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New Flood Warning Service

THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY alongside Whiston Parish Council are running a drop-in session for all residents of Whiston to hear about plans for a new flood warning service for the community.

Rotherham Council will also be available, offering advice on how to store and maintain property level flood protection products and the River Stewardship Company will be attending to promote the idea of stewardship for Whiston Brook.

The drop-in will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014, 2pm-7pm at Whiston Parish Hall, Whiston.

For any further information please contact Lizzy Haynes at the Environment Agency on 0113 819 6085 or via email elizabeth.haynes@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Churchyard Tidying



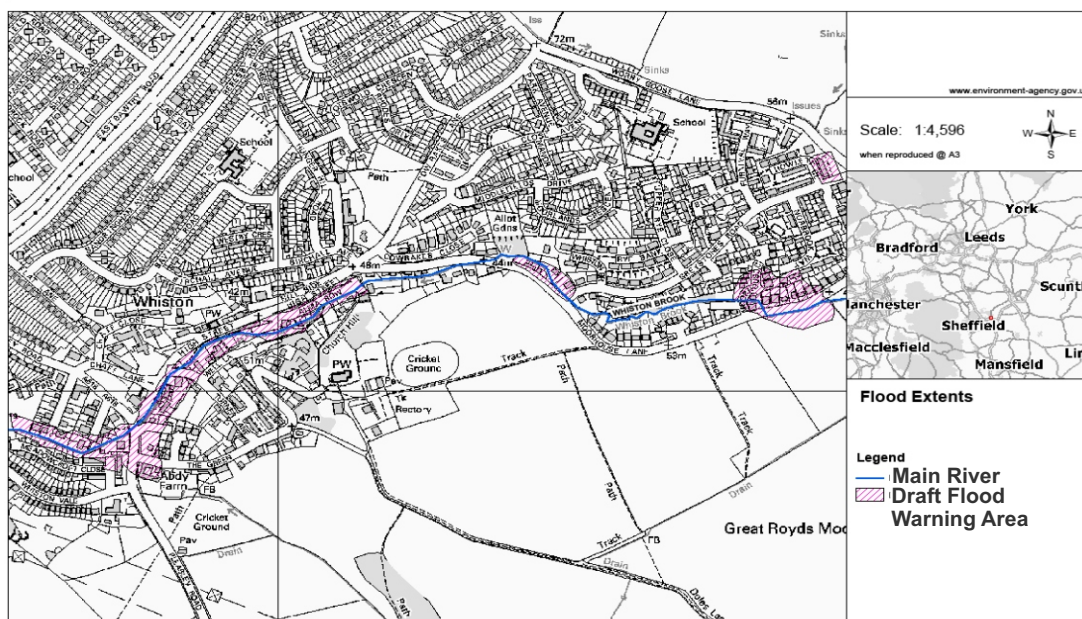
We are planning a further morning of work to collect the remainder of the leaves and general rubbish prior to the start of the grass cutting season.

All are welcome to keep our churchyard looking good.

Please join us on Saturday March 15th between 10am and 12 noon. Refreshments provided!

Draft Flood Warning Area for Whiston Brook

19/11/2013



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Many of my friends think I'm strange because I actually like housework! Hoovering up is no problem, dusting and polishing I really enjoy, wiping the bathroom clean is great and doing the windows is very therapeutic. But ironing well that's another story because I loathe it.

I have to confess to leaving the ironing pile until it falls over when, together with loads of other stuff, it contains thirteen or so of my husband's shirts sometimes he's driven to ironing some himself as there's nothing for him to wear.

From early March though, all that is set to change as I've decided to do a small amount of ironing every day. Why early March for me to do this you may be thinking?

From the Church ...

Well that's when Lent begins this year. Lent is the period of 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday when we concentrate our thoughts on Jesus' suffering, dying for us and then being raised from the dead on that first glorious Easter morning.

Traditionally, during Lent, people give something up so that in their deprivation of say, chocolate or coffee or alcohol they can feel that they are observing this special time when Jesus gave up everything for us.

For me, it's actually much harder to do something extra, to fit something into an already busy day than it is to give up a favourite item. So for that reason I'm getting the iron and ironing board out

and will attack that loathsome job for a little while every day. During that time I'll be listening to some Gregorian plainsong which will really help me to focus on my faith and spend time with God.

So this Lent I wish you strength and fortitude, especially if you are giving something up and you need to be disciplined. Why not, though, think of **doing** something instead who knows where that could lead you?

A friend of mine who had little faith and who hated exercise decided one year to go for a walk every day during Lent and to say the Lord's Prayer repeatedly to herself. Her outlook changed and her belief in God just grew and grew. She tells me that she has

enrolled for her first marathon and has joined a bible study group. Thanks be to God.

You never know, I might

actually find that my relationship with the iron improves. I'll let you know!

With my love and every blessing

Jan



Services for Lent & Eastertide at your Parish Church

Mar 5th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing
7.00pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Apr 13th PALM SUNDAY

9.45am All Age Family Service & Parade
6.00pm Parish Communion

Apr 14th/15th/16th HOLY WEEK

9.00pm Compline

Apr 17th MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm Holy Communion

Apr 18th GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am-2.00pm Children's Activity Day
7.00pm Service for Good Friday

Apr 19th EASTER EVE

7.00pm Confirmation Service at Rotherham Minster

Apr 20th EASTER SUNDAY

9.45am Parish Communion
6.00pm Evening Prayer with Choir

Evening Women's Institute

The February meeting began with an amusing talk by Joanne Blunt, entitled "Amami nights", Wendy Harrison thanked the speaker. The competition (hair ornament) was won by Jean Jackson, Anthea Goodman and Margaret Denis. Elaine Standen won the raffle prize.

Apologies were given and the minutes of the January meeting were read by Steph Clarke (secretary) and agreed as a correct record. A guided tour was planned to Renishaw Hall and gardens for Wednesday 25th June. Names were also

taken for Town Hall visits to Rotherham (12th May), Sheffield (20th June), and Barnsley (23rd June) the cost would be £4 per visit. The W.I. are looking for members gardens to feature in the "W.I. Life" magazine.

Joyce Sampson (president) reported from the Chantry Group meeting, the next function being the A.G.M. on April 29th at Broom Methodist Church. She thanked Jean Overend for her hard work making Christmas gifts and donating the proceeds to the W.I. Diana Bury gave the treasurer's report

and members were reminded that subscriptions must be paid by next months meeting. The next Nitter Natter group will be at Dianne Dean's on March 13th at 2pm. Wendy Harrison was to be the speaker finder in future and asked members to inform her of any ideas.

Numerous pompoms were donated for the charity, Sense, for hearing and sight impaired (these have now been handed over). The size of the knitted squares requested had not yet been found.

The next meeting (craft evening) is Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm at Whiston Parish Hall. The competition will be a home-made craft item.

Mens Fellowship

The April meeting of the Men's Fellowship will take place on Wednesday 2nd, when the speaker will be Henry Tompkin..

The meeting will be held in the Church Rooms at 7.45pm. New members are always welcome.

Peter Wallis

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Whiston Parish Council

Present at the meeting: Councillors: Tranmer, Shaw, Dodson, Purvis, Straw, Suckley, Yarlett, Stevenson and Ward Councillor Middleton Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Gilding.

The 7 benches around the parish are to be repaired and made good.

The Whiston in Bloom competition was discussed and the Parish Councillors have agreed an alternative event for this Year - Whiston Charity Garden Walkabout. The event will involve parishioners opening up their gardens for people to look at, subject to the viewers purchasing a program from the Parish Council, that will enable viewers to go around peoples gardens and view them. The participants who open up their gardens may want to sell light refreshments, buns and cakes and even consider holding a tombola to raise extra cash for these chosen charities, Bluebell Wood and Safe @ Last. Anyone interested in letting people look around their gardens please contact the Clerk via email at: whistonparish@hotmail.co.uk.

We are looking to hold the event 2nd weekend in July. People do not have to have a fantastic garden, but something of interest, such as unusual plants and the enthusiasm to raise money for Charity.

It was agreed to replace some of the bark in the Cow Rakes Play Area.

It was agreed the Parish Council applies for a variation on their Alcohol License to run from midday until 12.00pm 7 days per week.

Cremated Remains

We are pleased to report that two new memorial stones have been erected in the cremated remains area and, in the next few weeks, will be ready to have names inscribed on them.

Contact details for this will be available in the next issue of the Villager.

Our churchyard is now full and all new burials will be in the area which was consecrated for that purpose by Bishop Steven in 2010. Re-opening of existing graves is not affected.

Spring Concert

Rotherham Schools' Music Service will be helping to raise funds for local registered charity, Rotherham Holiday Aid, with a concert for instruments and voices on Friday 14th March, starting at 7.00pm.

The concert in St. James' Church, Clifton, Rotherham, will be one of the events to mark the 25th Anniversary of the charity which supports holiday breaks for Rotherham's disadvantaged children and their families. It will feature the Rotherham Youth Orchestra and Brass Band from the Music Service, together with the Clifton Community Choir.

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Whiston Worrygoose

Every Wednesday morning F1 and F2 have been running sessions for parents and children to make something together, this is very popular, and everyone involved has really enjoyed participating.

Our school along with 13 other Rotherham schools have again been successful in winning a bid to secure further funding for our partnership with Tsalabuka school in Zambia. In June two staff will be visiting Zambia to teach in the school and two staff from Zambia will visit us in October. Last year we sold wristbands in the colours of the

SCHOOLS ROUND-UP . . . SCHOOLS ROUND-UP . . .

Zambian flag to raise money to send books to our partnership school. We now have another two sets of wristbands in school, which are on sale to children at lunchtime.

Sitwell Infants

On Monday 3rd March, as part of World Book Day, theatre company Story Magic came into school to deliver 'The Magic of Stories', an interactive magic show to bring stories, books and characters to the children.

On 5th March there will be a half price book sale.

On the morning of Thursday 6th Class 7 and in the afternoon classes 1

& 2, will visit the Civic Theatre to see 'Stan & Mabel' an interactive music project in workshop on Rotherham.

The Foundation American Dance. On Friday 7th there will be a gardening day on 7th as part of their topic work on growth.

On Friday 21st the

whole school will take part in Sport Relief.

Foundation 2 will visit the Butterfly House on Thursday 27th.

On Friday 28th a group of 30 Y2 children will visit the English Institute of Sport.

Excited to be a Brownie!!

The Brownies enjoyed walking around the village last night looking for lights for the Big Brownie Birthday Challenge in total we saw 53 - thank you to all the brownies past and present who placed lights and displays in their windows.

The Brownies look out for lights on their journey around Whiston



The next challenge is probably the one that the Brownies are REALLY excited about - leading the conga in Meadowhall this will take place at half term with over 300 brownies joining in!

Following that at the beginning of April we are serving fair trade tea and coffee from a police riot van.

It is very exciting to be a Brownie this year!

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Every Wednesday morning F1 and F2 have been running sessions for parents and children to make something together, this is very popular, and everyone involved has really enjoyed participating.

Our school along with 13 other Rotherham schools have again been successful in winning a bid to secure further funding for our partnership with Twalabuka school in Zambia. In June two staff will be visiting Zambia to teach in the school and two staff from Zambia will visit us in October. Last year we sold wristbands in the colours of the Zambian flag to raise money to send books to our partnership school. We now have another

Afternoon WI

Our first meeting of the year was opened by President Marilyn Scarrow who welcomed 73 members and 3 new members. A quiet moment was then taken to remember Shirley Mooney a very popular lady who had been a long standing member of the WI who had passed away suddenly last month. Marilyn then thanked Anne Wall for the lovely flower arrangement and also thanked the tea ladies. A record of the last meeting was read by Helen Mortimer who also read the correspondence, mentioning planned lunches at Denman College.

Marilyn then mentioned that stewards were wanted for the forthcoming autumn council meeting at the Consort Suite, also mentioning the Spring Council meeting on 12th April at the Earl of Doncaster. News and Views was read noting a list of town hall visits during the year.

Groups- Walks, 3rd Wed March (19th). Craft- 24th Feb. Flowers 3rd March Chantry group-coffee morning at Todwick Village hall on 13th Feb. The next meeting will be 6th March.

We then continued with our AGM, with the minutes of the last AGM and the bylaws of our group being read. There were adjustments to the bylaws proposed, visitors to now pay 50p per visit for refreshments and they can come to 3 meetings. Car drivers to be reimbursed 30p per mile from now on. The AGM to be in March from next year.

We had the financial statement explained, then

the annual committee report was read by Helen, she then gave her report of the last year, both saying how well the year had gone and that we had 94 members now with 11 new members joining last year, but sadly 2 members had died during the year.

We now no longer have a waiting list. She then gave a synopsis of the year's speakers and our year's events, including the Christmas party, a very busy year!

We then had the groups annual reports, all saying how well they had gone and all had welcomed new members. The competition winners for the year were 1st Meg Sewell 2nd Carol Hanneman 3rd Wendy Coates.

Four committee members were retiring and the new committee members were introduced. Margaret Kay-president, Shirley Mowatt-secretary, Rona Hudson-refreshments, Angela Jackson-outings and Jean Robinson-enterprises contact.

Marilyn then gave her report on speakers during the year, and a report on our trips, also mentioning our stall at the Whiston Fayre, saying that we had given £350 to Rotherham Hospice from this event. She then thanked the committee members for all their hard work during the year, and gave out gifts to retiring committee and other members. She then went on to say that she had thoroughly enjoyed her term as president and thanked Helen the secretary, she said she couldn't have done the job without her. Lastly she encouraged us all to get more involved in all aspects of the WI.

Helen then thanked Marilyn for all her hard work as president, and for the fun she had brought to our meetings. Saying that Marilyn had totally got the ethos of the WI and what a good job she had done. There were a few emotional moments during these two speeches.

Whiston Heritage Society

The Whiston Heritage Society recently met in the Parish Church. A good turnout was treated to two short contributions by Mr. Savage and the Chairman.

The first talk concerned the changes in more recent times to areas of the village, the loss of some of the older buildings and the appearance of newer ones, e.g. the Lonsdale Club and the Church Institute. Other aspects of the talk showed how the roads in the area had been modernised and it was even suggested that this might not be sufficient for traffic in the near future. This was illustrated with reference to alterations to West Bawtry Road, The Cross Roads and Worry Goose Island.

The talk also covered the provision of suitable playing areas for football and the introduction of more modern leisure activities like bungee jumping and the Brass Band Festival into the village. The second talk covered the development of the provision of transport to and from the village. It showed how the horse and cart had given way to the tramways and then the single and double decker buses with Whiston being the first route to have a double decker service in 1946. Old timetables were shown and the buses were run by Rotherham Transport and Wigmores. It would appear that the Sitwell Arms was a favourite place for photographs of these buses to be taken.

The meeting also discussed the possible opening of the Manorial Barn on National Heritage Day this year as many comments had been received following the non-opening last year.

Similarly comments from villagers had revealed the popularity of the booklets and another was being planned. This was to cover leisure in the village.

Anyone who feels that they can provide material - stories or factual reports are asked to contact the Society.

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Dear friends,

As I write it's raining outside, as it has been most days this week. There are severe flood warnings again across the country. Rivers are bursting their banks and many areas such as the Somerset plains are flooded. The upheaval caused by these floods is causing distress to many, as their lives have been disrupted. Many farmers have had to make the difficult decision to find a safe location for their life stock or send them to auction. When the floods have subsided the clearing up process will take months.

In the middle of such devastation there have been glimmers of hope as local communities have pulled together to help one another. Help for those affected has come from the military, fire and rescue services, the police and other organisations. Churches in the flood affected areas have made their halls and buildings available providing refreshments and places of rest for volunteers and workers employed in the emergency, or being the clearing house for offers of accommodation. Other help has come from further away including two tractors pulling 15 tonnes of silage and hay that made the long journey from Wakefield to Bridgewater.

In some of the difficulties we face in life perhaps, like me, you have been moved by the support which has come from people you might not expect. We

are not always aware of such loving concern until it is needed.

In the story of The Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches what being a neighbour means; it is about compassion and kindness. We must be prepared to help others. Our help must be as wide as God's love; anyone from any nation who is in need is our neighbour. Our help must be practical and not consist of just feeling sorry. The farmers from Wakefield didn't just feel sorry for the plight of the farmers in Bridgewater but put their concerns into action.

Love and prayers,

Jenny

Preachers in March 2nd, 10.30am - Junior Church. 6pm - Songs of Praise service. 9th, 10.30am - Junior Church. 6pm - Rev Jenny Park (Holy Communion). 16th, 10.30am - Junior Church. 6pm - Rev George Graham. 23rd, 10.30am - Junior Church. 6pm - Rev Jenny Park. 30th, 10.30am - Mothering Sunday service led by Wayne Ashton. 6pm - United Service at Whiston Parish Church.

Other activities in the month Every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am Coffee morning. 5th March, 7.30pm - Over 21's Group. 9th March, 4pm - Reflections on Holy Communion. 10th March, 2.30pm - Ladies Group. 13th, 14th & 15th March - Crowning of the Junior Church Queen followed by the Pantomime Cinderella.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP PARISH CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

Mar 9th SUNDAY
9.45am All Age Family Service & Parade
6.00pm Parish Communion

Mar 16th SUNDAY
9.45am Parish Communion & Children's Club
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Mar 23rd SUNDAY
9.45am Parish Communion & Children's Club
11.30am Baptism
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Mar 30th MOTHERING SUNDAY
9.45am Family Communion & Children's Club
6.00pm Joint Service with Methodists

Apr 6th SUNDAY
9.45am Parish Communion & Children's Club
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Allotments diary:

I survey my new path with pride. Pride usually comes before a fall, but this pride comes after, and not just one fall. There has always been a path down the centre of the plot and it was possible to walk down it and remain upright, however, it did require balance and dexterity and when it was wet and I had my hands full a slip was the least that could be expected. So I decided that now was the time to replace the sloping, (in three directions), slippery, (even when it didn't rain for weeks), grass and intermittent paving stoned gravitational challenge, I called a path.

Whilst it was not easy lifting the heavy paving stones into position and levelling them, I was buoyed up by numerous "supportive" comments, (many of them from my wife), which ranged from "how many flats are you building", to "when will the first planes be landing on the new runway?" Oh how I laughed!

The completion of this construction was made more worthwhile when my

grandson, (not the steadiest on his two year old feet), walked down it with me and we collected sprouts together. He put them in his little bag and held them tight all the way home. Although I did see him try a raw small one out for taste and spit it out. Within twenty minutes of picking them, plus a few leeks, they had been cooked in a pan with a knob of butter and we thoroughly enjoyed them.

If you are interested in renting an allotment in Whiston please contact Mike on 07802 196688 or mike@leaffield.co.uk



In recent weeks we have seen an increase in the theft of pedal cycles from sheds and garages, and in some cases gardens, in Rotherham. The bikes that have been stolen range in value from £50 right up to one that had a value of £4000 (I've paid far less than that for cars!). Given this, I thought that this month I would offer readers some advice on cycle security.

First of all if you own a bike, make a note of it's



Crime Prevention

Put the brake on cycle crime!!

frame number and take a photograph of it. This information and the photograph can then be entered on to the Immobilise property register database, at www.immobilise.com.

If your cycle is subsequently stolen, you notify the site and they adjust the record accordingly. If Police Officers locate cycles

during searches of premises, they can then access the database and interrogate it to determine if the cycles they've found are stolen. If they are, they can return them to their rightful owner. It's free to register items on the database, so what have you got to lose? Whilst you're on the site, you could also register your electrical goods, such as TVs, DVD players, and power tools.

Secondly, when using your cycle, never leave it unattended and insecure. Even if you are only leaving it for seconds, secure it using a good cycle lock (visit www.soldsecure.com to find examples of quality cycle locks). Ideally secure your cycle with it's lock, to an immovable object, such as railings, ensuring first that it is legal to do so.

Consider carefully where you store your cycle when it is not in use. Many bikes these days are worth more than the shed the owner chooses to store them in. Given this, a shed may not be the best storage location. Wherever you choose, lock your cycle (using a quality padlock and chain, again see www.soldsecure.com for examples) to a ground anchor (examples at

www.soldsecure.com) that itself is secured into a cement floor, brickwork or a strong part of the building's fabric. And look towards including this building as a zone on your household alarm system, or install a battery operated alarm in the building. Regardless of the value you place on the bike,

try not to leave it insecure and unattended in the rear garden of your home, overnight or during daylight hours.

Finally, use a permanent ultra violet marker pen (ink visible only under ultra violet light), to write your postcode and house number on two separate parts of the bike. You can buy one of these pens from a good DIY store, for around a pound. There are more sophisticated cycle marking kits available, as well. Please visit www.securedbydesign.com to find kits that attract Police support.

If you are offered cycles for sale that you believe to be stolen, contact the Police on 101 to report this.

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Ulley Café Day Events

Friends of Ulley Country Park are continuing to run their popular café days throughout the year. The dates for the next six months are 16th March, 27th April, 25th May, 15th June, 20th July, and 17th August.

Extra events are being arranged for the May and June days. In May, a guided bird walk will be led round the park. This will be primarily aimed at amateurs who wish to learn how to recognise the many species within the Park both by sight and from their songs and calls.

In June, in place of the regular gala, a Countryside Day will be held where visitors can take part in numerous activities, including bug hunting and pond dipping. Camera enthusiasts will be offered advice on wildlife photography especially insects and a moth trap will be run overnight to provide colourful subjects. It is also hoped to build an insect "hotel". These activities are intended to be of interest to children and adults alike.

More details of both events will be published in the near future.