



### BLABY & WHETSTONE YOUTH CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year sees Blaby & Whetstone Youth Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To celebrate this momentous occasion, Brian Cleaver, Chairman of Blaby & Whetstone Youth Club began developing a five year plan back in 2009/2010 to upgrade and enhance the current facility. In October 2013, Lauren Withers, Development Officer, joined the team to work alongside Brian Cleaver to make their dream, a reality. They have worked tirelessly to raise £700,000.00 to redevelop the facilities and this month saw the completion of the project.



To celebrate, the centre held a Launch Event on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to officially open the new facilities. This was assisted by Edward Timpson MP, Baroness Byford, Peter Cox, Chairman of Whetstone Parish Council and Keith Murdoch, CEO of Leicestershire & Rutland County FA. Over 80 people attended the event and the feedback was unanimous – the new centre is a big hit! We would love for members of the local community to come and have a look around, get involved fundraising and generally be a part of this local community centre.

### Whetstone Remembrance Parade

Sunday 9th November 2014

#### Proposed Change of Route

Whetstone Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Company Band will be leading this year's parade through Whetstone Village.

This year, a change of route has been suggested to try and involve other parts of the village. It is suggested that the parade will begin at Whetstone Co-op at 10:15am and finish at the war memorial on High Street at 10:50am.

The service at the war memorial involving all three churches remains unchanged.

If you have any questions or comments on the change of route, or to find out on how to get involved, please contact Paul Brown by emailing [paul@clcgb.co.uk](mailto:paul@clcgb.co.uk) [www.clcgb.co.uk](http://www.clcgb.co.uk)



In 2000 the village of Whetstone was invited to complete a lottery grant funded Village Appraisal. This was to find out what local people thought about the area where they lived and what they wanted to see in the future. At that time 800 people responded and the results were put together and used by the local authorities and service providers to shape discussions about how Whetstone could and should develop.

At a recent meeting of Whetstone Parish Council it was resolved that with the growth of the village following several large housing developments having been approved, that there was a need for a Doctor's surgery within the village. The Clerk had researched the mechanism for parishioners to raise the matters of service provision to the local Primary Care Trust. The data available to the public regarding local provision indicated that the nearest 14 Doctors surgeries had capacity and were currently accepting patients. The Clerk was asked to facilitate a questionnaire through the Duckpaddle to see if the village agreed.

This is included as an insert in the Duckpaddle and we ask that you take a few minutes to complete and return to us at the Parish Council Offices on Cemetery Road next to St. Peters School and the Cemetery.

A few more questions have been added to compare some of the results given back in 2000. The questionnaire is available on the Parish Council Website under **Contact the Council** if you would like to download it electronically, complete it and then return it to us by email at [sharon@whetstonepc.org.uk](mailto:sharon@whetstonepc.org.uk)

Completion date is 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The answers will be published in the Spring Edition of the Duckpaddle and also on the Website.



## Badgerbrook Primary School

We are thoroughly enjoying the start to the new academic year here at Badgerbrook Primary School. We start the year as an 'Outstanding School' with an energy and enthusiasm that's infectious. It feels such a short time since we said a fond farewell to our year 6 students, as they went off to High School and we are now busy welcoming our newest group of pupils into a full Foundation group. We welcome to our school Miss Holden, who joins us in Year 6. We congratulate Miss Robinson and her husband as she returns after her wedding as Mrs Charlton and we welcome Mrs Emsley back from maternity leave who re joins us in Year 1.

We're very pleased that Mrs Poor joins us in Foundation and Mr Robson becomes our new Premises Officer after Mr Smith's departure at the end of term. Badgerbrook would like to applaud and congratulate Mrs Ames and her team on a highly successful introduction of free school meals for all infant children. In addition to producing a new appetising menu for the children to enjoy there is a significant increase in the number of children coming through the hot dinner service in a relatively short period of time. The team managed this very well and we're extremely grateful for all their hard work.

The 2014/15 academic year at Badgerbrook will undoubtedly be a busy one, as usual. In addition to some exciting projects based around the curriculum, children have a variety of extended events to look forward to both inside and outside of school hours. Each week activities take place such as Sports team events, Music lessons, Choir Practice, Chess and Knitting. After school clubs such as Gymnastics, Streetdance, Environmental club, Drama and Funky Fit.

We're doing our best at Badgerbrook to keep our children active, engaged and interested whilst continuously learning.



## St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

### Lots of Learning

As a University student completing initial teacher training at, it can be quite difficult to complete a short placement within a school and interact well with the class before you have to leave again. I have been working in Class 4 at St Peter's and all the worries that I might have had before coming to school quickly dissipated when I met the children in this wonderful class. All the children have something extremely unique about them, whether it is an excellent sense of humour or a willingness to help the teachers but what they all have in common is the desire to learn, which seems to run not just in class 4 but throughout the School. We completed a lot of different topics in Maths, including shape, right-angles and time, whilst focussing upon improving vocabulary in Literacy, specifically identifying verbs and adjectives.

The context for topic lessons has been birds, bugs and beasts; a topic which the children have really enjoyed, culminating in a trip to Bouskell Park to identify mini-beasts and compare them to the invertebrates that we found in our school grounds. We have been working on some extremely difficult vocabulary, which the children all now understand, including classification, invertebrates, arachnids, myriapods and crustaceans.

A favourite time for us all was during Victorian week, I where I got to play the role of a strict Victorian Teacher, threatening the children with the use of the cane, making some children wear the dunce's hat and working on handwriting I was pleased that the children all worked hard and played along with the role-play activity and I hope I wasn't too scary! The children really enjoyed learning about Victorian boys who had to work as

Chimney Sweeps, loving the opportunity to try squeeze through a 25cm wide chimney ! They loved it even more when I couldn't make my way through it. My time at St Peter's has been a very happy time because I have met some wonderful, hard-working and respectful children.

### *Once upon a time...*

How can we write a story if we can't tell a story? That is the question which has inspired the oral story telling work all the children have been involved in at St Peter's, they have played language games, learnt stories off by heart and written their own versions. The scheme has been used throughout the school, The stories are learnt through the use of story maps, and physical actions. They are retold over and over again sometimes with puppets or art work to help them.

## 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 last three meetings.

### June

- ◆ Concerns were raised regarding the grass cutting around the village although this is the responsibility of LCC the Clerk would again raise the issue
- ◆ The ongoing problem of glass on Trinity Park was discussed, the Clerk informed members that this was regularly litter picked and any other reports are dealt with by the ground staff as quickly as possible.
- ◆ Discussions took place on the planning application on Cambridge Road; two parishioners were present at the meeting and took part in the debate. The Clerk would respond to BDC highlighting the issues raised.
- ◆ The Clerk informed members that costing for the Trinity Road Park fencing to enclose the play equipment to prevent dogs creating an issue, had been received. The Clerk would be revising the application made to BDC accordingly. Quotations for lighting of the park were also being sought.

### July

- ◆ Members complimented the hanging baskets around the village and the Clerk was asked to give thanks to the ground staff for their work.
- ◆ An update was given on the traffic using Springwell Lane illegally; this had been reported to the DWH directors.
- ◆ Two parishioners were in attendance and addressed the meeting regarding the planning application for the retail unit and 1 & 2 bedroom flats on the Land at Warwick Road/Cambridge Road. A discussion took place and Council decided to defer the application until a further on site meeting had been held.
- ◆ The Clerk reported that the painting of the Cemetery railings was now underway and was looking much smarter. The Public open space on Vicarage Lane had now reopened; STWA had completed all works and had done a good job in restoring the area.

### August

- ◆ Members discussed the Wheatsheaf public house and the damaged wall on the Electroform site. The Clerk was asked to invite a Planning Enforcement Officer to a future meeting of Council to explain what powers there were for the public to use to create a safer environment to live in.
- ◆ Members discussed the deferred planning application of the retail unit and 1 & 2 bedroom flats – Land at Warwick Road/Cambridge Road – Members objected to the application based on the EA statutory body concerns over flood plains. Council agreed on the observation previously made regarding the need in Whetstone for a purpose built Health Centre.
- ◆ The Clerk reported that the work done by Bloor homes on the bund by the Shelduck open space was now nearing completion, at such time it would be given to the Parish.

**The next three meetings of Council take place on 16th October, 20th November 18th December.**

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## Edward Wright Room - Whetstone Parish Council

Looking for a venue to hold a business meeting/conference/children's party/activity class or a family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with newly refitted 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 recently refurbished the small front office and this is also available to hire.

Please note we now also have availability on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings

Tel: 0116 275 1987— Email:office@whetstonepc.org.uk

**STOP PRESS**

**Due to a cancellation the Room is now available all day Tuesday between 9 - 5**

## Community safety

These days, there are a number of ways in which you can contact or obtain information from the Police. If you wish to telephone them there are two national numbers you can use.

Ringling **999** has always been, and still is, the number to ring in an emergency. This would include

- ◆ When a crime is in progress
- ◆ When a suspect is nearby
- ◆ When there is a danger to life
- ◆ When violence is being threatened.

Another number you can ring is **101**. This is a new national number to contact the police in a non emergency situation. You can use this to

- ◆ Report crimes
- ◆ Report minor traffic collisions or incidents
- ◆ General Enquiries

If you use this number, the system will determine your location and tell you that you are being connected to the police for that area.

The Leicestershire Police web site at [www.leicspolice.uk](http://www.leicspolice.uk) has helpful information about the force in general and your particular area. You can use it to find out about such things as

- ◆ The officers in your area
- ◆ Crime in your area
- ◆ Advice and information.

You can also use twitter or face book to get similar information.

### WHETSTONE CRIME FIGURES

Local crime figures are now available on the national Police website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). This website provides you with helpful information about crime and policing in your area. Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the search box, and get instant access to street-level crime maps and data, as well as details of your local Policing team and beat meetings

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