

Whaley Bridge Town Council

Community Newsletter
Autumn 2006

Working for Bridgemont, Fernilee, Furness Vale,
Horwich End, Taxal and Whaley Bridge

Welcome to your local Community Newsletter, produced by Whaley Bridge Town Council to keep you informed about what we are doing. We would welcome any comments, feedback or suggestions for future copies. Large print version available on request.

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FARMERS' MARKETS

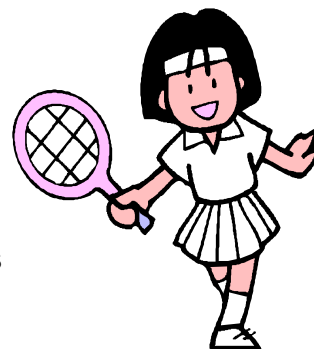
After a slow start, Whaley Bridge Farmers Markets have now become a regular event at the Jodrell Arms. A market will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from October - March 2007 with the exception of December.

MORE STALLS EACH MONTH
See you there!!

FURNESS VALE TENNIS COURT

High Peak Borough Council own and manage the tennis court which has fallen into disrepair. They have locked the court for the time being due to anti-social behaviour and to protect the safety of the site.

The court was upgraded some years ago and a local group was constituted to manage the site as open access was not ideal. This group has now ceased and the Borough plan to consult the residents of Furness Vale about the future management and use of this area.



Your Town Council is anxious to see this valuable facility brought back into community use to benefit local residents

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Bob Hall, Head of Environmental Services, at HPBC on 0845 129 7777.

SANDBAGS

Sandbags for flood protection are available free to any resident or business from the Mechanics Institute. Please note that these are empty and sand is **not** supplied.



WHALEY BRIDGE STATION.....

The bad news.....

Tom Levitt MP received a letter from Northern Rail stating:

“The current standard is that unless dispensation is received from HM Rail Inspectorate, the stepping distance between the train and platform should not exceed 11” horizontally or 10” vertically. Where necessary the vertical distance can be extended to 14” with HMRI approval. However, these limits only apply to new or rebuilt stations and did not apply when Whaley Bridge Station was built.”

“The suggestion of raising only a small part of the platform needs to be explored carefully and we will get back to you when we have a conclusion.”

We will all continue to campaign for safety and common sense.

Community Facilities for All?

Jon Taylor from the Community Facilities Steering Group reports:

“Last year, with the support of the Town Council, a group of Whaley Bridge residents met to consider the lack of adequate community facilities for groups and individuals to socialise and take part in group activities. The Group was set up to see whether there was a need for new groups and venues and, if there was, to see if these could be accommodated by using buildings not at present in use for this purpose or whether there was a case (and most importantly - would there be public support) for the creation of a community centre.

“The Group was started by the Council but has since become independent. We have a new Chair and Secretary - both residents of Whaley bridge but not associated with the Council. They are George Smith and Jon Taylor.

“After a number of meetings, we need now to establish just what you as residents might want and would use in practice – now and in the future. We are planning to hold a real consultation involving all ages from young children to the older members of the community. With the assistance of High Peak Council for Voluntary Service, we are now planning to apply for funding to carry out a full-scale community audit. This will cost something of the order of £5000 and should take place in November.

“If you are interested in this initiative and would like to join the Group, please come along to the Mechanics Institute on Wednesday 4 October or Wednesday 1 November next at 7 p.m. For further information, please phone George on 732634 or Jon on 732994. The group is open to all.”

WHALEY BRIDGE STATION.....The good news.....

The Friends of Whaley Bridge Station and Whaley Bridge and Taxal & Fernilee Primary Schools were awarded third place in the Community Art Schemes section of the National Community Rail Awards for the embossed zinc plaque of children’s artwork depicting rail links to Whaley Bridge.

If you haven’t seen this award-winning piece of artwork yet.....it can be found on the railings in front of the station approach. Go along and have a look!

Contact your Local Councillor

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Dates for your diary..

Bonfire Night

Saturday, 4th November
in the Memorial Park

Christmas Lights

Friday, 1st December

Station Car Park

Please avoid parking across the central footpath as this is causing problems for pedestrians trying to access the station without having to cross the cobblestones. It is especially difficult for people with disabilities, the elderly and those with pushchairs and luggage.

Thank you

Town Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the Mechanics Institute on the second Thursday of each month (except August). The meetings start at 7.30pm and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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The Town Council manages the community website so you can keep in touch with local news and information. If you have any local news, events or other items to include, then please send them to: admin@whaleybridge.com

