

Whixley News - March 2020

It's hard to believe how much life has changed since the last issue of this newsletter just 4 weeks ago. All events in the village have been postponed or cancelled, the village hall and playground have been closed, and many of us are confined to our homes with limited chance to go out as per the government directive.



The response by the residents of the village has been magnificent. WhatsApp groups have been established to enable help to be offered or summoned, and all sorts of local groups have been set up so that neighbours can look after each other. Clare Beckett, as chair of the Parish Council and the Resilience Committee, has acted as a clearinghouse for the coordination of many of the initiatives and has maintained a list of useful contacts for anyone needing advice. She can be reached on beckettwhixley@btopenworld.com or by phone on 01423 330746.

There is lots of information about various initiatives and activities on the website and the Village Facebook Group, which now has nearly 300 members and is very active in passing around information.

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[Information about Local Shopping](#)

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(from Nigel Adams, MP)

Please also feel free to pass on a copy of this newsletter to anyone interested in events in Whixley, and they can use the link at the bottom of the document to register on the village email list to receive regular updates about the village.

A message from the chair of the Parish Council

Dear All

What a wonderful sound echoed round the village on Thursday evening at 8pm when we joined in to applaud the work of the NHS. It really heartened me. There was an immediate request that we should do this every Thursday evening at 8pm – so I'll be clapping not only for the NHS but also the many people close to home who are getting us through this time (local shops, postmen, milkmen, refuse collectors, farmers working hard to ensure we'll have food as the year goes on), and to say we're here and we're going to get through this. So look forward to hearing even more noise this Thursday.

Another week has passed and we have continued to see more changes to our daily life. We now have WhatsApp groups for volunteers on each street in our village. So if you need help please contact me on 01423 330746 in the first place and I will pass on your request to your area's team who will do their best to help.

I know some of you have received letters instructing you to self isolate for medical reasons. Our village volunteers will help you get through this time; as the weeks go by I can only imagine how hard this will be. Please call me so we can make sure you have the support you need.

Thanks to Lynne Tolan for setting up a prescription collection service for Green Hammerton and Boroughbridge surgeries. [Full details on the village website.](#)

Families are finding ways to work at home, and teach their children and teenagers. Not an easy task. Our webmaster Ian McNeill is updating the website and social media streams, and Gareth Chapman is setting us Quizzes to challenge our brains.

Sadly Johnson's Nurseries were broken into last Thursday and a great deal of damage was done. I know from what was said on the village Facebook Group how appalled people were and just hope that all those words of support have helped the team at Johnson's get over this.

So on a chilly day let's continue to support one another and get through this as best we can and I'm sure we will.

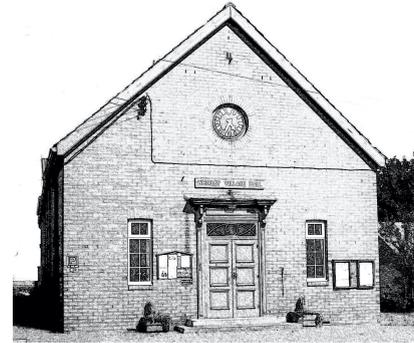
All the best and please stay safe.

Clare Beckett

Village Hall AGM, Postponed until further notice

Although the AGM has been postponed for the time being, the work of the village hall committee goes on. We need to be in a position to restart operations as soon as it is safe to do so.

We would like more people in the village to join the committee and we will be seeking nominations at the AGM. So, please consider if you could help out with this key resource for our village.



If you would like to nominate someone, or to nominate yourself, for appointment to the management committee then please email secretary@whixleyvillagehall.org giving the name of your nominee. Note that if you are nominating a third party you must have obtained that person's permission for you to put forward their name.

Quiz

Under the Activities Menu on the website there is a [Quiz Page](#). Every few days a new quiz will be posted on this page with the answers posted a few days later. We are grateful to Gareth Chapman for starting off this initiative, and we invite residents to submit their own quizzes for posting on the site. If you have a quiz you'd like to share, please email it, and the answers, as PDF files to webmaster@whixley.org.



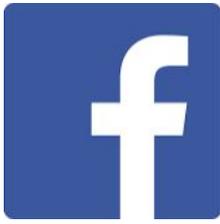
Bridge Afternoon Fundraiser, 24th September



Looking forward to being able to restart village hall activities and, if we can, the annual bridge afternoon, including sumptuous afternoon tea prepared by the wonderful Ladies of Whixley, will be held this year on Thursday September 24th. Tables of 4, pairs or individuals are all welcome and we'll do our best to find partners for any singletons.

The cost is £12.50 per person (£50 per table of 4) and includes the aforementioned afternoon tea. Contact Ian McNeill (ian@mcneill.org.uk or 01423 339061) to book. All are welcome, and if you would like a poster for your bridge club or notice board you can download one by [clicking HERE](#).

[Whixley Village Facebook Group](#)



If you are into Facebook then there is a [Facebook Group](#) that you can sign up to and use to communicate village issues to other group members. You can read about the group and why it could be useful and important by clicking the link above. **Nearly 300** people have joined the group so far, and it's set up so that existing members can invite new members directly.



The Village Hall also has a [Facebook Page](#) which you are invited to like, and a [Twitter feed](#) that you can follow.

[Village Lottery](#)

Since the start of the lottery in October 2018 over £1,000 has been paid out in prize money to 30 lucky winners. The lottery runs over a 10-month period with a draw held on the last day of each month from October to July. The first draw of the current period took place on October 31st 2019.



If you would like to join in this year's lottery, visit the [lottery webpage](#) for details of how to join. There are 200 numbers available at a cost of £2 per month (£8 for all 4 months left of the current period, payable in advance). Details of available numbers are published on the website [HERE](#) and details of winning numbers are published [HERE](#).

Note that while the Coronavirus crisis lasts we will be drawing the lottery each month using an electronic random number generator. The process will be overseen online by 2 members of the Village Hall committee and the winning numbers published in the usual way. Winners will be contacted by email.

[Junior Cricket at Whixley Cricket Club](#)

Junior players sought to join your local club. All ages and abilities from 7 to under 15.

Training with fully-qualified, DBS checked coaches was due to start on 1st March but has been postponed for the time being.

Contact Tim Harvey tim.harvey@h2consulting.co.uk, 07900 900525
www.whixley.play-cricket.com

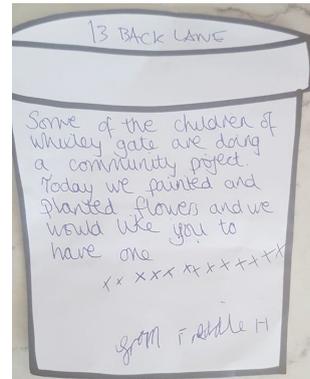


Whixley - the Caring Village

Trying times often bring out the best in people.

Carole Puri emailed with this....

"We received a surprise on our doorstep this morning. You might like to see what some of the children and parents are doing in our area. Quite overwhelmed to say the least."



And Joan Roper emailed with this.....



"The kindness and thoughtfulness of our neighbours is very heart-warming and so it was that on Friday 27th March the 2 young boys who live next door (Freddie and Alfie) delivered a terracotta pot filled with colourful spring plants. It was their project for the day – to paint a pot and fill it with plants for a neighbour."

I would like to say a big thank you for such a touching gift."

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