

Whyteleaf Business Association

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NEWSLETTER



Message from the Chairman

It is a well known and proven fact that word of mouth referral is invaluable to businesses. With this in mind, the Whyteleaf Business Association was set up in Spring 2010. Our aim is to raise the profile of all businesses in Whyteleaf and to enable networking amongst

members. All members are committed to promoting other members to their cause.

Since its establishment there have already been a number of referrals which only help in generating growth within the local economy. There are over 120 businesses in Whyteleaf covering a broad range of services; by joining the Association you will be making a number of useful contacts that could potentially grow your business. The Association holds meetings

from time to time in order for businesses to network and promote themselves. We have now been running for 6 months and there are exciting plans afoot. Please look through this, our first Newsletter for details. Also a first, the Christmas Tree (see page 7) we are placing at the roundabout at the Tavern on the 8th December. I look forward to seeing businesses and residents (especially children where sweets and treats are offered!). Then there is our Christmas General Meeting (see page 10) at the Whyteleaf Tavern for all members and potential members. (Festive refreshments will be available.) So come and meet us.

The Association is always looking for new members to join. If you run your own business, however large or small, we are keen to hear about the services you offer. If you would like to become a member please get in touch. (info@whyteleafbusinessassociation.co.uk)

Derek Vivian, Association Chairman

NEWS FLASH

SNOW TO HIT WHYTELEAFE

- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS UP THE SQUARE
- MULLED WINE
- MINCE PIES
- SANTA CLAUS
- SWEETS & TREATS
- CAROL SINGING BY ST LUKE'S CHURCH CHOIR
- FUN FOR ALL
- IT'S ALL FREE
- STARTS AT 6PM AT THE WHYTELEAFE TAVERN
(SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS)



A message from Cllr Sakina Bradbury

The idea of forming the Whyteleaf Business Association came to me when several businesses complained to me about the long term road works that blighted their trade sometime ago and I was surprised that Whyteleaf had no representative body.

Over time my initiative developed and owing to members' enthusiasm and vision we now have a healthy association lead by a capable committee.

The aim is to embrace all Whyteleaf businesses to achieve a vibrant representation locally; and to promote further business services to Whyteleaf and other local areas.

A visual impact is always vital to attract local attention and support and Christmas lights would be an ideal opportunity to promote The Association.

I believe we all feel we have established a lasting legacy and it is now down to the committee and members to ensure that the

Whyteleaf Business Association enjoys a mutually beneficial and thriving future.

I am confident of your success.

I was very pleased that Steve Weighel, Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council kindly accepted my invitation to address the general meeting on very short notice; I was delighted to see Steve in the Whyteleaf Tavern for the meeting of Association Members.

I would like to thank Tom for making his premises at The Whyteleaf Tavern available to us for most meetings and his generosity in providing free refreshments each time.

Thanks to CS Podd & Son Ltd, for the printing, free of charge.

Thanks to Derek Vivian, who has taken up the role as a chairman of this organisation, so many thanks.

Also to Mark Coote who is playing a very active part, despite his very busy time as Chairman of Whyteleaf Football Club.

Not least a sincere thanks to all the Committee members who have given their time to make the Association a success.



'ON THE BEAT' - THE WHYTELEAFE POLICE TEAM

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As I always like to end with the good news, the (small) bad news is that we still have an ongoing problem with fuel make-offs from BP and Total garages, with also the occasional shoplifting as well. If any local traders are using these facilities, please be extra aware of any suspicious activity or body language by others around you. The overwhelming good news is that business-wise, Whyteleafe is otherwise a normally quiet area to work in.

If you haven't met me or Leessa, and would like us to pop in for a chat, please call me on 07967 988665 or email on Kelley12599@surrey.pnn.police.uk.

We are happy to serve you and the community, continuing to keep you all happy and safe day by day. We will see you out there on our patrols !!"

Many thanks for including me in the first newsletter.

Kind regards, Rupert - PCSO 12599 Rupert Kelley



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- 1) Smarten the 'look' of the village
- 2) Act as 'one voice' to local authority for matters concerning businesses.
- 3) Develop a strong website and newsletter for members to 'advertise' themselves.
- 4) Maintain good liaison with the Police on behalf of members

List of Committee Members

Chairman - Derek Vivian • Treasurer - Rita Henry • David Podd • Tom Dempsey • Rupert Kelley • Mark Coote
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St Catherine's Hospice is calling on local people of all ages to get into the festive fundraising spirit and sign up for their sponsored Santa Run which starts 10.30am, December 12th at Whyteleafe Recreation Ground.

The Santa Run is all about fun, and everyone who takes part gets a sponsor form and a free Santa suit (under 6s receive a Santa hat). With no pressure to finish the 3K route around the flat part of the park and it's the ideal event for families, and dogs are welcome to join in as long as they're on a lead.

It's the first time St Catherine's has held a Santa Run in Whyteleafe, following the expansion of their vital end of life care services in East Surrey last year. For 2010, the event is kindly sponsored by Southern Railway who will be helping promote the run at its stations across the area.

Jen Wickham, Events Fundraiser at St Catherine's Hospice says, "Signing up for the Santa Run is a brilliant way to support our work and the money raised will ensure that families across the area will be supported by our care at Christmas."

It costs just £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16 to sign up, with registration closing on Friday 26th November. Or you can enter on the day at £15 for adults or £8 for children. And all participants will receive festive refreshments and a medal as well.

For registration forms or further information, log onto the Hospice's special Christmas site www.stch.org.uk/christmas or contact Jen Wickham on 01293 447364.

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Frances Gardener



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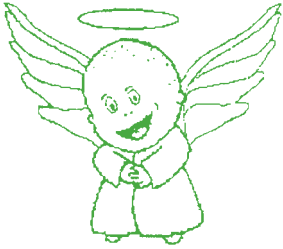
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8TH - THE WHYTELEAF BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SWITCHING ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS QUIZ

10TH - COMEDY CLUB - 8PM

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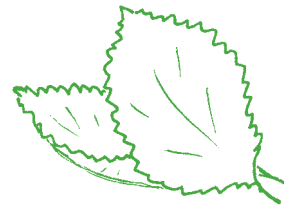
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Around The Village



GOOD BYE TO CORAL'S



Photo was supplied by Rayners Commercial.

I have at last decided to hang up my scissors and retire from my hairdressing, after 50 years at CORAL'S, they have been very happy years in my small salon. I have made so many friends. I would

like to say my heart felt 'thank you' to my lovely clients, who have supported me over the past half a century!!

In 1960, when I opened, Whyteleaf was very different from now - it was a real country village - and a very friendly community, we all knew one another - but I am sure 'Whyteleaf Business Association' will regain much of that again.

I do wish them all the very best in achieving this.

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Whyteleaf Business Association General Meeting

at

**The Whyteleaf Tavern
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TOM'S THOUGHTS



To the members of Whyteleaf Business Association and all residents.

As a resident and member of the Whyteleaf Community it is in my interest to give voice to my opinions and observations.

Forgive me, but the potential in front of us all is enormous. The woes and disbelief abiding during the economic crisis/decline appear to be sending everyone more into a state of despondency and apathy.

Should this be the case it is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop your business.

Without drive, ambition, enthusiasm and communication your business may not survive.

There is totally no validity in your attendance at the Whyteleaf Business Association unless you are prepared to network and make some positive contribution.

Will you wait for someone else to do something for you or will you actively excite and inspire peoples interest in your business?

This community needs you and you need the community.

Shout, stand up, advertise and do yourself a favour.

Tom Dempsey, Landlord of The Whyteleaf Tavern

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAUL

WHYTELEAF FREE CHURCH

We have recently observed yet another service of remembrance, the 90th occasion that we have honoured our war-dead in this way since the end of WW1 in 1918. This year I read a very interesting excerpt from the record of Whyteleaf Free Church's centennial history just before we observed the two minute silence. That record was drawn up to mark the occasion in 1985 by the then Church Secretary, Jack Harvey.

The women of the church in the early part of the last century used to make garments to be sent abroad to missionaries with whom we had contact. They could not do this during the war, so made garments for families in the village, many of whom had a real need in those years of grinding poverty. The appearance of the local children was greatly enhanced as a result!

After 125 years, the Free Church is still proclaiming the gospel of Jesus, whether in word or deed. It is an enduring privilege to do so. Do feel free to look us up, either on the web or in person.

Paul Risley - Pastor



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With two hours of your time a month it's amazing how much difference that will make!

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Our local volunteers are skilled in many areas and are both willing and happy to assist you as best they can, they CARE. If you think of any other areas where we may be of help we would love to hear from you.

We would be very pleased to know if you are interested in joining Helping Hands as your help will make a huge difference to our community.

Please call me on 01883 343417 with any information or to discuss joining Helping Hands

Sakina Bradbury - Chairman



REV'D BOB ON ST LUKE'S WHYTELEAFE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

A church for all the people of Whyteleafe

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I can understand many people do not realise that the Church of England is the established church in the land and as such has both a moral and civic duty to all its citizens. That's why the official Remembrance Sunday Parade is held in your local Church of England parish church and for example these parades are attended by local councillors in their civic capacity regardless of their faith. In many of our churches the local business community play their part and this is to be encouraged. For example at the next Remembrance Sunday Parade at St Luke's one would hope to see the Chairperson of Whyteleafe Business Community attend in his official capacity.

As a Church of England Priest I am a Chaplain to my specific congregation but I am also both a Priest and Shepherd to everyone living in the Parish of Whyteleafe. That is why as 'Pub Chaplain' at the Whyteleafe Tavern I am happy to engage and chat to people of all faiths and none.

Our Sunday morning service is at 10am and we would be please to see you.

God bless, Bob - Rev'd Bob Weldon



FUN AND GAMES AT WHYTELEAFE FOOTBALL CLUB

Whyteleafe F.C is based in Church Road and competes in Division One South of the Ryman Football League.

It is a genuinely local football club serving the communities of Whyteleafe, Caterham, Warlingham, Kenley and across East Surrey.

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