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Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every
month, at the Village Hall on Union Street.

All residents are welcome to attend meetings.

Minutes of previous meetings can be accessed on the Parish
Council website.



Whittle-le-Woods
Parish Council

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Message From Cllr Wendy McDonald Parish Council Chairman

It has been quite a turbulent year to say the least with the vast majority of Parish Council Meetings being conducted over Zoom but thankfully now we are back face to face. Hopefully as time goes on, we can see a return to the usual social events that the Parish Council organise. It goes without saying what a fantastic village we live in .

We are lucky to have such beautiful walks and scenery on our doorstep as many people have discovered over the course of the lockdowns.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Parish Council for their hard work, all done on a voluntary basis.

Finally, I wish you all the best Christmas and New Year, let's see in 2022 with a bang!

Wendy x

Whittle-Le-Woods Community Orchard

Available for all residents of the Parish to enjoy and get involved with.

Located at the bottom of Hillside Crescent, the Orchard is doing well, and several more trees are being added by the Parish Council this year. Please feel free to pick the fruit from the trees, there is quite a variety there now.

We are looking for people to get involved in setting up a community group to look after the Whittle Community Orchard on Hillside Crescent. Everyone is welcome, no previous fruit growing experience is required.

The Orchard provides a habitat for wildlife and of course it provides free fresh fruit for all. Your support will make it possible to maintain and develop the Orchard and raise its profile in the community.

If you are interested in joining the community group, please contact Roman Muller:
roman.muller@outlook.com



Please add yourselves to the local Facebook Group page **Whittle-le-Woods pics & memories old & new**, and keep up to date with all the local news and events in the surrounding area, or just chat over the virtual garden fence and reminisce, share photos, and socialise.

Thanks from the Admins:
Wendy McDonald, Louise Stanhope, Andrew Norris, Millie McDonald and Kelbie McDonald.



Whittle-Le-Woods Community Garden

Available for all residents of the Parish to enjoy and get involved with.

Located along the Old Canal Path on the Polo Field just off Chorley Old Road. It has been another successful year at the Community Garden culminating in the Sunflower Growing competition which was won by Lily with her Sunflower growing to 5 feet! The nettle patch along the footpath has also been tackled by the garden volunteers making the area much more appealing for all. The Parish Council have now also provided a notice board for the Garden to keep everyone informed of what is happening during the seasons.

If you would like to join us please contact Dedrah: dedrah@blueyonder.co.uk or look on our Facebook page 'Whittle Community Garden'.

If anyone, especially Community groups such as toddler groups, nursery groups, Rainbows / Brownies / Guides / Beavers / Cubs / Scouts would like more information, please email the Parish Council Clerk: clerk@whittlelewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

The latest addition to the Community Garden will be the Bug Hotel, kindly donated by the children of Elm Class at Manor Road School and organised by Kirsty Leigh & Dedrah Moss.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S WHITTLE AND CLAYTON BROOK CHURCH

To all who live in the parish of Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods—you are warmly invited to our Christmas events at both our churches. More details will be posted on our website -

www.stjohnsandclaytonbrook.uk - but here they are in brief:

*Christmas Carol Service, 6pm Sunday 19th December
Crib Service, 4pm Christmas Eve
Christmas Day Service 10.00 am*

When it comes—all too soon!—have a very happy Christmas. Philip Venables, Vicar.



Whittle-Le-Woods Playing Field Trust: Pitch update

Liaising closely with Chorley Borough Council work to carry out a major overhaul improve the football pitch at the Playing Fields started mid-June. The project has cost £70,000, and in summary the work has involved the total replacement of the drains, and then the laying of the new pitch including sand, soil, level and seed. The main work was completed at the start of August.

The pitch has needed to be left to grow, and has now been cut 5 times, The contractors advise that the ground will not be suitable for walking on until at least the New Year, the area will then be assessed going forward. The longer it can be left then the better established the pitch will be to support all matches going forward.

Outstanding work still to be completed on the Playing Fields will be to spread 100 tonnes of sand, vertidrain the pitch, and any remedial repairs.

We thank everyone for their patience and support while the field settles along with the grass rooting properly plus the drainage system settling also.

We await further inspection from the company in view to the settlement of the field in the new year and it may be March/April before it is open.

Thankyou for all your patience and best wishes for the festive season



ST. JOHN'S WHITTLE-LE-WOODS
AND CLAYTON BROOK

Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council CIL Monies (Community Infrastructure Levy)

This is a tax paid by building developers to Chorley Borough Council, which is distributed to the local Community via the local Parish Councils.

CIL Money can be utilised by the Parish Council to enhance infrastructure (which is defined as transport facilities; flood defences; schools and other educational facilities; medical facilities; sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces).

Over the last 2 years the Council has provided CIL monies to the following projects:

- Flood Risk Assessment for Whittle-Le-Woods which provides important information on how to best protect the areas at risk both now and in the future.
- St Chads Primary School has benefitted from the provision of tablets to assist students with home learning during the pandemic, but will also enhance the IT infrastructure of the School
- Whittle-Le-Woods Primary School has benefitted from the provision of tablets to assist students with home learning during the pandemic, but will also enhance the IT infrastructure of the School
- Flood Risk Assessment Review with regard to the proposed Town Lane Development. This document along with a Highways Impact Assessment report procured by the Parish Council has assisted in providing a very strong case for objecting to the planning application
- Whittle Scouts Group have benefitted from new tables and trolley to renew the infrastructure in their building.
- Astley & Buckshaw Football Club asked Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council for assistance in purchasing goals for their junior teams to allow the club to expand.
- Whittle Wanderers Football Club have been working hard to improve the amenities at the Whittle-Le-Woods Playing field. The Parish Council have assisted in purchasing a set of full sized goals for use when the new pitch is completed.

The Council will continue to seek out projects which will benefit our whole community which can be funded by CIL Monies.

If you have a project which you would like to be considered, then please email the Clerk to request an application form: clerk@whittlelewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

CIL projects are considered each quarter by the Parish Council to ensure available funds are distributed fairly and responsibly.



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and women in the UK. The organisation is made up of groups of Rainbows (5-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) and Rangers (14-18), which

all give girls a space to learn new skills, make new friends, and grow in confidence. Girls have the chance to enjoy unique and exciting opportunities as part of the varied programme offered.

Girlguiding groups offer a range of activities in their weekly meetings, from the traditional craft, first aid and baking, to the more modern campaigning and social action, challenging gender stereotypes, and outdoor adventurous activities. There really is something for every girl!

There are lots of Girlguiding groups in Whittle-le-Woods and surrounding areas. Becoming a member of Girlguiding is a great way to join a local and national community of girls and young women. If your daughter is aged between 5-18, and would like to join the Girlguiding community, visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/> for more information and to register.

Like with lots of charities, Girlguiding cannot do what they do without volunteers, and are always on the lookout for more people who want to help inspire the next generation of girls and young women. If you would like to find out more information about the flexible volunteering opportunities Girlguiding offers, visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>



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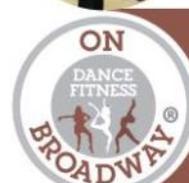
- We believe every woman needs to feel confident, allow time for themselves and find something they love to do in order to keep fit!
- Our team of passionate, experienced instructors use top hats, feather boas, canes and songs from all the popular Broadway shows, in local community venues that offer safe, non-judgemental classes for women of all ages, shapes, sizes and those with two left feet!
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munity events.

Contact a Parish Councillor or
the Clerk on
clerk@whittlelewoodsparishco
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Leyland & Chorley hockey club is based in Buckshaw Village and comprises of two ladies and two gents' teams as well as a large junior section for girls and boys aged 7-15. Our club caters for all ages and abilities, in fact our oldest player is 71!

Hockey is perhaps not the first sport that children are drawn to as most schools tend to promote sports such as netball and football but it really is a fantastic alternative for those children who perhaps just want to try something different.

It is a great way to build confidence especially in those little ones who may need it most.

Hockey is a great form of exercise and since it is a team sport, children who play learn the value of working with others. Playing on a hockey team gives little ones the experience of team spirit and encourages responsibility, trust and sportsmanship which extends into adulthood as teammates become co-workers, coaches become bosses and teams become the companies that they work for.

Leyland & Chorley hockey club recently benefitted from a grant from Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council to purchase new goals and allow the club to grow.

It's not expensive to get started, all your child will need is a mouth guard and some shin pads, we have lots of sticks to loan so there is no need to pay for one until you know they are going to 'stick' at it.

Our weekly training sessions take place on Sunday mornings from 10.30-12pm for age 10+ and from 11-12pm for ages 7-9 years on the Astro pitch at Buckshaw Village. It costs just £2.50 per player on a pay per play basis but we would encourage anyone who is interested to come and try hockey for free.



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WHITTLE-LE-WOODS & CLAYTON-LE-WOODS WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the War Memorial Committee was held on the 3rd March 1926 in the Bungalow Tea Rooms, (now the Doctor's Surgery), Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods. It was attended by six Members when a Chairman and Secretary were appointed and it was agreed that a Minute Book, Cash Book and Precept Book should be purchased. (We are still using the same Minute Book today).

Since then, regular meetings have taken place each year and in 1989 Councillor Eric Bell was appointed as Chairman and continues in that role currently. The Secretary, Mrs Eileen Whiteford was appointed in 1983 and she too continues in the same role. The Committee consists of six Councillors - three from Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council and three from Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council.



The War Memorial grounds continue to be managed by the War Memorial Committee and DWG Groundwork undertakes the grass cutting and general maintenance of the grounds and car park. The flower beds are planted up each Spring and Autumn and there are various seats to relax in a lovely, quiet environment. Currently, a tree survey is being undertaken to inspect damaged and dead trees.

An Annual Remembrance Service is held in November each year although, due to the current Covid restrictions, this has had to be a scaled down event to comply with the regulations and safety issues involved. Wreaths are laid and crosses are sited around the Cenotaph with our local Vicar, the Reverend Venables from St. John's Church, leading the Service including the reading of the 128 names of the soldiers lost in the two World Wars.

The War Memorial Committee endeavour to ensure that the grounds are kept in a lovely condition which continue to be a popular place to visit and enjoy.

There are graves in our three Churches of War dead from both Wars and crosses are also placed on each grave.

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The Whittle Walks Project

Thankyou to all who have contributed to the Parish Councils assessment of the Public Footpaths around the Parish. More contributions are welcome by emailing the Clerk: clerk@whittlelewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk.

We are now in the process of scoping the project to enable work to be carried out to enhance the pleasure we all take in spending time in the nature on our doorstep

Please keep an eye on the Parish Council Website for more info: www.whittlelewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

The Parish Council have also opted into the Lancashire County Council scheme to allow the Parish Council more freedom to carry out works on the Public Rights of Way (PROW) in the area.

Whittle & Clayton-le-Woods Cricket Club: 2021 Season Activities and Update

Thankfully the 2021 season was able to be a full program for the cricket club after the disruption caused by COVID-19 meant a vastly reduced 2020 schedule.

Our Saturday team, led by Captain Edward O'Donnell, enjoyed a full calendar of 20 league fixtures managing to win 8 matches during the season. With a massive 6 games lost due to erratic British summer weather, the team were left wondering what might have been after finishing 4th in division 5 of the Palace Shield. Captain O'Donnell accumulated the most runs and wickets for the Saturday 1XI. The away fixture at Bretherton saw a season best bowling performance of 7-24 from Shoeb Ghantiwala as he tore through the opposition.

The new Sunday side enjoyed 11 fixtures this year. Led by Captain Guy Barker, the side managed 3 wins but more importantly created a fun and enjoyable atmosphere in which to welcome the club's younger players as they progress from junior cricket to senior cricket. Anas Patel amassed 354 runs (including a devastating top score of 119 at Mawdesley) to win the Sunday batting statistics. Jonathan Cowell took the most wickets, totalling 13 including 4-36 in a tough game against Preston. Joseph Collier (a young man who has worked his way up through our junior section) had equal best figures, taking 4-36 against Gregson Lane.

2021 allowed the resumption of our junior section with regular training enjoyed on a Monday night. Led by Coach Stuart Barnish, a regular group of over 15 youngsters enjoyed a fun atmosphere in which to learn and improve their cricketing skills. The club was happy to welcome new faces to the juniors including 3 of our older All Stars/Dynamos, showing the club's commitment to provide progression for all our younger players.

The national All Stars Cricket (ASC) returned to Kem Mill Lane in 2021, with the club welcoming 35, 5 to 8 year-olds to the weekly Saturday morning sessions. Once underway, we were thankful that the weather largely co-operated and allowed the All Stars to thoroughly enjoy learning the basics of the great game of cricket.

Dynamos Cricket was a new addition to the club in 2021. The ECB national programme is for 8 to 11 year-olds and provides a natural and fun progression from ASC. The club welcomed 24 young players to the new programme, all of whom enjoyed 8 sessions during which they learnt new cricketing skills, played matches, swapped collectable cards from The Hundred and made new friends.

The club is indebted to our small but dedicated group of volunteers for facilitating so much cricket for so many people. Particularly for providing all of the fun and capacity for the 75+ under 18's who played in the juniors/Dynamos/All Stars in 2021.

One thing is certain, to maintain such high engagement with so many keen youngsters requires a growing volunteer base. The club are actively looking for new persons to join our rapidly expanding setup. Without which, there is no guarantee we can continue to provide for so many young and enthusiastic young cricketers.

If you have the desire to make a difference and can offer your time (even an hour or two a week!) please get in touch and we can discuss how you could really help your local cricket club.

The club would especially like to hear from anyone who could help with the following:

- Help with our junior section, either volunteer or coaching (whether that be qualified or looking to begin a coaching qualification – club assistance is available)
- Improving the facilities – this could be help with building work, repair, plumbing, electric, painting/ decorating or joining our Development Sub-Committee to offer ideas and expertise
- New players of all ages and abilities
- Umpires – both experienced and those looking to get into umpiring
- Fundraising – this could be directly offering sponsorship or working with others to raise money for the club.



Please bookmark our website and give us a follow on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with your local cricket club or you can contact our President Ian Crook on 01772315234 or lucyandian@hotmail.co.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Whittle & Clayton-le-Woods Cricket Club

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Christmas Fun for the Kids



1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. What does December have that no other month does?
4. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?
5. Where do snowmen go to dance?
6. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?



Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!



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ball elf snow
bell gift star
candy santa toy
deer sled tree

ANSWERS: 1. Winter 2. In the Dictionary 3. The letter 'D' 4. Silent Night 5. A snow ball 6. Neither, candles always burn shorter!

Emoji Crossword



Across



Down



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Update from Whittle Wanderers

The Adults Team

It's been a strange season so far, mainly because we are effectively playing every game away from home, playing our home games on Astley Park as we wait for the much needed and welcomed pitch upgrades to Kem Mill Lane to be completed.

Results have been up and down to say the least. As it stands, we have played ten games, winning two, drawing two and losing six. The majority of the games we have lost have been close affairs, with us being in the game until the last ten minutes and then losing by the odd goal. The one exception was when we were soundly beaten by the top of the league Waverley Park, who have played six and won six.

Off the pitch things are going from strength to strength, we have secured a sponsor, Renray Healthcare, who have kindly provided tracksuits for the full squad.

We have also kindly been donated a new kit by the Widow of much missed former manager Alastair Cudworth. I think everyone who met Alastair will appreciate the gesture of us having 'Cuddy' printed on the back of each shirt in memory of the great man.

We have, as always, been very well looked after by Mark and the Roebuck after games who are always happy to provide refreshments and food after each game, which is very much appreciated.

Hopefully when the next newsletter is published, I will be able to report an upturn in results.

Kris Mcmenamin, Chairman, Whittle Wanderers FC



News from the Junior Teams

U16s

(sponsors - Bricks N Mortar, PJF Builders, Curwen's Angling Centre)

The U16 have been placed in the top league, this will be a very hard season, played 3 (drew 1 and lost 2) but this was our goal to test our squad going forward, as we have progressed every season, since starting a new team in 2019. Next season we will be going into U18s so we will be holding trials to add more players to our squad, so if you are 15/16 now get in touch, even if you are at a club, we are offering a U18s Sunday team or there could be a chance/progression of playing for the Adults in the Lancashire Sunday League or contacts to a good level on a Saturday. Team Manager Ian Curwen

U12s

As a newly assembled team our U12's have taken huge strides since forming in June. Our aim was to provide a safe environment for players, to learn, develop and enjoy playing football within Whittle Community and local areas. The success so far as a team starts with the dedication of the coaches, players and parents associated to Whittle Wanderers and our collectiveness as a group which has helped push us to new levels as a team/club.

As we approach the Christmas period the U12's sit top of the table in the Central Lancashire Football League Division 1 and look to embark on a successful cup run over the New year.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Whittle Parish Council who have supported Whittle Wanderers and allowed us to develop and grow as a community club and a big shout out to the local businesses that have also supported and sponsored the U12's this season, Green Paw Walks, Curwen's Angling Centre & Kit Manufacturer Equip.

Please follow and support us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WhittleWanderersFootballClub>
Team Manager: Steve Arnold

Also in the new year, as a Club we are looking at setting up another **NEW TEAM in the 7-9yr age group**, if interested get in touch with Ian Curwen 07909187534

