



## Events Diary

*Venue: WH Coronation village hall unless stated otherwise*

Every Tuesday night – Chêne Dog Training Club 7pm

### April 2010

**8th** WI – talk on Trading Standards

**17th** Acrylic Painting Workshop 10.30am-1.30pm (contact Sue Gray p3)

**24th** Quiz Night 7.30pm

**29th** Acrylic Painting Workshop 10.15am-12.15pm

### May 2010

**9th** 'Spud-in-a-tub' competition 2.30pm-4pm

**20th** Acrylic Painting Workshop 10.15am-12.15pm

**21st** The Church of St John the Evangelist, Ashley Green and Whelpley Hill - coffee afternoon. 1.30pm-3.30pm

### June 2010

**2nd** WI Equestrian Evening at Classic Dressage

**12th** Acrylic Painting Workshop 10.30am-1.30pm

**17th** Acrylic Painting Workshop 10.15am-12.15pm

**20th** Pet Show 2pm

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## Welcome

Welcome to our Spring and Summer newsletter.

On December 5th we held the **Christmas Fayre**. There was a great turnout for this event with nearly 30 children enjoying their gifts brought by Father Christmas in his 'reindeer' and trap. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, donated raffle prizes, helped set up, man stalls and clear up. The Fayre raised £359.

On December 13th the **Carol Service** was kindly hosted by Nicola and Ray Cottrell. The church looked beautiful and was bursting at the seams with people and festive cheer!

Alan and Jo Dyas hosted another **Quiz Night** on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. This was a huge success with over 60 people attending and raising £520 towards the hall funds. Don't

miss the next quiz scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> April – that will be our last one until the autumn.

**Future events** – please come along and support our events. We always welcome new faces and if you have any ideas for events you'd like to see us hold, please let us know. If anyone would like to join the Coronation Hall committee, please do contact us. You can do as little or as much as you feel able and it is a good way to meet new people. Alternatively, if you just want to offer help for occasional events this would also be greatly appreciated.

**Hall Update** – The first phase of renovations to the Coronation Hall is almost complete. It looks terrific and makes all our fund-raising efforts seem worthwhile now we can see such huge improvements.



However, we still have more to do, such as refurbish the antiquated kitchen and toilets and extend to create an additional meeting room. This is a continuing project so we can't rest on our laurels! Committee members are currently busy completing grant application forms in a bid to obtain additional funds to allow us to complete all the work.

Why not use some of the upcoming events as an excuse to come and see the inside of the hall. The hall is there for the whole community to use and enjoy.

**Still wanted!** We'd be pleased to receive any information, articles, memories, historical facts or family news that may be of interest to the local community. Please do contact us.

**Pauline & Dale**

## WANTED—YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

There are **TWO** vacancies for Parish Councillors for the Whelpley Hill ward of Ashley Green Parish Council.

This means that Whelpley Hill currently has no resident on the Parish Council to voice the needs of Whelpley Hill.



### What is involved?

- attending 6-8 meetings per year
- advising and reporting on matters relating to Whelpley Hill

For further information please contact the Clerk, Mrs L Spriggs on 01442 866754 or email, [ashleygreen.clerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ashleygreen.clerk@yahoo.co.uk)

## The Church of St John the Evangelist Ashley Green with Whelpley Hill

Invites you to a coffee afternoon:

**Date:** Friday 21st May  
**Time:** 1.30 to 3.30 pm  
**Venue:** Coronation Hall, Whelpley Hill

So that we may meet you and you may meet us!

We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like a visit from a member of the clergy or require a lift, please phone:  
Revd Jo' Williams: 07944 178 687

Jo' has recently retired as Church of England Co-ordinating Chaplain at Aylesbury prison and has joined St John's as a colleague of Revd Hilary Wilson. You will be seeing Jo' around Whelpley Hill at the end of April and during May as she and Lisbeth knock on doors.

We will be asking the people of Whelpley Hill: What can we do for you?

## Whelpley Hill Women's Institute

Whelpley Hill WI is thriving with 15 members and meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Village Hall covering a wide variety of topics. Visitors are most welcome at a cost of £1 to cover tea, coffee and cake. The programme for 2010 includes:

**April 8th** Trading Standards  
**May 13th** Canal Boat trip  
(members only)

**June 2nd** Equestrian evening  
7pm at Classic Dressage

**July 8th** Amersham Fair Organ  
Museum

**August Summer break**

**Sept. 9th** BFRS Fire Safety

**Oct. 14th 8pm** AGM

followed by a quiz

**Nov. 11th** Remembrance Day  
Talk

**Dec. 9th** Christmas Party  
(members and guests)

All our meetings in the hall start at 7.30pm come along and you will be sure of a warm welcome, and great company. If you are interested in finding out more, please ring Ann Trigg 01442 833927.

## Parish Council News

The two dead trees opposite Coronation Hall have now been replaced – a Rowan and a Whitebeam.

Earlier this year, responding to requests, the Parish Council installed a directional sign for Coronation Hall at the junction with Grove Lane near the bus stop.

The 30mph has been passed for Whelpley Hill and I believe the signage is due April time [ed.note: this may be later!]. We are also continuing our ongoing efforts to improve the condition and drainage of the

road surface in the valley of White Hill. A grit bin has been placed there which has hopefully now been moved to half way up the hill where it should have been placed.

After many months of communication with Bucks County Council the road from the B4505 into the Whelpley Hill was resurfaced last October

*Lucy Spriggs*

### High Speed Rail Link –

You may be aware of the Government's well publicised route for the new high speed rail

link – straight up the Misbourne valley! Whilst this would not affect us directly the whole area is an AONB and rightfully there are a lot of protests. In mitigation it should be noted that much of the route, from the M25 to Amersham is in tunnel so operationally would not be an issue. But west (up valley) of this it would be on the surface and very close to places like South Heath and Wendover which is not acceptable. Construction, of course, would disrupt the whole area.

Less well known is an alternative route which is in a 28km tunnel from London to Kings Langley then passes just north east of Bovingdon and through Little Hay golf course. It would pass north east of the airfield, through Haresfoot Farm and intersect the A416 at the A41 junction just north of Ashley Green. This would affect all of us very directly so we should all keep well aware of progress with the proposals for this new rail link.

*Alan Dyas*



As most of you are aware, there have been changes at The White Hart. Ali Al Sersy, who has been at the pub for nearly a year as chef, is now running the pub. The team consists of new faces – Jamie, and some familiar faces – Robin.

Ali is continuing with the great menus that we've come to expect from him. Offering a

## The White Hart Pub

good value 2 course Lunch menu for £11 (extra course £5). A typical lunch menu, for example:

### Starters

*Courgette, tomato, smoked garlic soup, lemon foam*  
*Roast Goat Cheese, Green Bean Salad*

### Mains

*Calves liver, Lonnie potatoes, orange essence*  
*Roast plaice, leek, cream, mashed potato*

*Slow braised ox cheek, cabbage, crispy potatoes*

### Desserts

*Cheese Board*  
*Apple Cheesecake*  
*Sticky toffee pudding, Crème anglaise*

There is an extensive a la carte menu with starters, such as 'tiger prawns, crab meatballs, chilli, garlic, coriander' at around £5-£6. Mains are £12-£15, such as 'Sirloin of beef,

chips and mustard dip', 'Pan roast cod, vertes, cream, crispy potato'. Desserts are £5. Teas and coffees are also available.

Opening times: midday – 11pm. If you wish to contact The White Hart, please call 01442 833367.

So if you've not been to The White Hart lately, do drop in and meet the new team.

## Tiger Line Bus Service - Update



Woottons have secured funding from Bucks County Council to continue support of the Tiger Line T1 service for a period of 12 months, which combined with the changes made to the timetable should see the

timetable secure for the next 12 months.

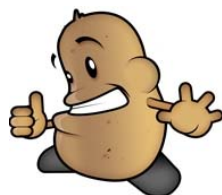
Secondly on the T1S, which links Whelpley Hill to The Misbourne School we are introducing term tickets which provide an even greater

discount to those using the service. Please see our web site or contact Tiger Line for the form to apply for this discount.

*Phil Lightowler*

*Commercial Manager*

## 'Spud in a Tub' Competition 2010



**Sunday 9th May**

**2.30-4pm**

**Whelpley Hill  
Coronation Hall**

**Refreshments  
available**

Following the success of the 2009 'Spud in a Tub' Competition, we running another competition this year. So please drop in to the Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm onwards to choose your seed potato(es).

You can also see how the first phase of village hall renovations has gone and enjoy some light refreshments. Also, exchange ideas for creating a Vegetable Club (see page 4).

Entry fee - £1 per seed potato (or £2 for 3). Complete an entry form and take your seed potato home and plant in a portable container (eg. tub, bucket, bin, bag). Nurture it and encourage it and bring your container to the 'tipping out' and 'weigh in' on 5th September at The Coronation Hall (transport can be arranged). The winner will

be the person whose single seed potato has produced the heaviest crop.

Prizes for the winners of the under 16 years and for the adult section.

The top weight last year was a single crop weighing in at 18lb 6oz (8.4Kg) – so why not see if you can top that?

If you can't make it on 9<sup>th</sup> May but would like to take part, please ring Pauline on 833286 for an entry form and seed potato.

If you have any contributions, comments or ideas, please contact us, we'd love to hear from you:

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## Whelpley Hill – useful contact information

*Acrylic Painting Workshop:* please book in advance via Susan Gray on 01442 831474

*Arriva Bus Service:* 0844 800 44 11

*Bucks CC Transport and Footpaths:* 0845 230 2882

*Chène Dog Training Club:* John on 01442 871182

*Chesham Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team:* PCSO Victoria Cooper C9007

[Victoria.cooper@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Victoria.cooper@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or call 0845 8 505 505

*Parish Council:* Lucy Spriggs, Clerk of the Parish Council [ashleygreen.clerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ashleygreen.clerk@yahoo.co.uk) or 01442 866754.

*Pot Holes! :* Highways on Call on 0845 230 2882 or by email to [hoc@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:hoc@buckscc.gov.uk)

*Revd Jo' Williams St John the Evangelist Ashley Green with Whelpley Hill:* 07944 178 687

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*The White Hart Pub:* 01442 833367

*Village Hall Bookings:* 07543 385597

*Whelpley Hill Oil Buying Group:* Keith on 01442 833075 or via email at [KEITH\\_872@fsmail.net](mailto:KEITH_872@fsmail.net)

*Whelpley Hill Women's Institute:* Ann Trigg Tel 01442 833927

*Wootens Tiger Line Bus Service:* 01494 774411

## Whelpley Hill Pet Show

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**2pm onwards**  
**in the**  
**Coronation Hall and**  
**Gardens**

This is a fun day out for all the family. Bring your pet(s) along and show them off and may be win a prize!

Previously we've had everything from grasshoppers, snakes, a Giant African Snail to ponies. And if you don't have a pet,

don't worry, there will be a class for soft toy animals.

Put the date in your diary and look out for posters and more information around the village nearer the time.

Or call: 07543 385597.

## Greenfingers and Vegetable Clubs!

After the long hard winter it's good to finally get out into the garden to get planting.

Not only can you get great crops from potatoes grown in containers as was proved at our last year's 'Spud-in-the-tub' weigh in – you can grow virtually any veg or salad crop in some form of container. The easiest are herbs. The terracotta strawberry planter pots that can have five or six openings for planting are ideal

and you can combine a wide variety of herbs in a small space.

Salad leaves, particularly the 'cut and come again' varieties are also great to have outside the kitchen door. Look out for the salad leaf variety seed packs that are good value, particularly in Wilkinson's.

Many Whelpley Hill residents grow their own veg and last year it was suggested forming a club so people can swap produce

when there is a glut of one particular crop, or maybe it might be possible to sell surplus produce to non-growers? If this idea appeals, why not come along to the hall on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm and we can get together a list of anyone interested. Alternatively, email Dale or myself to be included.

*Pauline*



## Whelpley Hill Quiz Night

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April 10**  
**7.30 for 7.45pm start**

A fun evening - questions designed for everyone. Topics covering anything and everything!

Tickets: £10 each to include fish & chip supper (bring your own drink).

Either make up your own team of 6 or come along and join a table. Prizes for the winning

team. Entry by ticket only.

Proceeds to the Village Hall renovation fund. For more information please call 01442 833286.