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Whitsome's Newsletter
November 2026

Whitsome Enhancement Group

On 12 October we held our AGM, all members have remained in post.

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 21 November at 10am**.

Unfortunately, due to the weather the Christmas Fair at the Ark was cancelled however it has been rearranged for **Sunday 29 November from 10am-3pm** so please come along. There will be local traders selling gifts for Christmas and refreshments available.

During the month of November and the start of December we run a competition, proceeds from the competition and the collection at the Carol Service goes to a local charity.

The lucky winner gets to switch on the Christmas Lights and wins a mystery prize. The lights switch on will be on Sunday 6 December at 6pm. There will be carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies.
Finally, on behalf of the WEG team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and our very best wishes to you all for 2027.

Anne Taylor- Clark

Chair WEG

(On behalf of the WEG team)


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Whitsome Enhancement Group
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SANTA NEEDS SOME HELPERS!
Join us at the Ark
Sat 21st November to help put up the Christmas lights!
We meet up at 10am
Soup & refreshments

Winter Warmers

The winter warmer soup lunches will start again on Friday 20th November from 12.30.

This is a free event to which all are very welcome. A choice of soups is always on offer. You can even get a carry out if you wish.

Pizza Night

A new event!



The idea is simple
We cook homemade pizza.
Its available by the slice.
Sides available
Drinks, ice cream etc from the shop.

You get to not have to cook
It will be sociable
It should be fun
If it works we will do it again

So come along on Wednesday 25th November from 6-8pm. Bring your friends and family.

Shop News

Ice Cream

From Monday 9th November until Monday 30th November you can order the special Christmas tubs of Giacopazzis ice cream.
Order forms in shop or drop Derek an email.

This years flavours are
Christmas Pudding (Super Luxury), Apple Crumble & Custard, Malteser Cheesecake, Sticky Toffee Pudding and Limoncello Sorbet.
We can supply these in the 950ml tubs for collection from Friday 4th December.
All the other usual flavours are also available.

Post Office

!Christmas is coming!

Christmas stamps on sale from 3rd 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.

Last posting date for 2nd class UK mail is 18th December.

Every transaction you make at Whitsome post office helps to secure its future, from buying a stamp to taking out cash. They all help.

Community Council

Remembrance

A Remembrance service, including wreath laying, to remember the sacrifices of those who have served our country will be held at the war memorials at Whitsome graveyard on Wednesday 11th November at 11am. Please gather around 10 minutes beforehand. 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.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 9th November at the Whitsome Ark starting at 7pm. All are, as usual, welcome to attend. This will be followed by our regular meeting which members of the public are welcome to attend and raise issues of concern and suggestions for local improvements.

PETANQUE DAY

On Sunday 13th September 24 Pétanque players from Whitsome, Peebles and Norham enjoyed a tremendous day on the Whitsome pétanque court with the weather at its very best. Four teams participated commencing at 10.30am with 18 games being played (singles, doubles and triples) The day was called a friendly occasion but, on the court, nothing was given, the tape measures were often used, even for second or third counting boules.

The game was halted at lunchtime for the Whitsome special bacon butties which all enjoyed, together with a cup of tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. We all got to know one another over the lunch break. The Peebles team had come down on Saturday staying at a local hotel.

The Whitsome Allstars were top team on the day winning by one point but do not think that that was the highlight of the day. The most important thing being that all enjoyed themselves, the camaraderie first class as was the weather and throughout the day the hall's beautiful views, which we are so fortunate to have, was so much admired. The Peebles team presented Glenys with some lovely Peebles Chocolates for her excellent organisation of the day. Pressies were also presented to the Whitsome Ark team.
The day concluded (with the sun still shining) about 4.00pm with a cup of coffee/tea/biscuits

A lovey day enjoyed by all on the Pétanque Court.

(from our Sport Correspondent)

Whitsome Women's Group (previously known as "Not the Rural")

The "Not the Rural" group may have a new name, but the aim is still the same: to have fun, enjoy the company and take part in different activities. We are a friendly bunch and would love you to join us.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month from September to June at 2pm for 2 hours in the Hall Café area. There is no upfront cost to belong to the group, each person pays just £2 to cover the hire of the Hall every time that they attend.

At our November meeting on the 19th we will be shown how to make small needle felt Christmas decorations. No previous experience/skill required. We all help each other and there is much laughter involved.

The 17th December meeting is a "bring and share" Christmas nibbles session. An opportunity perhaps to take time out from the hectic build up to the main event the following week.

January 21st sees us heading to Eyemouth for Ten Pin bowling followed by fish and chips.

Planning for the rest of the programme is ongoing, members chip in with ideas and we follow up what appeals.

For more information contact Carole Lawrence: estuarygirl45@gmail.com or June Russell; junenotjanerussell@gmail.com

Craft Afternoons

It's a long winter and if you fancy some sociable company beginning on Thursday 7th January from 2-4pm bring along your knitting, sewing, any other craft project, or just come for a chat and a cuppa on 1st Thursday afternoon of the month. £2 to cover the hall hire. For more information contact June Russell (as above)

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 07890106528 (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 7th November at Ark
Community Council Meeting Monday 9th Nov 7pm at Ark
Scones & Coffee 10th Nov, 8th Dec, 12th Jan 10.15am-11.30am at Ark
Remembrance Wed 11th Nov 11am at War Memorials and after at Ark
Women of Whitsome Thurs 19th Nov, 17th Dec, 12th Jan 2-4pm at Ark
Lights Up Saturday 21st Nov 10am at Ark
Pizza Night Wed 25th Nov from 6pm at Ark
Christmas Fair Sunday 29th Nov 10am - 3pm at Ark
Lights Switch-on Sunday 6th Dec 6pm at Ark
Craft Afternoon Thurs Jan 7th 2-4pm at Ark
Community Council Meeting Monday 18th Jan at Allanton
To book the Ark (Booking Secretary Bill Wilson) email:
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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!