thursdays, manned by volunteers.

Ice cream news. We have recently extended our range of Giacobazzi ice cream flavours to include vegan raspberry and cherry. We are happy to take orders if you need particular flavours, or need to provide for a party etc. order by Tuesday deliver by Thursday..

You do not have to leave the village for the odd item so please do support us. Newspaper orders happily taken.

New volunteer helpers are most welcome.

Post Office. We are able to provide the expected postal services, and increasingly act as the only local banking facility. You can pay in and withdraw money for most banks, pay some bills and obtain phone and meter top ups.

Ringtons (famous for tea and goodies to enjoy with a cuppa) visits the Ark car park once every 4 weeks on Wednesdays. List of items for sale and/or order is available in the shop. Christmas hamper orders being taken

Border Mobile Library Service visits the Ark car park fortnightly on a Wednesday morning. Check out the dates on the Ark noticeboard.

Community Council

Dog control

Some residents have been understandably concerned at recent reports of an incident involving an out of control dog in the village. We would like to reassure you that the matter is being dealt with by the police. If you do walk a dog in the area please do be aware that this incident took place and keep your dog close and well controlled.

The next meeting of the community council will be held at the Ark on August 17th at 7pm. As always members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any issues of concern.

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What a great night we had at the Country and Western evening. Fantastic atmosphere, some fabulous outfits, good food and fantastic to see so many up on the floor for the line dancing. Thanks to everyone involved in making the night such a success, but special thanks to Glenys Richardson for her organisation, patience and making it so enjoyable. Only she knows what is to come!

Dawn Taylor-Clark

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

Scones & Coffee 11th Aug, 8th Sept, 13th Oct 10.15am-11.30am at Ark
Community Council Meeting Monday 17th Aug 7pm at Ark
Community Council Meeting Monday 28th Sept at Allanton Village Hall
Bingo is Back! September 6th at 2pm

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