

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. This newsletter is published on behalf of Whitsbury Parish Council and is delivered free to every household in the village.

VILLAGE NEWS

Parish Council Update (Graham Thompson)

Your Parish Council meets five times a year with our annual Parish Assembly taking place on June 9. All meetings are open to all residents so do please take the opportunity to come and make your views and concerns heard. A number of residents attended the briefing from Cala Homes on the Fiddlesticks Farm development -

we'll have this on the agenda for our meeting on April 14.

The council has a number of projects 'on the go';

- Our plans for speed reduction are well advanced and include, amongst other changes, the creation of a new village entry point at the Whitsbury Cross crossroads
- We have a team looking at increasing the village's resilience through the creation of an Emergency Plan
- The steep footpath leading from the road up to St Leonard's Church will be resurfaced using funds left to the village in the Jim Dyer legacy
- We plan to install a handrail along the footpath from Lower Grove down to the Cartweel

Changes in local government and the huge financial constraints on local government are likely to result in town and parish councils taking on more local services. At this stage it is unclear what this might mean but we are likely to need to raise more money locally via the precept (Whitsbury currently has one of the lowest per capita in the New Forest). The health of our village depends so much on residents contributing their time and ideas so if you feel you can contribute in any area of the village do please let a councillor know.

After ten years of loyal and quietly efficient service our Parish Clerk, Edward Hale, is retiring. It was an added benefit that during that time he also served as a Councillor and Mayor in Fordingbridge. We will miss him very much. We will have a chance to thank him at his last meeting on April 14. We have interviewed potential replacements and plan to approve an appointment at that same meeting.

Whitsbury Stud (By Phil Haworth)

We are heading towards the half way mark of the 2025 breeding season on the stud. It's the busiest time of year for the team. Currently 80 foals (100 due in total) have been safely delivered at the Top Stud Foaling Unit 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.



After a long winter the stud staff have been appreciating the recent warmer, drier weather.

However, we are now keen for a decent amount of warm rain to encourage the grass growth!



The 4 stallions are very busy covering over 600 mares between them. Sergei Prokofiev made a good impression last year with his first 2yo and we're hoping they can kick on as 3yo this summer.

Dragon Symbol's first foals are currently being born and we are delighted with what we have seen to date. He was born and raised at Whitsbury so it's great to have him back. He was well received by breeders last year, being an exceptionally good

looking and fast horse he is an exciting prospect going forward.

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.

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 another 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 just getting going now here are a few WMS bred horses to follow:



EASY PEELER

STONEACRE JOE

THE JACKAL

PALMEIRA

KILLA VIA

PASSING THOUGHT

Marcus Tregoning Racing (Tori Haworth)

The British Flat racing turf season started at the end of March and it is an exciting time of year in a flat racing yard with a new crop of 2-year-olds starting their racing careers and older horses looking forward to building on their performances from last season. The winter, although quieter for Marcus and his team in the number of runners they have and the work that the horses are doing, it is still busy for the staff with horses having to be exercised and looked after each day.



There are approximately 50 horses in the yard at the moment and it is exciting to have some by MOHAATHER who Marcus trained to win the Group 1 Sussex Stakes in 2020. Some of his progeny that are currently on the yard include WELL RECEIVED, INCA TRAIL, GOODWOOD MOGUL, MOONJID and READER and these will all be exciting to follow this season. Marcus also has four 2-year-olds to race who are by Whitsbury Manor Stud stallion,

SHOWCASING and also a final 2-year-old by Marcus' Derby Winner SIR PERCY who has now retired from stud duties.



Alice Tregoning recorded the third win of her career so far with cosy victory on MEADRAM at Chelmsford at the beginning of March. And with the season now underway there will be lots more runners in the coming weeks so do keep an eye on the website as an easy way to follow the team's runners and wish the horse box good luck if you pass it on its way out of the village 😊

Cartwheel Update – (By Annette and Paul)

As we start our 5th year at The Cartwheel, Annette and I would like to thank all of you for your support. It is always fantastic to see you all utilise a major village asset.

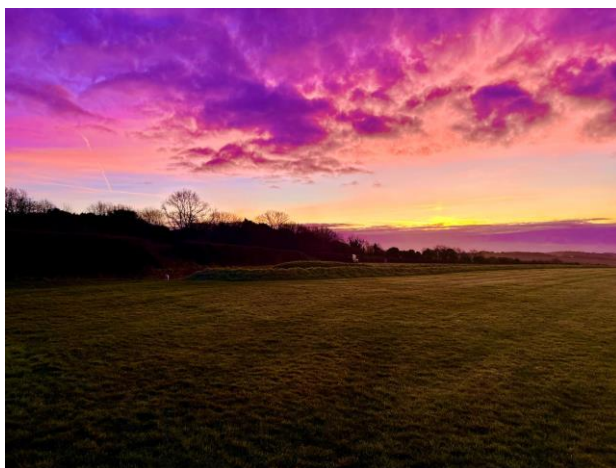
The past year has been exciting and exhausting with the opening of the 3 bedrooms. They have been very busy especially during the summer months, bringing new people into this very special village. As a result, we are in the process of changing the shed at the top of the pub into a laundry room, the machines have just arrived today.

We are also starting to invest into new garden furniture. This is on order and should be with us shortly. This will be made from recycled plastic bottles so has a green stamp of approval.

The ability to invest back into the business has been made easy due to the success of the bedrooms and the general success of the pub itself which has grown over 25% last year and shows no sign of stopping, thus hopefully securing the future of the pub well into the future.

We have BBQ and music on Easter Sunday and August Bank Holiday Sunday. They will both start at 5.30pm so let's hope for Sunny weekends. So please put this into the diary and turn it into a village get together.

We have decided to close at the end of July(28th to the 6th of August) as we have arranged for all our children and grandchildren to be with us as we celebrate our 30th Wedding Anniversary. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Whitsbury Social Events (By Liz Dominey)

Thursday 17th April - **Coffee Morning** (With Easter Eggs for the children) Come along for coffee and cake and a friendly chat.

The yearly Harvest Supper has been confirmed as going ahead in its normal timeframe of late October, the date will be confirmed in due course.

Parish Council Additional Items (Steve Husher)

Roadside Hedges

Just a reminder that if you have a property with a boundary onto the main road it is your responsibility to make sure the hedges do not cause an overhang hazard or otherwise obstruct the highway. As we have a narrow main road with very few pavements, this becomes an important point for maintaining pedestrian safety.

Two Bridges Care Group

If you find yourself without transport and need to get to a medical appointment you are able to use the Two Bridges Care Group who operate in the SP6 postal zone. The service operates on a suggested donation basis as detailed in the graphic. You can contact the service on 07391 804222.

Return Journey Costs. Suggested Minimum Donations.

Please note that these are entirely voluntary.

We can transport you from Alderholt, Fordingbridge, Godshill & Sandheath

We travel to the following areas:

Fordingbridge - £5.00
Salisbury - £15.00
Southampton - £24.00
Bournemouth - £17.00
Poole - £26.00
Ringwood - £8.00
New Milton - £22.00
Lymington - £24.00



Hello & Welcome to Two Bridges .

We are a dedicated group of local volunteers. We aim to provide clients with affordable, caring and considerate transportation to various medical appointments.

To book a driver, just call us on the above number. Minimum of 48 hours notice required. Our network of volunteers will do their best to help you get where you need to go.

This service is client funded. We have a suggested voluntary minimum donation for journeys.

Waste and Recycling Changes

The new wheely bin waste disposal system will be introduced later this year, we are to be part of phase 2 from October 2025. More information can be found at newforest.gov.uk/WasteChanges

Before the new service starts NFDC will write to each household with more information.

If you are unable to put your household waste out for collection due to disability, illness or injury, you may be eligible for assisted collections. This service is for residents who do not have someone else at home who can help put the waste out. Details and criteria are available on the NFDC website at newforest.gov.uk/assisted collections

Bonfires

Please be considerate over bonfires! We continue to receive complaints of some residents burning their waste on bonfires. We would ask that residents be considerate to their neighbours. Smoke from bonfires can aggravate health issues for vulnerable residents, cause additional stress to those trying to enjoy their outside space, and the risk from uncontrolled fires could impact on an already stretched fire service. Please consider how your

New bins and food waste caddies

Households will get:

- Rubbish bin**
Black-lid
180 litre
Collected every 2 weeks, on the alternate week to your recycling collection
- Recycling bin**
Green-lid
240 litre
Collected every 2 weeks, on the alternate week to your rubbish collection
- Outdoor food waste caddy**
Brown caddy
23 litre
Collected weekly
- Indoor food waste caddy**
Grey caddy
5 litre

Glass collections will still be every 4 weeks, using your black glass collection box.

bonfire might impact those trying; to enjoy their outside space, to get washing dry or simply cool or air their house. The smell of smoke can be very pervasive.

Parish Council Dates

for 2025, all meetings are held in the Village Hall commencing at 19:00

14th April, 9th June, 28th July, and 20th October

Village Hall Wireless Installation

The Village Hall wireless system has been changed to Wessex Internet. If you were previously connected through the BT system you will need to re-connect into the new Wessex Hub via wireless settings on your device. The wireless password is displayed on boards in the hall. With this connection you should be able to access the internet or access Wi-Fi calling.

Concluding

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

Many thanks to all contributors Graham, Liz, Paul and Annette, Phil and Tori.

Publication and Future Articles

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Whitsbury Watch WhatsApp Group

Whitsbury Sharing WhatsApp Group