

# DUCKPADDLE NEWS

EASTER April 2014

## Whetstone Parish Council

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### Holy Week and Easter at St Peter's Whetstone 2014

Palm Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am
Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist of the Passion of The Lord	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	6.30pm
Stations Of The Cross	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am
The Eucharist	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am
The Eucharist	
Maundy Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm
Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper	
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm
Liturgy Of Good Friday	
Easter Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am
All Age Sung Eucharist	

### Whetstone United Reformed Church

All welcome to join with us on Easter Sunday for Easter celebration. 10.00am

### Whetstone Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm
Good Friday Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm

#### Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service	
6am on Croft Hill	
Followed by breakfast at	
Sutton Elms Baptist Church	
Service	9.00am
Family Service	10.45am
Easter Sunday Praise.	6.15pm

Dear Friends,

The Simon and Garfunkel song "Bridge Over Troubled Water", often comes into my mind in the weeks leading up to Easter. This winter we've certainly known what troubled water can be, but it's not just the weather. It often seems like we are living in the midst of troubled water that threatens to overwhelm us - unexpected illness, disappointments and sadness, worrying international events, conflicts nearer home, money worries, loneliness and anxieties about the future. In the lines, Like a bridge over troubled water I will lay me down, I hear the voice of Jesus willingly laying down his life on the Cross. That act of self sacrifice on his part makes it possible for us to pass over to a world of peace and harmony where there is hope for the new life of his kingdom, a kingdom where we support and help one another in the difficulties we face. He makes it possible for the gap between those who are estranged from each other and from God to be bridged.

Easter had its origin in the last Festival Jesus celebrated with his friends, The Passover, when the people of the Old Covenant were remembering how the children of Israel "passed over" the waters of the Red Sea. Christians have seen the death and resurrection of Jesus as the new Passover when humanity in Christ passes over from death to life and so have regarded the keeping of Easter as the centre point of every year.

You are warmly welcomed to share the Holy Week and Easter celebrations at the Churches of Whetstone, as Easter is celebrated once again.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter

Your friend and Vicar,

Chris Allen,





## Badgerbrook Primary School

As we welcome the Spring, here at Badgerbrook we're looking forward to a busy time both inside the classrooms and out. Pupils are working hard in all areas, from our Year 6 who are studying hard for their SATs tests to our Foundation group's study of dinosaurs.

Here at Badgerbrook we are very pleased to have been awarded ECO status for environmentally friendly schools for the 6<sup>th</sup> time. This means that the green flag outside our school will be flying high once more. The school is assessed on 9 points every 2 years, including areas such as, waste management, recycling, pupil attitudes to healthy eating and energy conservation. The assessors were particularly impressed with the way we had used items of old furniture and converted these into floral display tubs. We thank club members, parents and Mrs Harding for their

time and commitment to this important aspect of our learning. Well done everyone. Our sports teams have been very busy, cross country continues with some excellent individual results. Our Year 6 boys' football team went through to the National Finals which will be held in May 2014 at Villa Park.



Other Badgerbrook teams have also been competing in local leagues in netball, basketball and girls' football, giving pupils an opportunity to represent their school in sporting activities. We're very proud of all of them.

We've had some interesting assemblies recently as pupils bring the curriculum alive by giving performances. We watched 'Moving and Growing' from our Year 4 pupils and a presentation on Mexico from Year 5. Coming up we're looking forward to a Zoolab visit for Year 3, where pupils get the opportunity to handle some rather unusual creatures.

Our 'Friends of Badgerbrook' have been busy, after raising a staggering £2764 at our Christmas Fayre, they continue to raise valuable funds for the school by holding book and cake sales and selling small Mothers' Day gifts.

We congratulate Mrs Morrin our Year 1 teacher and her family, Mrs Morrin gave birth to a daughter Isabelle at the beginning of January.



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

### **The CIRCUS is coming to town.....**

Shortly followed by dancing, crafts and games!!

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, St Peter's Church of England (A) Primary School officially celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the original school in the village of Whetstone.

In order to mark this occasion, WASPS, the school PTA, are organising 3 amazing events designed to make this week truly memorable. The celebrations start on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June with a visit from the National Festival Circus. The circus, complete with clowns, jugglers and acrobats will set up their 'big top' on the school field and perform 3 shows during the afternoon.

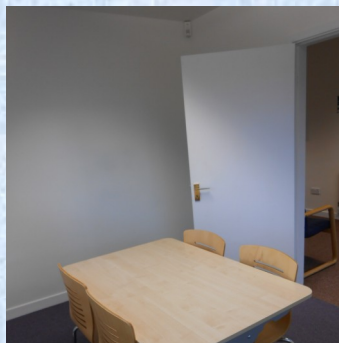
The activities continue throughout the week in school, with the children learning more about what life was like in Victorian times when the school first opened. Children were seen and not heard – and in the richer households, sometimes even rarely seen by their own parents!

Festivities then continue with a Barn Dance on the evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June which will be held in a luxury marquee on the school field. Music will be provided by the live band 'Bang on the Drum',

There will be a licensed bar and food available, with tickets competitively priced at £7.50 for adults and £4.50 for children.

To complete our eventful week, we will be hosting a Victorian Craft Fayre on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 4pm, once again in the marquee and across school grounds. So why not bring your dad down on Father's Day to have a go at Beating the Victorian Goalie, browse the craft stalls, try his luck on the coconut shy, ride the Little Red Bus and swing boats, eat cake and take part in the many other games and activities on offer.

All of these events are open to everyone so please join us to celebrate our milestone anniversary. All profit from these events will go directly to benefit the children at St Peter's Primary School. To purchase tickets or for more details please call the school office on 0116 2775750.



### **Edward Wright Room - Whetstone Parish Council**

Looking for a venue to hold a business meeting/conference/children's party/exercise 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 have availability on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings

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## 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

### December

- Following the applications received for the Village Fund, Council resolved the following awards be made:
  - £2,000 awarded to Whetstone Cricket Club and Whetstone Veterans Football Club for the provision of showers and toilets at the Warwick Road Pavillion.
  - £1,500 awarded to Blaby & Whetstone Boys Club for provision of female friendly facilities.
  - £500 awarded to Whetstone Scout Group towards activity equipment.
  - £500 awarded to St Peters Church to provide facilities for the youth group.
  - £4,500 for the Parish Council to be used for the provision of Christmas lights within the village.
- A further resolution was made to award £500 to Badgerbrook School and £500 to St Peters Church of England School from general reserves for the purchase of activity resources.
- The Clerk reported that the High Street Car Park sign had now been received and installed showing that this was now under the ownership of Whetstone Parish Council.
- It was reported to Council that St Peters Church roof had suffered significant damage in the recent storms.
- Cllr Peter Cox was thanked for his annual assistance with Santa's sleigh, and he reported that £1,000 had been raised over the evenings that the sleigh was in the Village.

### January

- Parking continues to be an issue on the Warwick Road by users of the Sports Ground, the Clerk will write to the Clubs reminding them of the car park that was provided for their use.
- The Clerk had received copies of the DWH Archaeological and Environmental report from the Springwell lane Development that were a condition for the outline planning consent.
- The Clerk reported that the Deputy Clerk had successfully obtained her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and congratulations were given by Council.
- Council considered, approved and adopted the budget for 2014/2015 and a precept request was made to Blaby District Council. The Chairman thanked the Finance working party for their hard work and diligence in presenting this.

### February

- An update was given on the DWH Springwell Lane Ombudsman situation. A letter had been received in the office from Eric Pickles MP relating to this, and the local MP Andrew Robatham had held meetings with Ministers. A meeting was scheduled in March with the Planning Ministers and Blaby District Council.
- Dog mess was again an issue in the village. Ground staff always check the public areas and reports are made frequently to Blaby District Council who empty the dog bins.
- An update was received by Beacon Officer PC Kit Chauhan and PCSO Zahid Malik relating to Policing activity in the village.
- The Clerk reported that the Whetstone Baptist Church application had been approved at Blaby District Council, and an extra 18 car parking spaces had been added.
- The Clerk issued an updated copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery together with the revised Schedule of Charges which had been resolved at January's meeting.

**The next four meetings of Council take place on Thursday April 17, May 22nd, June 19th and July 17th**  
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## One good turn deserves another by 1st Whetstone Scout Group

Recently the Parish council were able to help 1st Whetstone Scout Group with a much needed donation for our funds, this enabled us to replace the out dated water heater and purchase some new camp equipment.

In return the Cubs decided they would like to offer a good turn to the Parish Council in the form of a litter picking session. In the next few weeks the children will work their way along the back lane from Station Street to the Dicken and collect as much litter as possible, hopefully you will notice when it has been done. This also counts towards a badge for the Cubs and helps them consider what happens to rubbish when it is discarded, we will consider the environmental impact on the local wildlife and also think how it can spoil the village for its residents.

1st Whetstone Scout Group continues to grow from strength to strength and our 70+ members are always enjoying fun and challenging activities. In May we shall all attend a District camp in Willesley and we are starting to prepare our equipment to take. **One thing we are very short of is cutlery, and we would like to collect a box of each of metal dining knives, forks and spoons. Do you have any old cutlery you no longer use and could donate to a good cause?**

Any cutlery donations, Sainsburys Vouchers (we collect those too!) and application forms to go on our waiting list can all be dropped off/picked up at The Rainbow Tree Coffee Shop where 3 of our leaders work.



Whetstone Baptist Church Playgroup has been serving the local community for over 35 years. We have staff team of eight – one of whom holds an Early Years Foundation degree, whilst the others are qualified to Level 3 in Early Years Learning & Childcare.

Our Sessions are :-

Mornings	Monday to Friday	9.00am - 12.00 pm
Afternoons	Monday and Wednesday	12.00am - 3.00 pm
All day	Monday and Wednesday	9.00am - 3.00 pm

We welcome all children from the age of 2 ½ yrs. Our sessions comprise many activities including supervised free play, both indoors and out, active play, snack time, structured activities and story time.

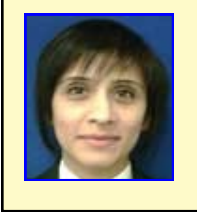
Government funding is available for up to 15hrs a week from the term following a child's third birthday. For those meeting the governments criteria some funding can be accessed for younger children.

Telephone 0116 2863145 or email :playgroup@wbconline.org.uk

## CRIME AND DISORDER



PCSO Zahid Malik



Beacon Officer Pc Kirti Chauhan



PCSO Simon Stevenson

### Crime reported in Whetstone over the last 30 days:

- 1 x Burglary dwelling
- 4 x Burglary other than dwelling (sheds/outbuildings)
- 1 x Criminal damage
- 1 x Theft from motor vehicle
- 1 x Public order offence (1 person has been charged and is due in court)

To leave a message for a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team call 101 and when prompted enter the officers ID number. For PC Kit Chauhan enter 4214, PCSO Simon Stevenson enter 6073 or PCSO Zahid Malik 6577. Or you can email a member of the team from the local policing pages of the Leicestershire Police Website.

### Garden crime

As spring is almost upon us I would like to remind you that Power tools, sports equipment, bicycles, toys and motorbikes are often taken by thieves and can be costly to replace. Please ensure they are stored away securely in your shed after use and fit a good quality padlock. Items such as these that are left on show are an easy target for a thief.

### Anti-social behaviour

The team has received a slight increase in calls concerning various forms of anti-social behaviour (ASB) which are being dealt with.

### Speeding

Following reports of vehicles speeding along Springwell Lane in Whetstone, those identified have been spoken to by police.

### Parking

Complaints have also been received regarding the manner in which vehicles are parked along Victoria Road, Whetstone. Please be aware that you need to allow space for a double buggy to get by on the footpath and for emergency services to get by on the road.

### Street surgeries

Officers will be calling on residents in High Street, Whetstone on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 4pm to enable them to meet their local officers and ask any advice.

### Webchat

If you have a question for the Police or Council log on to <http://www.leics.police.uk/blabywebchat> between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on the last Thursday of each month to take part. On Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> Clair Mushen and Joanne Springthorpe from Supporting Families will be joining the panel and on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> Marc Stringer from First Contact will be answering questions.

### PC 4214 Kirti Chauhan

Beacon officer for Blaby Whetstone, Glen Parva and Cosby

#### 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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