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Dear All,

We've had some very enjoyable gatherings over the past week. Carol singing round the village starting at Whixley Gate and ending at the village hall saw a band of jovial carollers lead by Hannah on the cornet.

Many called in at the village hall on Christmas Day to enjoy a drink and chat with friends and visitors to the village, thank you to the cheery bar staff who worked so hard.

There's a New Year's Eve party in the hall to enjoy too.

Early in January Paul Corbett and I will be attending a parish councils liaison group meeting about the Maltkiln Masterplan.

Then on Thursday 15 January from 2 to 7.30pm there will be a drop in event at Kirk Hammerton Village Hall when draft plans for the Masterplan Framework will be displayed. Representatives from the Council and developers will be there to gather feedback and answer questions. Please do go along to this event.

And don't forget to book your pantomime tickets!

With good wishes for 2026

Clare Beckett
Chair, Whixley Parish Council

Last Chance to Book - New Years Eve at the Village Hall

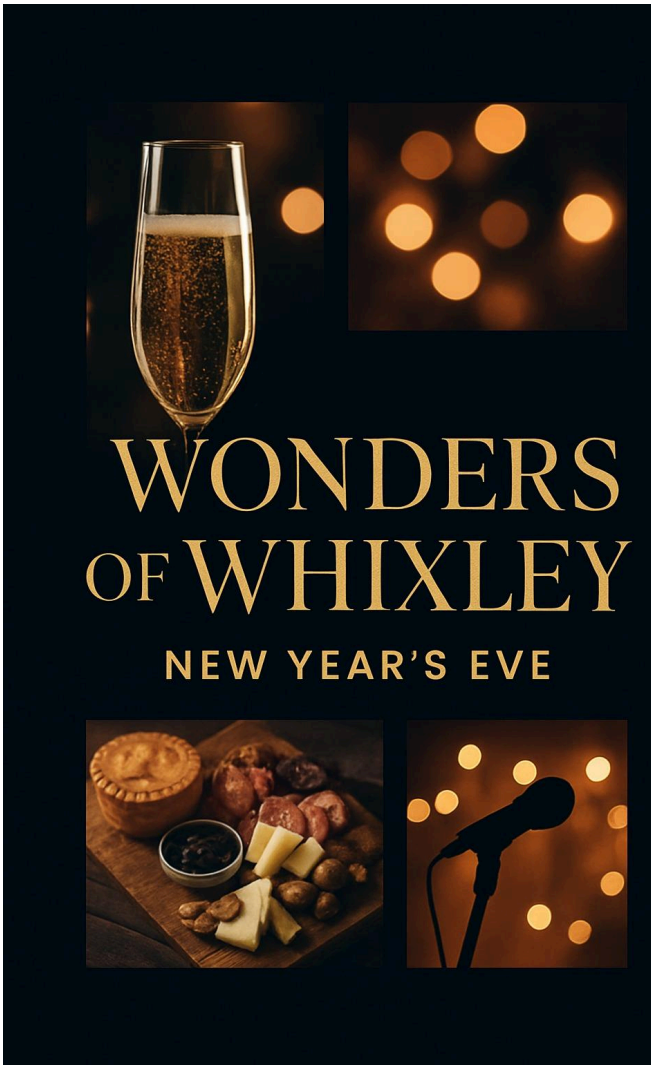
Only 2 days to go to the New Year's Eve party at Whixley Village Hall. Step into an evening woven with community spirit, good company and a few memorable surprises.

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.

Black tie or your fanciest outfit is heartily encouraged (though never essential). Come as you are, ready to enjoy a relaxed, welcoming Whixley celebration.

Click HERE for further information



Buy New Year's Eve Tickets

Cindy-Ella the Pantomime, 22-24 January

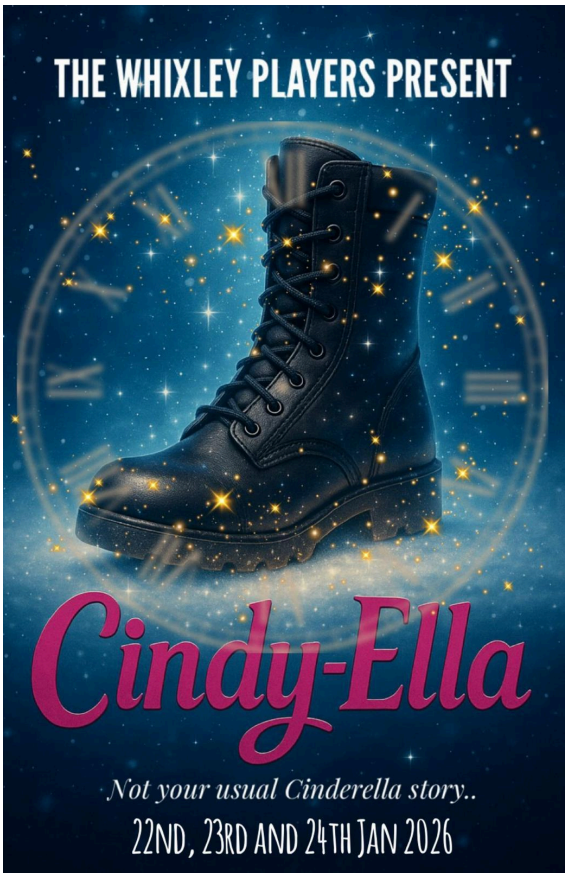
Don’t forget to book your tickets for the annual Whixley Panto presented by the Whixley Players at Whixley Village Hall, 22-24 January.

This year’s panto, written and directed by our own Damien Poole, will have the usual mix of belly laughs, corny jokes, outrageous costumes, improbable scenes around a plot with an unusual twist on the normal panto stories.

4 Performances

Adults £12, Children £7

Buy Panto Tickets



Pancake Evening, February 17th.

Pancake Evening, Shrove Tuesday, is early this year, on Tuesday 17th February. Bring the family along to the village hall to enjoy pancakes without the hassle of having to make them yourself. There will be our usual savoury and sweet fillings, including ham and asparagus, mushroom and tarragon and plenty of cheese and ham, and sweet traditional lemon and apple fillings and Nutella for the children and grown men. Dietary requirements are taken care of with gluten-free pancakes and vegetarian fillings.

The bar will be open and this is always a very cheerful evening. Do come along and join us in this last indulgent fling before Lent. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the two churches in our parish.

Adults £15, Children under 12 £6 (includes fruit juice)

Buy Pancake Night Tickets

Next Wine Night, February 27th

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 each.

A John and Tim non-sniffy production.

Buy Wine Night Tickets

WHIXLEY WANDERERS

TEAM TALK

2025 has been another year of steady progress for Whixley Wanderers with Membership numbers increasing for the third year in a row.

Our competitive team continues to punch well above its weight for a small village club and with the 2025/26 North Riding FA Walking Football League season now at its halfway point the Cherries currently sit second in their Division just one point off top spot.

Re-seeding of the Whixley pitch has been carried out and, with the approval of the Village Hall Committee, the Club is planning to augment the provision of football facilities for the whole community with the creation of a second, smaller pitch alongside the existing one in early 2026.

The only real disappointment of 2025 has been the repeated instances of vandalism/damage to the village pitch goalposts. These posed a dangerous risk of physical injury, particularly to children, due to broken, jagged metal being exposed and required urgent repair each time at no little cost to community funds.

For the year ahead, the Club's priority remains the regular provision to local people aged 40 and above of the opportunity to play, just for fun, a slower, less physical but equally enjoyable version of the beautiful game.

We hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

If interested in joining us in 2026, or you'd simply like further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing nick@whixleywanderers.com or visit our website;

https://whixleywanderers.com/

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Neighbours Night, Thursday 29th January, 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.

Join Neighbours Night List

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.

Visit Lottery Website

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.

Buy Lottery Tickets

Film Club, Next Showing is on January 16th

The film nights are a regular feature on the third Friday of each month. 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 on the right to make a suggestion.

Make a Film Suggestion

If you'd like to join the film club, please visit the link on the right 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.

Buy Membership

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. Use the link on the right.

Visit Website

Whixley Bridge Club Next Meeting, January 14th

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.

Join the Bridge Club

Lunch Club

I will be away on an extended break in January, so the lunch club will return in March when I get back.

Many thanks

Dee and the wonderful team

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Food Bank News

Hello Everyone!!

First of all, a very Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year!

And Thank you to all who gave to the Food Bank through the year. I haven't added it all up - must do that !

This month is a short one but the grand total is 40.08 Kg!! Fantastic!

It was delivered on Thursday 18th December and I know they are delighted!

I am away, so Corinne will be coordinating the next collection which will be on Wednesday 28th January 2026!

Take care everyone and Thank You once again

Dee xx

Kirk Hammerton Garden Club

The 2026 programme starts on Tuesday January 27th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming back Sue Wood, to speak on the subject of 'Bulb Production in Holland'.
Sue Wood is a dedicated horticulturist, plantswoman, and community leader whose work has helped shape some of the most notable parks and gardens in the North of England. As Horticultural Development Officer for North Yorkshire Council, she curates stunning floral displays in Harrogate and the surrounding areas. Last Year in recognition of outstanding contributions to horticulture and the community, she was presented with the RHS Harlow Carr Medal.

Our programme for 2026 is now available, please take a look at what is planned for the rest of the year. **CLICK HERE** for your copy.

The friendly group welcomes everyone from all villages to our meetings for only £5/meeting (pay on the door) or £20 subscription for the year.

Please contact Helen Cunliffe at khgardenclub@gmail.com or
Annette Chellingsworth 01423 339229 for more information about the Garden Club.

Follow us on Facebook- Kirk Hammerton Garden Club

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 3,100 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.