



Whaley Bridge Town Council

Community Newsletter
Winter 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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Town Clerk:
Stephanie Raybould

New Community Beat Officer

PC Kevin Ratcliffe is now the full time Community Beat Officer for Whaley Bridge. He plans to hold regular surgeries when you can go along and discuss your concerns.



Contact him on
0845 123 3333.

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR FURNESS VALE

Andrew Wild has been co-opted to represent the Furness Vale Ward on Whaley Bridge Town Council. He has lived in Furness Vale for 26 years and is a governor of Furness Vale Primary School. He can be contacted on 01663 747193.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MECHANICS INSTITUTE 130 YEARS OLD IN 2006

The building in the centre of Whaley Bridge which resembles a Town Hall is known as the Mechanics Institute. It is at the heart of the town and is a registered charity.

The Mechanics Institute was a voluntary movement founded in about 1820 to educate manual workers. The movement started in Whaley Bridge in 1855 in various premises until the present Mechanics Institute was built in 1876.

The building cost £1,300 plus £300 for the land which was all found from public donations. The first dance was held in the hall upstairs in 1884 and before too long this became a weekly feature. The library was opened in the basement in 1947.



Today the Institute is the home of Whaley Bridge Town Council and rooms can be hired for various functions including dances, wedding receptions, children's parties, meetings, etc. Newspapers are available in the Reading Room which is open to the public free of charge, Monday to Saturday.

A Volunteer Bureau operates in the Meeting Room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and the Citizens Advice Bureau holds a session on Thursday morning. It is also used for adult education classes, keep fit and every Saturday local organisations hold fundraising coffee mornings. You can hire the facilities from £7.50 per hour. For more information or to make a booking, contact Stephanie on 01663 733068.

Big Lottery Success for Footsteps

Footsteps is a drop-in centre on Market Street which is open every day except Sunday. It is an internet café and offers an amazing range of secondhand books for sale at bargain prices. Following a successful application to the Big Lottery Fund it has been given a grant of £112,000 towards improving facilities for people with disabilities, installing a lift to all floors and new toilets.



Building work will start during the Spring and will be completed within a year. Plans are also afoot to refurbish the basement area for use as a centre for young people to meet together. It is hoped it will operate along the lines of a regular youth club with the help of trained youth workers supplied by Derbyshire County Council.



New volunteers are always welcome. Come in and have a coffee and a chat and view the plans which are displayed on the wall in the café.

For more information please contact Jean Horsfall. Tel: 01663 732463

HONORARY TOWNSMAN

On 12th January 2006, Whaley Bridge Town Council resolved that Mr Joseph Alan Johnson should receive the accolade of Honorary Townsman of Whaley Bridge in recognition of his dedicated services to the community for more than 50 years. Alan has served on Whaley Bridge Urban District Council, is a founder member and President of the Amenity Society and has been a governor of Whaley Bridge Primary School for 51 years.

Contact your Local Councillor

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Cllr Linda Leather* 95 Buxton Road Whaley Bridge SK23 7HX Phone: 733008 * Vice Chair	Cllr Ray Wild 225 Buxton Road Furness Vale SK23 7PZ Phone: 745726	Cllr John Swift Mads-car Farm, Taxal SK23 7EA Phone: 0777 5691403	Cllr Anne Winter** 63 Whaley Lane Whaley Bridge SK23 7BA Phone: 734307 ** Chair

Dates for your diary

Mechanics Institute Coffee Mornings

February

- 4th WB Art Group
- 11th Friends of the
Memorial Park
- 18th Taxal Farmers
Cricket Club
- 25th Labour Party

March

- 4th WB Well Dressing
- 11th Liberal Democrats
- 18th E. Cheshire Hospice
- 25th WB Rose Queen

Whaley Water Weekend

Sat/Sun 17th/18th June

Rose Queen Carnival

Saturday 24th June 2006

Well Dressing Blessing

Sunday 25th June 2006

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

