

DUCKPADDLE NEWS

Whetstone Parish Council

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SUMMER 2015



ELECTION NEWS

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that 11 Parish Councillors were elected following an uncontested election.

Mr Michael Bounds.
Mr Mark Jackson.
Mr Les Phillimore.
Mr Richard Simmons.

Mr Peter Cox.
Mrs Pat Kenney.
Mr Jon Riley.
Ms Sue Tomlinson.

Mr Alan Tanner
Mrs Alice Tyler
Ms Janet Shore

Following the election both Mr Dylan Smith and Mrs Nadina Kalsi expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and were duly co-opted at our June meeting. A further vacancy still exists for two Parish Councillors, if anyone has a wish to be considered please contact the Clerk at the Parish Council Offices. Tel 0116 2751987 or email clerk@whetstonepc.org.uk



Vandalism on the Village Green

Once again, we have to report mindless vandalism that took place on the Village Green. Our Groundsmen spend many hours planning and planting this focal part of the Village. It is admired and remarked upon by many but some individual who consistently steals the plants, this happens every year and is repeated when we restock the display!. This not only spoils enjoyment of this village asset but costs you the parishioner, as it is your precept that is used to plant this resource. Someone must see this happening, please report this to us or the police on the non emergency number 101. Don't let them get away with it. !



Badgerbrook Primary School

We have been very busy here at Badgerbrook since our last entry. We have been enjoying events such as our creative curriculum week. Each year at Badgerbrook pupils enjoy a themed week and this year the theme was 'Our Home Town - Leicester'. Pupils at Badgerbrook enjoyed studying topics such as religion, dance, buildings of Leicester and Art in Leicester. We had some very memorable moments; Year 4 re-enacted a guided coach tour around Leicester, pointing to models that they had made and giving speeches over the microphone detailing their learning about each building.

It was great fun to watch and the children enjoyed doing it immensely. Year 3 tried out some street dancing, salsa and Indian hand dancing. Year 2 made a delicious array of unusual flavoured cheeses and Year 1 looked at religious festivals. Year 6 designed their own family coat of arms.

Year 5 looked at Leicestershire sports teams and Foundation Stage had visits from people in the community who help us including the police, fire and ambulance services. Parents were invited in to view the work that the children had produced during the week. The whole week was deemed a huge success by parents, pupils and teachers too. We've been busy raising money too. The School Council asked us to come to school in our 'onesies' on Friday 1st May and run laps around the field to raise money for ICT equipment for the school. We also supported Red Nose Day with noses and antlers.



Many congratulations go to our Year 6 Boys football team for winning the Rice Bowl Competition 2015. They beat Greenfield Primary School 6-1 in a thrilling final. We are very proud of them all. Well done to all our Year 6 boys Football team: Adam Painter, Edward Rathbone, Kitt Hylands, Oliver English, Nathan Cox, Louie Hart, Joseph Wormleighton, Harvey Coulson, Oliver Orton, Alex Little, Sam McKenlay, and Jeevan Purewal.

We'll be very sorry to say goodbye to our year 6 leavers this year. We wish them all the very best of luck for their futures.

Want to be involved
and make a difference ?

Have you considered
being a Parish Councillor
Contact the Parish Office

For more information.

clerk@whetstonepc.org.uk

Tel :- 0116 2751987

Premises Officer £19,000pa

Leicestershire and Rutland County Football Association is seeking a Premises Officer to join its dedicated team at the heart of football across the diverse communities of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The successful candidate will support the safe and efficient operation of the Association's Holmes Park site providing facilities for the football and local communities reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer. Requiring flexibility, the role is full time (37.5 hours per week) based on a five day week worked across seven days as required but assuming a default work programme of Tuesday to Saturday. To apply you need to have previous experience in customer facing facility operation, have excellent customer service skills and manual handling ability for room and event preparation. You must be able to work in a busy team environment but also be able to demonstrate the ability to work unsupervised. You will also need to have an understanding of the barriers that individuals and communities face when attempting to use facilities and the skills to address and overcome those barriers. Candidates should also have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

For further information on the role please find details on www.LeicestershireFA.com or call 0116 284 4959.

To apply, please send a CV and covering letter marked 'Private and Confidential' to: Keith Murdoch, Chief Executive Officer, Leicestershire and Rutland County Football Association, Holmes Park, Dog and Gun Lane, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6FA. **Closing date Friday 17th July 2015.**

Leicestershire and Rutland County FA are committed to equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Food and Farming on your doorstep !

There is a growing interest in food and farming in our schools, in TV programmes, supermarkets promoting local foods and farmers markets. And so there should be - we need to feed a growing population, cut down food miles and think about healthy eating. Whetstone Pastures Farm, on the edge of Whetstone parish, is a working farm of 800 acres with dairy cows, crops of wheat, oil seed rape and oats and a thriving pick your own fruit area with tea room and educational facilities. You may have seen the strawberry sign on the A426! There are not many Pick your own Farms now so we get lots of families whose only contact with the countryside is when they come to pick strawberries. And they say that a fresh strawberry grown in a field is far tastier than a supermarket one!

We enjoy sharing the farm with hundreds of school children from both city and county and on our doorstep. Badgerbrook School came last year and enjoyed it so much that they are coming back to visit this year as well ! Farmer Anthony takes them on a trailer ride to meet the cows and calves and see the grain store, and I take them on a tour of the fields taking in all of the fruit and vegetables growing and explain how we need to look after the environment too. The highlight is always the strawberry picking - what excitement! We recently held OPEN FARM SUNDAY part of a national initiative to link the public with food and farming and

we had 800 people attend, that's double last years number! We had some sheep shearing and pizza making, trailer rides and the chance to meet the bees! It was a



great day and raised £1000 for the farming charity R.A.B.I. Our next event is a Medieval Food Fayre on Sunday 2nd August when we will be recreating the time of king Richard 3rd with food, music and games. If you are interested in bringing a group to the farm during the summer please contact Sandra Herbert on 0116 2774627.

www.whetstonepasturesfarm.com



Our Ref : WAA / Sec



To: Whetstone Parishioners

Whetstone Allotment Association

c/o 8 Biggs Close,
Whetstone,
Leicestershire
LE8 6WG

Dear Parishioner,

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ALLOTMENT IN
WHETSTONE?**

PLEASE CONTACT THE WHETSTONE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Yours sincerely,

ME Jackson

Secretary & Treasurer 0116 286 1928

**HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY
RAINBOW TREE**



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.

The issue of speeding cars on Springwell Lane was raised as an ongoing issue.

The issue of workmen working on the Springwell Lane site, the Clerk will check the planning conditions and site code.

The Wheatsheaf public house was raised as a ongoing concern, the Clerk would raise this again with enforcement at Blaby District Council.

The Wilford shoes fence had blown down again, this would be reported to Blaby District Council.

The budget and Precept request was discussed and approved by Council members.

A representative from the Police attended the meeting and informed members of the campaign running on Grove Road regarding speeding traffic. A data recording device was being utilised to record traffic flow and speed.

Dog fouling is still an issue around the village. The Clerk would chase Blaby District Council to obtain stencils so that the footpaths could be re-stencilled.

The Clerk informed members that he was obtaining quotes for some work that needed to be facilitated on some of the older headstones in the graveyard.

The Clerk informed members that the tree vandalised on Victoria Road by a resident had been replaced under restorative justice. The Clerk had again made the offer to Blaby District Council to help removing tags from the Wheatsheaf Public House.

A reply to the Lost Playing Fields campaign had been sent by the Clerk confirming that no sites in Whetstone were known.

The Clerk showed members images of the work that had been carried out on Back Lane Meadows showing the completed work on the trees and hedging. More work were scheduled including fencing and gating. Once this work had been completed the furniture would be ordered and installed.

The issue of unacceptable parking by parents outside the St Peter School pedestrian gate access was mentioned. The Deputy Clerk had again raised this issue directly with the school to highlight these problems.

**The next three meetings of Council take place on 16th July, 27th August,
and 24th September 2015. e-mail: office@whetstonepc.org.uk
Tel: Leicester (0116) 2751987**

Your newly elected Councillors for Blaby District Council are:-



Whetstone North Ward :-

Mrs Sharon Coe 07931 146163

email cllr.sharon.coe@blaby.gov.uk

Mr Mark Jackson 01162 861928

email cllr.mark.jackson@blaby.gov.uk

Cosby with South Whetstone :-



Mr Les Phillimore 01162 2753673

email cllr.les.phillimore@blaby.gov.uk

Mr Alan Tanner 01162 2841596

email cllr.alan.tanner@blaby.gov.uk



Your County Councillors are :-



Mr Terry Richardson 01162 841865

email terry.richardson@leics.gov.uk

Mr David Jennings 01162 774263

email david.jennings@leics.gov.uk



Your newly elected member of parliament is :-

Mr Alberto Costa

01455 238594

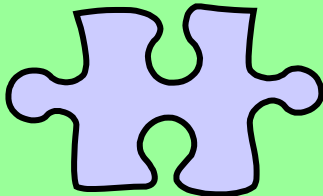
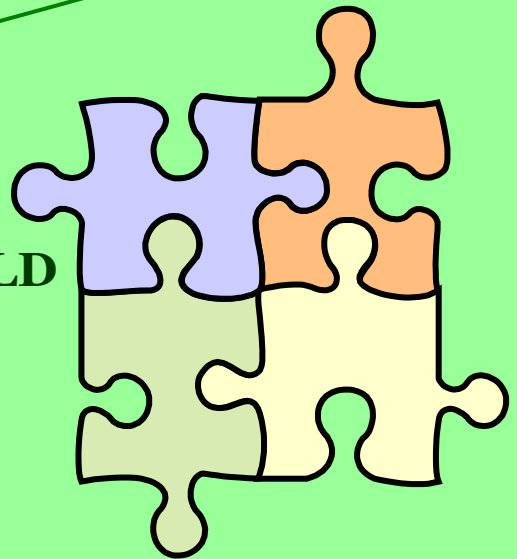
email office@southleicestershire.org

Your newly elected District / County Councillors and Member of Parliament would like to thank you for electing them to represent your views in the new administrations. They will be working hard to focus on the local issues that affect you. Regardless of your political viewpoint.

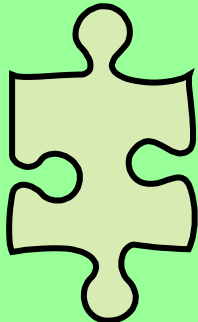


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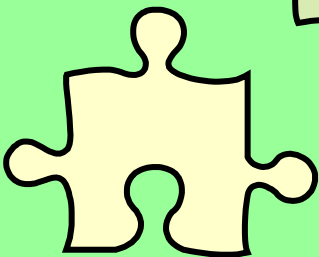
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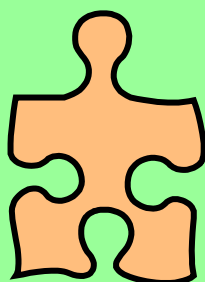
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