



Respect

It has been another summer of rainy days and washed out events around the village. We have been busy trying to keep on top of the grass cutting and ever growing shrubs, borders, trees and the ever present weeds.

The Police regularly send us updates on activities carried out in the village and these are now placed in the latest news section of the Parish Council website for your information. At a recent Crime and Disorder Liaison meeting held at the Council, it was made clear by Steve Parker, ASB Officer for Blaby District Council that parishioners **must** call in to report any issues that are of concern. If complacency sets in, the ASB team and the Police are not aware of recurring issues and therefore cannot act to remedy, and the activities not reported continue. The police report on the back page brings you up to date with the latest news.

It was disappointing to have a minority of youths spoiling village life throughout summer. Mindless and total selfish acts by some youths were witnessed and left parishioners heart broken. Youths on BMX bikes used newly laid grave spaces in the cemetery as BMX jumps and to add insult to injury then used watering cans to fill the areas to make it a water filled mud bath for skidding in. After finishing their joyrides, they verbally abused pensioners visiting their loved ones' graves with a series of abusive comments and then threatened them with their dads to come down and sort the pensioners out for asking them to stop. I hope when reading this it makes you as angry as it did the Council Staff when this was reported. The Police were informed and I hope the message can be passed on to all youngsters who are entitled to have their fun, that somethings have to be respected in life, as well as in death. I hope the Cemetery and the Church yard would be part of that culture which we need to install into all children.

Heritage Wardens for Whetstone

Have you heard of Heritage Wardens? I came across them after I joined the Parish Council. I volunteered to be a Heritage Warden for Whetstone because I thought it would be a good way of finding out more about Whetstone's history.

What I had **not** realised was that there are different kinds of Heritage Warden! Most of the information I received at first was about how to study the **natural** history – the plants and animals - of the village while I am more interested in Whetstone's **social** history - the people who lived here and what they did.

I was surprised, when I moved here, to find books about Blaby and the neighbouring villages but none about Whetstone. Could this be because, as it says on the *Introducing Whetstone* page on the Whetstone Parish Council website "The Parish is recorded in the Domesday Book and lived quietly throughout the following eight centuries."

But Whetstone **does** have a history into, and beyond, the 18th Century, however "quietly" the village has lived since the Domesday Book was written! People have lived and worked here, they have built their homes and their workplaces and they have been affected by world events. For example, the names of the roads in some of the new developments are those of the men commemorated on the War Memorial in the High Street. And, what about the unusual road names - The Dicken and The Nook – are they local in origin? And, is there an African connection that would explain why one of the three pubs in the village is called the Kaffir? These are the sort of things that interest me.

I hope to get down to my duties as Heritage Warden, for social history, this Autumn so this is a request for information about information. At this stage I am simply trying to find out what, if anything, is available, rather than getting hold of the material itself. If you think you can help, please can you contact me, either by leaving a message at the Parish Council Offices or emailing me at a.m.tyler@btinternet.com Please include the words "Heritage Warden" as the heading or subject in any message or email.

But this still leaves Whetstone without a Heritage Warden for natural history! Any one interested in fulfilling this role??? If so please contact Whetstone Parish Council Tele: 0116 275 1987 or E.mail whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk.

Alice Tyler (Chair Whetstone Parish Council and Heritage Warden)



Edward Wright Room "Whetstone Parish Council"

Looking for a venue to hold a small intimate family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with kitchen facilities, disabled access and toilets, car parking for up to 25 cars all inclusive for £12 per hour, plus projector/computer links available at a small extra cost.

We have just the room for you at Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone
Tele: 0116 275 1987— Email:whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk



For more details visit our Website www.whetstonepc.org.uk Or pop in and see for yourself
You will always be welcome

Badgerbrook Primary School

2008/9 was another successful year at Badgerbrook and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone - pupils, staff, governors and parents for their continued hard work and support, in particularly Mrs McCourt who has been covering maternity leave in Key Stage 1 for the last two years and Mr Campbell who has been covering maternity leave in Year 4 since February. SATs results for children in Years 2 and 6 were again very pleasing. Following recent elections, we welcomed three parent governors to our governing body: Mr Cox, Mr Riley and Mrs Castle-Jordan.

As usual, the school has been a hive of activity during the summer holidays. This year, in addition to spring cleaning, several minor projects have been completed including: new flooring and doors in the Foundation classrooms, a rubberised surface in the Foundation play area, new flooring in the corridors from the playground, additional storage in the Old Studio and redecoration of Year 4 classrooms. Also, following very positive feedback last year, the After School Club organised a very successful holiday club for five weeks.

Sporting successes

Following success in Blaby District finals, our Tag Rugby, Cricket and New Age Kurling teams represented the local area at the Leicestershire Youth Sports Festival this year. They were all successful and returned with three more trophies for our trophy cabinet. For the first time in the school's history, we reached the national finals in Tag Rugby and Girls' cricket. This was an amazing achievement and reward for the hard work and commitment of children and their parents and Mr Williams, their coach. A number of children reached the Leicestershire Athletics finals this year and performed extremely well. Year 4 girls came 1st in the relay race, Ryan Brett came 2nd in the long jump, Joel Eabry came 2nd in 50 metres running and Ella Merrikin came 2nd in 800 metres. School Sports Days ran very smoothly and were very well attended by parents and other members of the family. It was lovely to see all of the children enjoying themselves and giving their best performance in front of such an encouraging and enthusiastic audience. Thank you FOBs for providing refreshments for adults, greatly appreciated during the warm weather!

Other successes

We are so grateful to Anne Jones for continuing to provide the award for a good style of joined handwriting. All pupils from Year 2 to 6 enter this competition and Mrs Jones chooses winners for each year group as well as an overall winner for the award. This year the winners were: Callum Price -Smith Year 2, Eve Lewin Year 3, Milly Scotchbrook Year 4, Charlie Coulson Year 6 and Demi Hylands, Year 5 and overall winner. Congratulations also go to the following children for 100% attendance this year (up to 1st July): Alice Ball, Jessica Barlow, Will Branson, Jessica Butteriss, Nathan Cox, Joe Hodson, Hannah Lines, James Mangan, Stephen Matts, Danielle Pridmore, Henry Stafford, Mia Wapples-Budd, Harrison Watts and Oliver Walls. We are also always very pleased to hear about the successes of former pupils. Matthew Taylor is an actor and recently appeared in an episode of Robin Hood. Meera Raithatha has recently achieved three awards at Lutterworth College for outstanding achievement and attitude to learning. Congratulations!

Friends of Badgerbrook

FOBs held a very successful Summer Gala in June. What a fantastic day! This year we were really lucky with the weather (and delighted to have the opportunity to buy ice cream!). Thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation and those who attended along with family and friends. Over £2,000 was raised and will be spent for the benefit of all children. Already we have been able to purchase more laptop computers for children throughout the school to use in class lessons. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards fundraising for the school and hope that you will continue to support FOBs at future events.



YOUTH FORUM
EVERY FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY
IN THE MONTH (2009)
@
WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
16.30pm—18.00
IF YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON
WITH VIEWS & IDEAS
ON FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
IN WHETSTONE
COME ALONG WE WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS
Hosted by District Councillor,
Karl Coles.

The next meetings are
6th October, 20th October, 3rd November and
17th November

Know Your Rights



Leicestershire Trading Standards responded to National Consumer Week by letting consumers and businesses know a consumer's legal rights when buying goods and services.

Trading Standards Officers were at various locations on 16th, 17th & 18th September, to talk to shoppers about their rights and hand out information.

During the week the focus in Leicestershire was on informing consumers of their rights - for example the right to a refund, repair or replacement for faulty or wrongly described goods.

David Bull, Head of Leicestershire County Council Trading Standards, said: "Throughout the year we and our partners Consumer Direct provide advice to consumers and traders in Leicestershire, to help disputes to be resolved fairly."

Consumers may obtain more information about consumer rights by calling 08454 04 05 06 or by visiting: www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

County businesses may obtain advice on 0116 305 8000 or at: www.leics.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Hints For Holidaying with a Credit Card

Top tips have been created to help holiday-makers cut the costs of using credit cards abroad. The advice from County Council Trading Standards officers is designed to make sure that people planning to use them whilst away are aware of the advantages and the different kinds of charges involved. To minimise the cost of using a credit card, it's important to understand how they work: 1. Most credit cards charge a "foreign currency loading" (FCL) fee every time a card is used, usually over 2% of the cost; 2. Drawing cash from a cash machine (ATM) there is usually an additional charge, of about 2%; 3. When paying in GB Pounds abroad, the business will use "dynamic currency conversion" to convert from the national currency to GBP. This can sometimes be used to inflate the price by use of an unfavourable conversion rate. 4. In some countries there is a charge for using an ATM of around a £1 or so. 5. Card-holders will start to pay interest immediately on cash withdrawals. Most of these charges will also apply to debit cards too. There are also lots of advantages to using a credit card abroad: 1. They avoid the need to carry a lot of cash although of course need to be kept securely. 2. They are accepted almost everywhere. 3. Some include insurance of the goods bought. 4. When buying items costing over £100, the credit card company is equally liable with the seller meaning a claim can be made against the credit card company if the goods are faulty or mis-described. David Bull, the County Council's Head of Trading Standards, said: "The credit card is a great boon when travelling abroad but if a check shows high charges for transactions or taking cash out abroad, it may be worth shopping round for one that will be more economical to use. "It is a really easy way to pay but don't forget to tell the card company that you are travelling abroad and importantly, keep within your budget."

Future Duckpaddle Dates

Articles by 20th November. Distribution Date 4th December

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are available for viewing on the Parish Council Website
WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK

We also hold copies of all Whetstone Planning Applications which we discuss at our Planning Committee Meetings. Please contact the office prior to wishing to inspect these, as a member of the staff has to be available during inspection.

Telephone: 0116 2751987— E.mail: whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk



Visit our Web Site
www.whetstonepc.org.uk

JUST A MINUTE

YOUR Parish Council usually meets every third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Council Offices, Cemetery Road Whetstone; The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Parish Notice Boards. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agenda, or if you just wish to see Council in operation. Below are several extracts of general items of interest from the minutes of the last three meetings.

May

- Mrs. Alice. M. Tyler was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Mr. Steve R. Webb as Vice Chair.
- The meeting was suspended to allow members and members of the public to make representations about any item not on the agenda. No requests had been received from the members of the public.. Mr. John Kenney thanked members for allowing him permission to inspect the old minutes for his research on the Cemetery Centenary, a website link was now on the Parish Council Website. Gas pipeline works on Trinity Road and Parking across driveways were discussed. Mrs. Mary Sault announced that after 22 years as a Parish Councillor, she had decided to stand down and resign with immediate effect, the Chairman thanked her on behalf of Council. Mrs. Sault also advised that LCC has agreed a meeting to look at Grove Road and the issues of Speeding Traffic..
- LCC Councillor, Barry Garner spoke of the placement of the bus stop matter on Burnham Drive. District Councillor, John Kenney, reported that the Boys club was enjoying growth following the recent advertising campaign and discussions were being held to look at alternative locations to allow the club to grow. District Councillor, Karl Coles, reported that a youth survey was being issued across local Parishes to get feedback. The new BDC Youth Council was now set up, BDC Cllr, Janet Forey, had been appointed BDC Youth Champion. Two letters were being issued by BDC regarding ASB on Oliver Park..
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported that quotes had been obtained regarding the Skateboard Ramp and these would be passed to the Finance, Resources and Policy Working Party.—Informed the meeting that the Scrutiny Work programme suggested on Planning issues seen by Whetstone Parish Council had been accepted by BDC as part of the 2009/10 work programme.—Reported on a matter relating to a Headstone in Whetstone Cemetery.—His car had been ‘Stoned’ whilst parked on the Car Park at the front of the offices, full apologies had been received and he was happy with the efficient way the matter had been investigated and handled.—Meters of lead flashing had been stolen off the workshop and garage roof, repairs had taken place and an insurance claim would be made. The issue of CCTV be reviewed, this be passed to the Finance Working Party re funding.— Received a request for permission to place a bench in Whetstone Cemetery.—The Allotments were now up and running, photographs were shown of progress to date.

June

- No requests had been received by the deadline re Public Speaking Protocol so the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about any item not on the agenda. A question was asked regarding the Parish Magazine.—Trees removed or damaged on the ‘Dicken’ development site and Dog and Gun Lane.—HGV parking in Biggs Close overnight.—Boys Club BBQ was taking place on 4th July.
- Elliott Close Public Open Space was discussed at length. It was agreed that our District Councillors raise the awareness with BDC Chief Executive to ensure swift action.
- District Councillor, Karl Coles, reported that no incidents had been seen on Oliver Park, patrols were taking place at other hot spots. The decision regarding the Car Park on High Street was going to BDC cabinet for consideration at the end of June. BDC Cllr, John Kenney reported that he had presentations at BDC on the Sustainable Urban Extensions.
- The Clerk reported that a member of the ground staff was off for two to three weeks following an operation—Blaby Police had caught a youth sawing down trees..

July

- Public Speaking Protocol—The Village Sign working party membership confirmed.—LCC to be contacted regarding Hedging on Dog & Gun Lane.—BDC to be contacted regarding cutting of grass & hedge on Trinity Road park.
- LCC Cllr, Barry Garner, discussed the work relating to the Burnham Drive ‘Hail & Ride’ scheme. BDC Cllr, John Kenney, informed the meeting that BDC had approved the High Street Car Park be leased to the Parish Council.
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported on the Village Green—Water Bowser—The Rural Enabler—Funding—Skateboard Ramp— Cemetery Database

The next four meetings of Council take place on Thursday 15th October, 19th November, 17th December 2009 and 21st January 2010

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YOUR ELECTED DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor	Karl Coles	96 Enderby Road, Whetstone	2774138 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Janet Forey	7 Lady Leys, Cosby	2752363 Whetstone South
District Councillor	John Kenney	100 Spinney Halt, Whetstone	2864508 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby	2841596 Whetstone South
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County Councillor	Barry Garner	7 Riverside Court, Littlethorpe	2867362 Whetstone North

WHETSTONE CRIME AND DISORDER MEETING

The Whetstone Crime and Disorder meeting takes place at least once a quarter. Representatives from Community Groups, Blaby District Council, Police, District Councillors and Parish Councillors are, subject to availability, invited to attend an open invitation is extended to all parishioners. The last meeting took place on 27th August A copy of the minutes are available on the Whetstone Parish Council website—www.whetstonepc.org.uk— or can be obtained from the Parish Council offices.

The next meeting is Thursday 26th November 2009



Beat Officer Pc Nick Ward

CRIME AND DISORDER



CSO Teresa Frain



CSO Tom Sharpe



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

“Pay the Penalties”

Article by Pc Nick Ward

Hello to everyone, I hope you have all had a great summer & like me are glad to see the kids back at school.

Over the summer period a number of issues have been highlighted some of which I hope to be able to update you on. As many of you will be aware the ‘Wheatsheaf’ pub has been closed now for some time. This has caused several problems with lead having been stolen from it’s roof & general vandalism occurring. As a result of the public & Police working together, a number of youths have been arrested & are being dealt with through the judicial system. Additionally we have been in consultation with the brewery & arranged for the perimeter to be secured.

Incidents of Anti Social Behaviour have on the whole reduced in the village, although a number of local youths are presently on ABC contracts due to their behaviour over the summer in the surrounding area.

The current crime trend seems to be towards damage through vandalism followed closely by burglary other than dwellings (i.e. to sheds & garages). Many of these burglaries are due to opportunist thieves targeting locations which they see as soft targets. Before we all start putting the lawn mowers away for the winter, please take another look at the locks on your sheds & garages to see if they could be easily accessed. Anyone wishing information on security for such structures can contact me at Blaby Police station & I will happily discuss your needs with you.

The next period we now all need to start considering is Halloween. For many this is one of the most depressing times of the year with the anticipation of teenagers roaming the streets causing havoc. Please remember that not all teenagers are out to cause trouble & the Beat team for the village are presently planning ways to reduce the amount of disorder that often follows, including working with local shops to prevent the sales of flour & eggs to persons under 18.

As part of the ‘back to school’ initiative implemented by the Police, we are presently conducting regular patrols of the local schools around start & finish times. This is mainly to monitor the parking issues which regularly occur. As such could I ask that everyone with children attending the local schools , please give particular attention to where & how they park & if possible consider walking to take/collect the kids. The worst offenders will be issued with £30 fixed penalties where illegal parking is identified.

Lastly I would like to thank all those who participated in the ‘Police ‘v’ Local Teenagers’ football match, which took place at the Blaby & Whetstone Boys Club’ on Tuesday 25th August. There was a great turn out with everyone having a brilliant time. Many of us ached the next day (I include myself in that list), but enjoyed it none the less. The match was also attended by Alan ‘The Birch’ Birchenall c/o Leicester City, who handed out trophies to the kids who took part.

I would personally like to thank all the staff at the boys club for their help & use of facilities. The evening allowed many of the local teenagers to meet local officers and to look upon us as being more than just a uniform. Hopefully we will be able to repeat this in the future. And remember..... always try to be nice to your kids. One day they’ll be choosing your nursing home!

To all residents of Whetstone that if they experience Anti social Behaviour or any other crime related matter to report it to us. For incidents requiring Police attendance please call us on 0116 222222 unless emergency where 999 can be used.

For issues appropriate to The whetstone Beat Team or for advice you can email myself or PC Taylor direct.

Our respective addresses are Nicholas.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk and Nick.ward@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

[PC Ward, PC Taylor and PCSOs Teresa Frain and Tom Sharpe are contactable on 0116 222222 id. No 1716, 0845, 6111 and 6176 respectively](#)

NEW DIRECTION Team

Drug/Alcohol advice and support for young people in

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

96 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 7EA

Tel: 0116 222 9529

E-mail: new.direction@lcp-trust.org.uk

As part of The Policing Pledge rolled out by The Government we are offering regular monthly beat surgeries. Initially these will alternate between Whetstone and Blaby and will give residents a chance to meet us and discuss concerns.

On Tuesday 17th November we will be at Whetstone Parish Council Offices between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

If you have information about any crime, phone

**Leicestershire
CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111**

- Your call is free
- You are not asked for your name
- You may receive a reward

Whetstone Crime Figures

	(01/03/09—01/06/09)	Last 90 Days (10/09/09)
Burglary Dwelling	4	2
Burg/Other	12	11
Damage	15	14
Damage to M/V	4	7
Theft/M. Vehicle	3	0
Theft from M. Veh	9	5
Theft Stores	3	2
Theft Cycle	0	3
Robbery	0	0
Drugs	5	2
Public Disorder	0	0

Do you live in the District of Blaby?
Are you a victim of Anti-Social Behaviour?
 For free and confidential advice call the Community Safety Team on
 **0116 272 7677**



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