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Parish Council Update

Dear All,

We had a full agenda for our last parish council meeting two weeks ago. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parish councillors for their hard work over the past year, as well as attending our regular meetings they take on tasks around the village, most recently planting bulbs in the Plantings and Millennium Field. (Thank you to those others who came and helped with this too).

Thank you to our Parish Clerk, Amanda Kennerley for looking after us so efficiently and calmly and to Cllr Arnold Warneken for all his hard work on our behalf.

You will have read reports in the press that the Maltkiln Development Plan Document was approved by North Yorkshire Council. The Planners are now drafting a Masterplan Document, the local parish councils will be involved with this and we have been informed that the first meeting will take place in January. It will be some time before any building begins.

There are many community events to enjoy over the festive period and please book your pantomime tickets soon! Full details in this newsletter.

Finally thank you to Helen and her wonderful team for our village shop and their hard work throughout the year. Don't forget to get your Christmas order in.

All the very best for Christmas and the New Year

With regards

Clare Beckett
Chair, Whixley Parish Council

Carols round the village Monday 22 December 2025

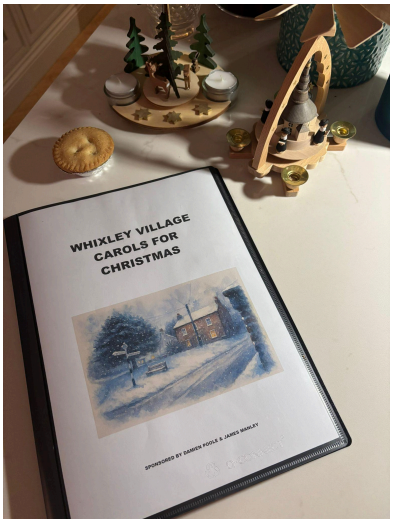
We'll be Carol singing round the village on the evening of Monday 22 December. As we did last year we're going to stop and sing at various places starting at Whixley Gate. Please come and join us either at one of the stops below or for the whole journey.

As usual we'll be collecting money for the church. Cash collection only

Here's the programme – times are approximate.

(If you want a lift from the village to Whixley Gate please let Clare know in advance on 07956011094)

5.30pm	Whixley Gate near the noticeboard on the central green
6.15pm	Ainsty View near the bus stop
6.30pm	The Swap Box (old phone box) High Street
6.45pm	Church Lychgate/Old Vicarage entrance
7.30pm	On Stonegate (halfway down the street)
7.45pm	Outside the Village Hall
8.00pm	The Village Hall – there will be a pop-up pub, where the bar will be open and we'll also have mulled wine and Christmas treats

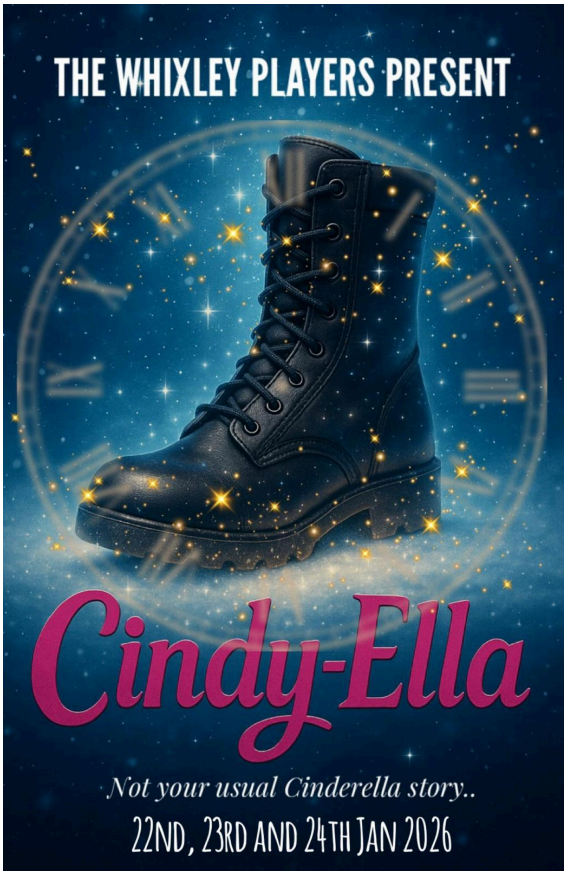


We have carol booklets, kindly sponsored and produced by Damien and James. Don't forget to wrap up warm, festive headgear if you have it, and bring a torch. If we have any instrumentalists in the village, please feel free to join us.

If you don't want to sing with us, please feel free to join us at the village hall for a festive drink!

Cindy-Ella the Pantomime, 22-24 January

Get your magnifying glass and your best detective hat ready, Whixley — the pantomime is back, and this year it's a case of magic, mischief, and missing persons!



This isn't your usual Cinderella story. When undercover police officer Cindy-Ella is sent to investigate suspicious goings-on at Mallory Towers, home of the wicked Miranda and her vile twins Belinda and Betsy, she soon discovers that things are not what they seem. Her father, PC World, has vanished without a trace, and somewhere in the village lies the truth behind his disappearance.

Thankfully, she's not alone — though her colleagues might make you wonder if she'd be better off without them! There's the ever-enthusiastic but completely clueless PC Gurt Grafton, who's as loyal as he is hopeless; a troop of bumbling constables (Clod, Wobble, Bodge, and Plonk — need we say more?); and, of course, the larger-than-life Hairy Godfather, part Hagrid, part Al Pacino, all heart and hilarity.

Add in Mrs Bertie from the bakery, Annie Allotment, the squabbling Hoppertons of Hopperton Hats, Pat Butcher from the butcher's shop, and a chorus of contract-working mice — and you've got a Whixley full of suspects, songs, and side-splitting silliness!

Meanwhile, over at Allerton Castle, Prince Alan (a muscled hunk with a passion for animals and crime stories) and his royal parents, Father Pippin and Mama Cinders — yes, the original Cinderella herself — are preparing for the annual Winter Ball. But when Cindy's investigation leads her straight to the castle gates, she might just find more than she bargained for…

With toe-tapping tunes, cheeky jokes, local laughs, and more mayhem than a Whixley Bake-Off, Cindy-Ella is the pantomime this village deserves. It's a home-grown production packed with familiar faces, community spirit, and that unmistakable Whixley warmth.

So polish your boots, grab your tickets, and get ready to shout "Behind you!" as Whixley Village Hall transforms into a world of magic, mystery, and marvellous fun.

Cindy-Ella the Pantomime, 22nd – 24th January 2026, Whixley Village Hall

Not your usual Cinderella story — it's Whixley's best yet!

Tickets Now On Sale. **Adults £12, Children £7.**

Pop Up Pub, December 5th

It's Pop Up Pub night again soon. Come along to Whixley Village Hall for a drink and a chat. No booking necessary.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome. The bar opens at 7pm, with a selection of draught and bottled beers, wines and spirits.

All are welcome. Also, the bar at the village hall will be open on Christmas Day for a couple of hours from 12 Noon until 2pm..

We look forward to seeing you there.

Advent Window Trail 2025

This December, join us once again for the Whixley Advent Trail!

Each day, a new festive window will be 'opened' and visible over the festive period. Either follow along each day or wait to view them all!

Thanks to everyone involved. We had a lot of interest this year so you will notice an extra window on the 25th to enjoy!

Merry Christmas!

Visit the website regularly during December to see the windows as they are revealed.

https://whixley.org/advent-trail-2025/

Click HERE to view/download the trail map

Neighbours Night, Thursday 18 December, Anchor Inn

Come along to the next neighbours night at the Anchor. It's normally held on the last Thursday evening of the month, and a reminder will be sent out to the list one week before so you can tell us whether you plan to attend and we can tell the pub so they know which room to accommodate us in. If you read this article and are not on the list but would like to join, please fill in your name and email address by clicking on this form.

Save the Date - Next Wine Night, February 27th

The Big Match

This time we have pushed the boat out. For the first time we are pairing the wine with nibbles.

An evening of drinking six very different wines with six different and delicious foods.

There's vegetarian as well as meat dishes. And for beer drinkers the bar will be open during parts of the evening

Match your knowledge to the wines whilst enjoying some delicious food. Plus, lots of the usual fun and perhaps some extra surprises. Get in quickly as we are limited to 80 places. Tickets are £20 and will be on sale soon.

A John and Tim non-sniffy production.

The Wonders of Whixley, New Years Eve

This New Year's Eve, Whixley Village Hall invites you to step into an evening woven with community spirit, good company and a few memorable surprises. It's a night designed to celebrate everything that makes our village special — the generosity, the humour, and the warmth we bring out in one another.

Your ticket includes a welcome glass of fizz on arrival, live entertainment, and a midnight toast as we step together into 2026.

Doors open at 7.30pm. From around 9pm, we proudly present the Wonders of Whixley — our very own home-grown talent taking centre stage for an hour of charm, fun and village magic.

We'll carry the night through with New Year's Eve party tunes for all — the kind that fill the room with energy and get everyone moving right up to midnight.

Black tie or your fanciest outfit is heartily encouraged (though never essential). Come as you are, ready to enjoy a relaxed, welcoming Whixley celebration.
Expect laughter, a little friendly interaction, and a moment or two that just might catch you pleasantly off guard

Tickets are on sale now — gather your friends, book your place, and get ready for a night that will leave you feeling warm, fuzzy and wonderfully part of something.

Visit https://whixley.org/nye-wonderswhixley/ to book.

More details coming soon, including how you can take part as one of the Wonders of Whixley.

Tickets now available – £10 per person. Optional Yorkshire Grazing Board for Two – £17 (Featuring a selection of local delicacies)

Big Ball Lottery

The new season for the village hall lottery kicked off on September 1st. The lottery has now run for several seasons although there was a break around COVID times. The draws are held “Old School" at Neighbours Night each month by picking random balls out of a bag.

Entry costs just £2 per ball per month, and is paid for by standing order, which you can cancel at any time if you wish to withdraw.

Purchasing a number is straightforward. Just visit our website where you will find full details. Lottery balls may be purchased online by visiting the website online shop or at an event in the village hall when the available numbers will be on display.

Film Club, Next Showing is on December 19th

Over 25 people attended the restart of the film club in September. We’re not able to publicly advertise the films we are going to show, but we are able to tell members of the film club, who are also encouraged to suggest films that they would like to see. Use the button below to make a suggestion.

Make a Film Suggestion

If you’d like to join the film club, please visit the link below and purchase an annual membership for £25. The membership year runs from September to August, and if people want to join mid-year the price of membership is automatically pro-rated to the end of the current membership year.

Purchase a membership in the online shop

Members may bring guests at any time, and while there is no charge for guests they are asked for a voluntary contribution to hall funds when they attend.

Full details of the film club are available on the village hall website here:

Film Club Details on the website

Whixley Bridge Club Next Meeting, December 11th

Whixley Bridge Club offers a relaxed, social environment to play bridge and make new friends in the community.

How to Join Us

To get started, please fill out our quick **join-up form** (just click the link). We'll ask for your email and phone number so we can keep you updated and add you to our WhatsApp group for easy communication. There is no membership fee - just a fee of £3 cash per session to defray expenses.

Lunch Club, December 8th

The next Lunch Club Monday 8th December. And guess what, It's Christmas!!!

So on the menu is:

- Turkey Casserole and vegetables
- Christmas Pudding Brandy Sauce,
- Mince Pies and Cheese and coffee/ tea.

The cost is £12.00, payable in advance please, and the bar will open at 11.45, and lunch will be served at 12.30

If you know of anyone who would like to join in, please pass on my details. I am just at the end of the phone/computer

We look forward to seeing you all and festive getups are almost a necessity ! Many thanks Dee and the wonderful team

Food Bank News

A fantastic total of 44.93kg + a box of loo rolls, was delivered on Thursday to the Trussell Trust. I hope to all those who donated, you will give yourselves a pat on the back! There was a lovely variety of foods! And as always you were all thanked profusely!

Thank you all, I think as a village we are one of the largest donators!

Many thanks Dee. d.wright1850@gmail.com 07771916379

Kirk Hammerton Garden Club

Tuesday November 25th at 7.30pm
'A Hardy Planters' Winter Survival kit'

Thank you to everyone for your support over the year, we have had a very sociable, enjoyable and successful year, with some excellent talks and wonderful garden visits in the summer.

We are delighted to have welcomed new members, visitors and guests and hope the club continues to grow in 2026.

The Garden Club is a friendly group who meet monthly in Kirk Hammerton Village Hall. No horticultural knowledge is required as the format of the evening is generally a guest speaker followed by a cup of tea and biscuits! Come along to a meeting and give us a try, we welcome new visitors for just £5.

For further information please contact Helen Cunliffe or Annette Chellingsworth on kirkhammertongardenclub@btinternet.com.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Village Communications

There are several ways in which you can keep in touch with village affairs.

If you are into Facebook then there is a Facebook Group "Whixley Village" that you can sign up to and use to communicate village issues to other group members. Over 2,600 people have joined the group so far. The Village Hall also has a Facebook Page "Whixley Village Hall" which you are invited to like.

The village also has a WhatsApp Group, “Whixley!”. This group has proved a useful tool as a more immediate form of communication than website or Facebook posts. If you'd like to be included in the group click on the icon.

Please also feel free to pass on a copy of this newsletter to anyone interested in events in Whixley. Click on the icon to register on the village email list to receive this newsletter and other updates about the village.

Anyone in the village is welcome to join the Friends of the Village Hall WhatsApp group which is for those who wish to help the village hall in any way they can, but would rather not be part of the board of trustees that manages the Hall. If you would like to join the group, please click on the badge.