

WHITSBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the spring edition of the village newsletter. We have interesting news and articles we hope you will enjoy reading regarding our village community. The installation and connection of super fast broadband is progressing by Wessex and we are starting to enjoy the super-fast connection.

VILLAGE NEWS

Whitsbury Village Plan (By Steve Husher)

Further work has been conducted on the speeding problems raised in the Village Plan and there is a proposal in this newsletter for either additional signage or more road signs. We'd like to take this opportunity to consult with you on your views on both schemes. So please read on and take the time to complete the response slip and provide your views on this important matter.

Whitsbury Village Show – Sat 3rd August

The Whitsbury Village Show will be held this year on **Saturday 3rd August**, this is definitely a date for your diary!! We are busy planning the show categories and the Show Programme. We have decided that entry into the village hall for this years show will be free to all and as before it is also free to enter items into the show.

We do get asked whether profits from the show are donated anywhere in particular. The Village Show is run for the benefit of the village as a community event. The show has costs in terms of printing the programme, judge fees, costs associated with the cream teas and other ancillaries. Any profit made is normally very modest after costs and we try to keep costs down and provide more elements free to the community such as show category entries and for this year entry into the show itself.

Village Speed Reduction Proposals (By Geoff Dominey)

Following on from the details outlined in the Autumn Village Newsletter of last year (available to view on the village website) the Parish Council is now in a position to publish plans of the proposals for final consultation within the village and they are duly attached. No comments were received from village residents regarding the proposals as they were outlined last autumn, and it is now the council's recommendation to residents that the plans be finally approved and submitted to the County Council for implementation. The County Council have already viewed the proposed plans and are happy with them but have asked/suggested that further consultation take place with residents being able to see the final plans and make comment thereon should they wish to do so.

The plans reflect the responses to the Village Plan consultation that took place towards the end of 2022 when a majority of residents felt that speeding was an issue in the village and that there should be some form of traffic calming. Prior to coming up with the current proposal the Parish Council looked at a number of options including flashing speed indicator signs, an increase in the number of static post-mounted signs and road markings. Certain of these options were deemed inappropriate for the village due to practicality, cost, management of equipment or appearance resulting in the current proposal. Throughout its considerations the Council has maintained contact with and has liaised with Hampshire County Council.

In essence the proposed plan involves:-

1. Moving the two Whitsbury village signs further out of the village to give an earlier indication you are driving through/approaching a settlement.
2. Placing white line carriageway edging at the two bends in proximity to The Manor and Plain Cottage and, additionally, at the bend south of Lower Farm. The effect of this is to visually narrow the road and may also assist pedestrians.
3. 'SLOW' road markings facing vehicles travelling north (prior to road bends) in the vicinity of New Cottages, The Close and between Mulberry House and Manor House
4. 'SLOW' road marking facing vehicles traveling south in the vicinity of Manor Farm House, just prior to the bend.
5. The addition of a 'pedestrians in the road sign' to be placed on the existing 'accompanied horse' warning sign post by New Cottages and facing traffic travelling north.

Graphics are included at the back of the newsletter of these changes.

In addition to the above Hampshire County Council have amended their policy on the implementation of 20MPH speed limits in certain areas and a new application process and scheme is likely to be introduced in the next few weeks. Although it appears likely that such a scheme would be unaffordable to Whitsbury and could take some time to be implemented, even if an application was approved, the Parish Council would like to receive your views on whether such a scheme would be supported in the village to supplement the current proposal of road signage and marking.

Should you have any comments to make on either scheme please email them to Geoff Dominey at wtmp@btinternet.com

All comments must be received by the end of Friday 3rd May, in order for them to be assessed before the proposal goes before the Parish Council at its meeting of 15th May for a final decision and submission to the County Council.

Alternatively please complete the attached proforma and return through the post box at the village hall.

Wessex Internet – Broadband that works - Whitsbury Update (By Josh Goodchild)

Wessex Internet is pleased to announce that its network in Whitsbury is now live, and residents can get connected. This means that you will be able to receive ultrafast and reliable broadband which will allow you to stream, work, game, and many other things all at once without buffering or dropouts. This was achievable due to the Government’s Project Gigabit programme which enables rollout of gigabit-capable broadband to the hardest-to-reach communities deemed commercially unviable due to their remoteness.

I would like to thank the many people in Whitsbury who contributed to the project’s success, without you the project would have been difficult to complete. I hope that you are enjoying your new full fibre internet and, for those of you who haven’t ordered a connection and would like to know more please contact Wessex Internet via phone 0333 240 7997 or email info@wessexinternet.com .

Whitsbury Stud (By Phil Haworth)



Newborn Foal

We have recently passed the halfway mark of the 2024 breeding season on the stud. It’s the busiest time of year for the team. Currently, 60 foals (80 due in total) have been safely delivered at the Clocktower Yard starting early January. Once born the foals are moved to the Lower Stud at 48hrs old, where I am sure many of you have seen them galloping around the paddocks when walking through.

The relentless rainfall over the winter has presented its challenges, however, the chalk land ensures excellent drainage and enables the majority of horses to live out all year around. The grass growth is healthy, and all foals and yearlings are shaping up well.

The 4 stallions are very busy covering over 600 mares between them. Sergei Prokofiev has made a flying start with his first crop 2yo, his first 2 runners were impressive winners. A colt trained in Ireland called Arizona Blaze is definitely one to follow over the summer. Hopefully, many more to follow this year!

Dragon Symbol is our new recruit covering his first book of mares this year. He was born and raised at Whitsbury so it’s great to have him back.



Dragon Symbol

He has been well received by breeders, being an exceptionally good-looking and fast horse he is a fantastic addition to our stallion roster.

Showcasing continues to operate as one of the top-speed stallions in the country, he has an exciting number of 2yo and older horses to hit the track this year.



Sergei Covering a Mare

Havana Grey is proving himself to be one of the elite stallions in the Northern Hemisphere over the last couple of seasons. He is covering a stellar book of mares this season on the back of his success. We are lucky to have him!

It is always very satisfying for the team on the stud to follow the foals through to racing and be able to watch them reach their potential on the track.

With the flat racing season gaining momentum here are a few Whitsbury-bred horses to follow:

EASY PEELER	FLICKA'S GIRL	WHOLEHEARTED	DILIGENT HARRY
UNBREAKMYHEART	SHOSTIKOVA	APEELING	SERGIO PARISE

Cartwheel Update – (By Annette and Paul)

After a rather wet winter period we are hopefully now heading into a warmer drier period of weather so our guests can enjoy the tranquility of the garden.

After the success of our first BBQ and music event we held on Easter Sunday, we intend to hold a further two this coming year plus a party night in December for the lead-up to Christmas.

- Spring Bank Holiday Sunday 26th May
- Bank Holiday Sunday 5th August

It is with great excitement that our first letting bedroom should be up and running as you are reading this. A further 2 rooms will also be available in the near future when the fire escape is fitted to the rear of the pub. This will add another dimension to the business, which in turn will keep The Cartwheel viable well into the future and at the centre of the Whitsbury community.

We thank you all for your continued support.

Parish Council News (By Graham Thompson)

Jim Dyer Legacy

At a well-attended village meeting organised by Hilary Sutton we asked villagers for ideas on how best to use the wonderful £20,000 legacy that Jim left to the Village. Over 30 suggestions came forward and after much discussion in the Parish Council, these were whittled down to two - both matters that received a lot of support in the Village Plan. We will further investigate how we might improve mobile phone coverage in the village and the legacy might help towards that, secondly on June 23 we will hold a Jim Dyer BBQ in the Cartwheel (similar to that done for the Coronation) organised by Liz Dominey and the Village Social Committee. If successful and if funds allow this will be repeated in future years.

Annual Parish Meeting May 15th Village Hall 7pm

This is an opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has been working on over the last year and also an opportunity for members of the village to raise issues and ask questions about their village. It usually lasts about an hour - all are very welcome.



Whitsbury Social Events (By Liz Dominey)

A few of us have got together to organise events about every 2 months throughout the year. We are Sheree Cumming, Liz Dominey, Shirley Ellicott, Heather Stott and Charlotte Thompson.

We held a successful **quiz night** in January, with Shirley Ellicott setting the questions and being the quiz master. The **Bingo night** in March was well attended and much fun, with everyone bringing their own nibbles and drinks and coffee and biscuits served at the interval. Shirley Hacker organised the ticketing and her daughter Jane the raffle. Many thanks to them for a successful evening, raising £165 for Charity Research UK.

Winter Soup lunches

The village hall committee asked the social committee to run the soup lunches during the winter months at the village hall's expense. This was outside the original intention of the committee, but they took on the role and 5 lunches were organised at which between 15 and 25 people attended on each occasion. These were hosted by Liz and Geoff Dominey, Shirley Ellicott and Heather Stott, Sarah Locock and Shirley Hacker and Charlotte Thompson and Janey Inman. This committee is currently not planning to organise these lunches again.

Upcoming Events

Friday 3 May 2024 Beetle Drive – tickets from Liz.dominey@btinternet.com or Shirley Ellicott on 01725 518265

The idea is to shake a dice as quickly as possible on a table of 6 people and each person to draw a beetle. The number thrown indicates which part you can draw i.e. start with a 6 for a body and then you can put on legs by shaking a 3 and wings by shaking a 4. You need a 5 for a head before you can put in eyes (shake 2) and antennae (shake 1). The first person to complete their beetle wins.

This is an easy game for all – as long as you throw a 6 to start!!!

Thanks to Sheree for the brilliant poster.



**BEETLE DRIVE
FAMILY FUN**
6.30-8.30PM, WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

Throw the Dice, draw your beetle and win the RACE!!!

Bring Your Own Drinks, Nibbles and Pen/Pencil
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be served in the interval
Adults £2, Children £1
Tickets available from liz.dominey@btinternet.com or Shirley on 01725 518265

Sunday June 23 2024

Village BBQ in memory of Jim Dyer, using his legacy. This will be run at The Cartwheel Inn in the evening, starting at 5.30 – 6.30 pm, in a similar way to the Coronation event.

Free BBQ for people living in the village, guests welcome at a cost on the night of £17 for adults and £11 for children. Buy your own drinks.

Book all tickets by email at whitsburysocial@btinternet.com or tel Liz Dominey 01725 518087 to reserve a meal. Tickets will be available to collect at the event.

Friday October 18 2024

Harvest Supper - details to follow.

Concluding

Response to Village Speed Reduction Proposals

Please remember to return your response to the village speed reduction proposals, it is important we get as much feedback as possible.

Sustainable Newsletter

If you would prefer only to receive an electronic newsletter and not the paper version please send an e-mail to admin@whitsbury.com and we'll stop delivering a paper copy and e-mail you a copy instead.

Thank You's

Many thanks to all contributors Geoff and Liz, Josh, Phil, Paul and Annette and Graham. Also thanks to Angie for allowing us to use her photos.

Publication and Future Articles

This newsletter is produced by Whitsbury Parish Council. Anyone wishing to submit articles please contact the Editor - Steve Husher on 518372 or via admin@whitsbury.com.



Pilates Classes


*Lisa Harper
Pilates*

Whitsbury Village Hall
Whitsbury

Tuesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am - 10.30am

Pilates aims to promote balance, strength, posture and flexibility.
Great for body and mind.
All abilities welcome.

If you would like more info please contact me,
lisaharperpilates@outlook.com



INFORMATION SOURCES

Village Sharing Whatsapp Group

www.whitsbury.com

Whitsbury Watch Whatsapp Group

Nextdoor.com



SEE SHEET 2

M3 - New 'SLOW' road marking to detail C, 1600mm letter height for traffic travelling north.

SLOW

LOWER GROVE

M2.5 - New 'SLOW' road marking to details C, 1600mm letter height for traffic travelling south.

M2 - White edge of carriageway lining, 100mm wide, to detail D.

R1 - Remove village name sign and store for re-use. Take up and dispose of posts off site.



SLOW

S2 - New 'pedestrians in road' warning sign to detail A, 600mm. Install on existing post beneath existing 'accompanied horses' warning sign. Sign to face traffic travelling north.

M1 - New 'SLOW' road marking to detail C, 1600mm letter height for traffic travelling north.

FORDINGBRIDGE ROAD

ROUNDHILL

WHITSBURY

Existing sign moved from R1

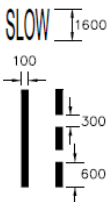
S1 - Take stored sign from R1 and install on 2 new posts with 1m mounting height. Sign to face traffic travelling north.

WHIPPS HILL

SIGN AND LINING DETAILS



A - Pedestrians in road ahead warning sign. Diag 544.1 (Schedule 2 - P2 - 23)



C - Carriageway marking. Diag 1024 (Schedule 11 - P4 - 15)

D - Edge of carriageway lines, laid approx. 225mm from road edge, 100mm wide line, continuous white with intermittent white across private entrances. Diag 1024 (Schedule 11 - P4 - 15)

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WHITSBURY Existing sign moved from R2
Please drive carefully

S12 - Take stored sign from R2 and install on 2 new posts with 1m mounting height. Sign to face traffic travelling east.

R2 - Remove village name sign and store for re-use. Take up and dispose of posts off site.

M8 - New 'SLOW' road marking to detail C, 1600mm letter height for traffic travelling south.

M7 - New 'SLOW' road marking to detail C, 1600mm letter height for traffic travelling north.

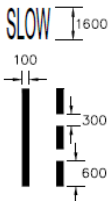
M6 - White edge of carriageway lining, 100mm wide, to detail D.

M5 - White edge of carriageway lining, 100mm wide, to detail D.

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WHITSBURY VILLAGE SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Please comment on the current proposal regarding road markings and signage. As per pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.

I would / would not support the introduction of a 20 MPH speed limit within the village.

Comment on 20mph limits:

Name

Contact details:

When completed please post this form in the Village Hall postbox or e-mail to wtmp@btinternet.com by