



New Truck for Ground Maintenance Staff

Whetstone Parish Council took delivery of a new Mitsubishi L200 4work tipper truck during May. The new truck above with Ground Maintenance staff, Graham Hamilton (Supervisor), Roger Gryzb and Graham Bray, will afford better facilities and offer more flexibility for working practices negating the use of several vehicles for one task. The truck is clearly identifiable by the Whetstone Parish Council logos adorning both doors, along the sides and back of the tipper. Staff also have uniforms clearly marked with Whetstone Parish Council. A machinery replacement programme is linked to machinery depreciation

Summer Youth Activities 2008 (Blaby & Whetstone Youth Centre)

Numerous activities and trips—Waterworld, Alton Towers - are organised during the school holidays, check on the web site blabyandwhetstone.co.uk or telephone 0116 2864852/ MOB 07816139667. Parents can you help during the day, helping run sessions at the club or helping on the day trips? Please contact Dave Palmer on the above.



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Leicestershire County Council Community Speed Watch

Pledge of support for the project

What is Community Speed Watch? - Your Parish Council or Traffic Action Group will be loaned a speed detection device to undertake its own traffic monitoring with the assistance of volunteers. The details of vehicles caught speeding will be passed on to the Police for consideration of a letter that explains the purpose of the project to be sent to them. Repeat offenders could face prosecution. This is an opportunity for the community to help itself in dealing with the problem of speeding, **please sign the pledge below**. There must be a **minimum of 200 signatures** to support the scheme.

There must be a minimum of 6 volunteers to take part as Community Speed Watch Volunteers (CSWV), no more than 12. Two Parish Councillors, Jeannine Songhurst and Alice Tyler, have already volunteered and one will act as a co-ordinator the other as deputy. If there are more than 12 interested volunteers training will be at the discretion of the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator (Training will take place locally). but they will be most welcome to help with the collecting of vehicle numbers.

Following the training, schemes will go live subject to the availability of the equipment (currently there is a six month waiting list)

If you wish to pledge your support then please complete the form below, tear off and return to **Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6LL—as soon as possible**. There is an outside post box for hand deliveries (The office is open 9am—1pm daily)

Please also identify if you would like to be a Community Speed Watch Volunteer.

I pledge my support to the Community Speed Watch Scheme

(Your details will not be passed on to any third party, they will remain with the Community Speed Watch scheme for use with this project only)

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE



11-18s Youth Drop-in
Mon 21-Thur 24 July
7-9pm

King Street, Whetstone
(Behind the Baptist church)

Looking for something to do with your summer holiday, why not check out Ncounter .

Come along and play with the variety of games consoles, challenge someone to a game of pool, throw some shapes on the dance mat, be the best at bowling on the Wii, get involved in a game of ultimate Frisbee or just simply chill with your friends. With all this stuff and much much, more there's no need for you to be bored again, well not for one week of your summer holidays anyway!

Were going to be there and we hope you will be to!

SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY MUSIC FUNDRAISER IS BACK IN TOWN

A Whetstone store will be holding a country music night on American Independence Day to help raise cash for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

For the second year running, staff from Midlands Co-op Supermarket on Dog & Gun Lane, Whetstone, are inviting all country music enthusiasts to join them on **Friday 4 July** and help raise funds for charity. The event, which will take place at Sapcote Club, Hinckley Road, Sapcote, from 7.30pm, will be hosted by country music singers, Ryder & James.

Event planner and store worker, Sharon Wood, said: "Jim Ryder and Adam James were great last year, they played country songs from the '60s, '70s and rock 'n' roll music. The event attracted many music fans and raised £430 for the Alzheimer's Society. We hope that this year even more people will come along and support this worthy initiative in aid of BHF, especially as dancing is a great way to exercise and keep your heart healthy."

Tickets cost £5 each. Door prize, raffle and American supper. Tickets available from Sharon Wood at Midlands Co-op Dog & Gun Lane, Whetstone, Leicester. Telephone 0116 277 8444



WHETSTONE MEMORIAL HALL

Miss R. C. Hall OBE

On 31st March 2008 the Trustees of the Memorial Hall held their Annual General Meeting, to which residents of Whetstone were invited.


It was reported that the Hall is well used with bookings for classes including Yoga, Pilates, Watercolour Painting, Salsa and Bobbin Lace. It is also used for Weightcare meetings, Tea dances and Sequence dances, and it is regularly used by Whetstone Women's Institute, Blood Donors and productions by HATS (Huncote Amateur Theatrical Society). There are also many party bookings, mainly for children's parties.


The Hall is financially viable, although we need to look for grants to enable us to do any improvements. As the Hall is over 50 years old repairs and improvements are constantly needed.

The Hall is run by a committee of, at present, only 7 volunteers. We should very much like residents of Whetstone to consider joining the committee to help run this village amenity. We meet around 6 times a year at the Hall. If anyone is interested in joining us, please ring 0116 2865624 for further information. For bookings please contact the booking secretary on 0116 2862948


Badgerbrook Primary School

It has been a very busy term at Badgerbrook Parents attended a Maths Evening, learning all about methods of calculation so they can understand what their children are doing in Maths lessons! The Year 6 children spent a very exciting week at Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. Pictures from the week can be seen on our website www.badgerbrook.leics.sch.uk.

Many pupils took part in, and performed brilliantly at our recent talent show "Badgerbrook's Got Talent". We were grateful to the enthusiastic and encouraging audience who managed to sit still on our plastic chairs for the entire performance lasting 2 ¼ hours! All children also took part in a fund-raising 'Fitness in School' activity. The money raised was divided between LOROS and the school. Class 5DN raised £30 for  after learning about the benefits of clean drinking water and clean toilets. The children researched how to spend their money and after a vote, decided to buy two taps and a set of tools to help to build a well.

Extra-curricular sport continues to have a very high profile and it is very pleasing to see so many of our older children representing the school. Our tag rugby team played at the Tigers' ground on Saturday May 10th. The children played extremely well on a rather hot afternoon and won both matches. As a result they are the overall winners of the Alliance and Leicester Tag Rugby championships. Congratulations to the players: Leah-Mae Davies, Shannon Orton, Kirsty Moore, Bethany Hodson, Harry Berry, Conor Hopkinson, Henry Walkinshaw, Alex Hunter, Kamen Hulbert. 

We have enjoyed another successful season of Year 6 boys football, winning the Mid Leicestershire league and tournament and finishing runners up in the cup. Congratulations to: Luke Brighty, Adam Dawson, Luke Stone, Bradley Beanlands, John Doyle, Matthew Jones, Alex Hunter, Kamen Hulbert, George Hughes, Tom Bennett, Harry Berry, Tom Munsey, Jack Munsey and Stuart Kinnaird.

The Year 5/6 girls football teams performed really well, challenging all season for the Blaby District League trophy. In the end, the A team finished 3rd and the B team finished 8th. For the first time, we were able to field two teams in The Year 5 boys competitions. In the league, the A and B teams finished 3rd and 4th respectively. Both teams reached the quarter finals of the cup and the B team were runners up in the tournament. Our Kurling teams have also doing very well at the moment. Congratulations to: Jack Swift, Tom Munsey, Callum Hearne, George Collins, Rebecca Lyne, Jessica Heanaghan, Adam Honeyman and Benjamin Dann. 

We were pleased to hear that our partner school in Chengdu, China was not directly affected by the recent earthquake. The teachers were able to send an email to us almost straightaway and we have been in communication since then. Two girls in Year 5EB/HK, Isabelle Jackson and Josephine Earp organised a competition to raise money for victims of the earthquake, via Child Aid. Children in Years 1 to 6 were invited to design a house to keep people safe.

One of our Year 2 teachers, Mrs White, recently visited a school in Canada to establish links with our school. Children will be able to find out about life in a very different part of the world where the weather is much colder than here. Mrs White has been talking about her work and sharing highlights of her visit with staff and children in assemblies.

The Friends of Badgerbrook held a very successful Family Barn Dance on Friday April 11th. They are now busy preparing for the Summer Gala and organising an end of term disco for the children. The rest of the summer term will be filled with lots of exciting outdoor activities and visits to enhance and enrich the childrens' learning.

DID YOU KNOW?

St Peter's Church, Whetstone is open Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. (After 9.15 Holy Communion Service) Please come and explore **YOUR** church, have a moment of **QUIET** or have a chat and drink.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Reverend Alison Philipson has been appointed by the Bishop of Leicester as Vicar of Cosby & Whetstone. Alison will take up her post some time in September



Please note that the December edition of Duckpaddle will now be delivered on Friday 28th November, articles will be required by 14th November. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We also hold copies of all Whetstone Planning Applications which we discuss at our Planning Committees, held 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. 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

JUST A MINUTE

YOUR Parish Council 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 one week before. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agendas, 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.

March

- ASB issues, bus stop on Cambridge Rd—Holmes Park entrance causing parking problems, Badger Dr.—Youths on Motorbikes causing ASB, Attfield Dr./Brook St. were items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- Discussion took place regarding the Elliot Close POS. Clerk to review all historic files and present factual picture to the next Working Party meeting.
- District Councillor, Karl Coles, informed the meeting of the BDC Youth Conference taking place on 26th March and that Councillors were needed to help make the event “interactive”.
- County Councillor, David Jennings, spoke of the waste facilities up date concerning the County need. Agreed that the Deputy Director for Waste Management at LCC, Ms. Holly Field be invited to attend the next meeting
- The clerk, Lee Breckon, reported that the request for a lease for the Allotments had been submitted to the Legal Services Manager at BDC.. The form for lighting on Trinity Park had been submitted to LCC. Correspondence had been received from children keen to see an increase in Skateboard equipment within the village. Order had been placed to renew 6 of the surfaces on Trinity and Oliver Park. Quotes had been sought for a replacement Truck. A request received from St. Peter’s seeking permission to use the village amenity gardens to set stalls out for a village fete and agreeing to the churchyard being locked at night. E.mail received from the Environment agency regarding replacing the gate on the Brook St. access ramp.

April

- The possibility of a village sign.—Road works on Enderby Rd.—Scattering of ashes in the cemetery. —Speeding issues in the village, were items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- Assistant Director of Waste Management, Holly Field, and LCC Waste Procurement Manager, Harold Yates gave an update to the meeting on the proposed incinerator for the county.
- District Councillor, Karl Coles, updated the meeting on the cycle way progress on the Warwick Rd. District Councillor, Alan Tanner, outlined his Scrutiny Commissioner role within the District.
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported - Receipt on an E.mail confirming that the change of use of BDC owned land to allotment use would be on the cabinet agenda for approval in June.— Work had begun on the safer surfaces at Trinity and Oliver Park.—Kenny Close issues and solutions regarding flooding and vehicle encroachment due to no drainage being installed on the shared access road by the builder. Sought approval for the summer months of 2 hours extra litter picking at the weekend, also advised that the ground staff were litter picking the Brook itself on a Monday morning throughout the summer months.

Annual Parish Meeting May

- Annual report received from the Chairman.
- Delivery of meeting reports.—Enderby Rd. road works.—Broken road sin on Vicarage Lane.—Disintegrating road surface, Biggs Close, due to weight and manoeuvring of refuse Lorries’ - Inconsiderate parking for Holmes Park traffic , were items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.

May

- Mr. Michael Bounds elected as Chairman for forthcoming year. Mrs. Alice Tyler elected Vice Chair.
- District Councillor, John Kenney, reported that BDC had a new safety plan. District Councillor, Alan Tanner, reported crime figures and domestic violence figures for the district. District Councillor, Karl Coles, reported he had been out with the 637 activity bus, which BDC share with Hinckley.
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported—New safer surfaces installed to Oliver & Trinity parks.—New L200 truck was now in use.—Work to the Kenny Close POS would commence soon, letters had been sent to residents. -
- Letter received from LCC on the St. Peter’s C of E School 20 MPH Zone application update and the Burnham Drive “Hail and Ride” . Also a request from Youth Development Worker for venue assistance.
- Mr. John Kenney informed the meeting that the Youth Council was “winding up” due to lack of members. Monies in the bank account were to be given to the Parish Council for provision of play equipment within the village. The meeting thanked John for the gesture and for the work that had been done by the Youth Council on behalf of the village.

The next four meetings of Council take place on Thursday 17th July, 21st August, 18th September and 16th October 2008

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The office is open Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm (an answer machine is in operation at all other times)

YOUR ELECTED DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor	John Kenney	100 Spinney Halt, Whetstone	2864508 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby	2841596 Whetstone South
District Councillor	Janet Forey	7 Lady Leys, Cosby	2752363 Whetstone South
District Councillor	Karl Coles	96 Enderby Road, Whetstone	2774138 Whetstone North
County Councillor	David Jennings	122 Station Road, Countesthorpe	2774263

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 Thursday 12th June. 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 will be on **11th September, 2008 7pm at Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone**

Please, if you have an issue, want to know what is happening and wish to speak to the relevant bodies do attend. We can only solve these matters if we all work together as a community.

Of course if you have an immediate problem, do not wait for the meeting—report the matter to the relevant authority as outlined on the back pages of this publication.



Beat Officer Pc Nick Ward



CSO Teresa Frain



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

Nick Ward and Nick Taylor with their new push bikes, funded by the parishioners of Whetstone, Blaby and Glen Parva.

CRIME AND DISORDER

“Catalytic Crime”

Pc Nick Ward

Greetings everyone & I can start this article with good news for a change. As many of you will probably have noticed, the incidents of Anti Social Behaviour in the village have dramatically reduced over recent weeks following a ‘zero tolerance’ approach from Police, District Council & the public in general.

We have been listening to what you the public have been saying & implemented measures to tackle such unacceptable behaviour. Many of those found responsible have been put on ‘Acceptable Behaviour Contracts’ through the council, off license premises in the area have been subjected to test purchasing (the majority of which have passed) & large quantities of alcohol have been seized from teenagers involved in such practices. It never ceases to amaze me how many parents are either unaware or unconcerned about their childrens’ underage drinking. Many see this as ‘kids being kids’ or say “Everyone tries alcohol at some point, it’s only what we did at their age.” Whilst these types of attitudes are in the minority, they still do not help & just instil in their children that it’s acceptable behaviour. Clearly this isn’t the case as there has been proven to be a positive link between the consumption of alcohol & a deterioration in behaviour. As such I would ask that all parents consider the questions, “Do you know where your children are?” “What are they doing?” Whilst presently most of the ASB problems are in Blaby on a Friday night, we all know that it will migrate elsewhere at some point. As such I would ask everyone to continue to remain vigilant & report such behaviour to either the Police or if you wish to remain anonymous, report details of those responsible to the Community Safety Team at Blaby District Council - tele: 0116 2727785 or 2727637

On a separate note the current crime trend seems to be theft of metal. Many of us will have heard of instances with lead being taken from churches or schools, but this has progressed to other forms of metals. Incidents have included drain & manhole covers removed; wiring stripped from derelict buildings & even catalytic converters being stolen. The main vehicles to be targeted are 4x4’s due to a greater ground clearance, allowing the catalytic converters to be removed with greater ease (this is due to them containing a metal called Beryllium). As the favourite locations are car parks, can everyone remain alert to persons seen lying under such vehicles, especially if another vehicle is parked next to it with the engine running!

Finally I would like to send out a big thankyou to Mrs Haines, one of the reception year teachers at Whetstone Badger Brook School. Mrs Haines is retiring after years of dedication to the schooling of many children from the village & is someone who has assisted in the promotion of responsible behaviour within the community. Whilst she will sadly be missed I look forward to working with her successor in the future.

And remember..... The only true mistake is one from which we learn nothing!

PC Ward, PC Taylor and CSO Teresa Frain are contactable on 0116 2485675 collar number 1716, 0845 and 6111 respectively.

General switchboard to report non emergency 222222 id. No. 1716, 0845 and 6111 respectively Email address for Blaby Local Policing Unit blaby.lpu@leicestershire.pnn.co.uk

For independent confidential advice on alcohol abuse. : Drink Line 0800 917 8282

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**

Don't advertise your home to criminals!
 In warm weather, always make sure your windows and doors are closed when leaving the room or going into the garden.


As the temperatures rise, unfortunately so do the number of burglaries at homes where windows and doors have been left open or unlocked. To help have a crime free summer—Even if you’re just in the back garden or taking the bins out, shut your windows & doors—Make sure all windows & doors are closed securely if you leave the room or nip out of the house—If you see somebody who isn’t usually in the area and is paying lots of attention to peoples houses then call the police

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

If you have information about any crime, phone

0800 555 111
 • Your call is free
 • You are not asked for your name
 • You may receive a reward

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