

## Newsletter — April 2023

## Working for our future....

## **Because Community Matters**

WHITWICK HISTORICAL GROUP

Invites you to join in an event to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY
WHITWICK COLLIERY DISASTER

Saturday, 22<sup>ND</sup> April 2023 2 pm to 5 pm

Whitwick Park Hall North Street

Whitwick LE67 5HA
to be officially opened by
PETER SMITH
Leicestershire Coal Industry Welfare T

David Herbert Minister, Whitwick Baptist Church

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR

MORE DETAILS AS TO WHAT WILL BE THERE NEARER THE TIME

# **BECAUSE COMMUNITY MATTERS**

# **125th Anniversary**

## **Whitwick Colliery Disaster**

On 19th April 1898, Leicestershire's worst mining disaster occurred as a result of a "gob" fire during the night shift in pit No. 5 when 42 colliers were underground. Most of the miners were trapped at workings beyond the fire and there were only 7 survivors.

Attempts were made to recover the bodies of the victims but 12

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#### LOCAL ELECTIONS — 4th May 2023

Make sure you can have your say on 4th May 2023.

If you don't currently have any photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID by scanning the QR code below, by visiting: -

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or by calling: - 0800 328 0280





# Woodstock in Whitwick and Whitwick Parish Council Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 2nd North Street Park LE67 5HX Starts 11 am - please arrive on time to avoid disappointment Family friendly. Child friendly. Dog friendly. Raffle. Refreshments. Prizes

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The gates to Whitwick
Park are opened at
8am all year round
but the closing time
varies according to
the season. From 1
April, the park closing

time extends to



**7.30pm** and for the months of May to August, the park gates will remain open until 8.30pm.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Acting Parish Manager: Tracey McLean** 

Community Office, 3a Market Place,

Whitwick, LE67 5DT

**FURTHER DETAILS OF** 

**COMMEMMORATION** 

Opening hours: Weds 1.00pm to 4.00pm,

Thurs / Fri 10.00am to 1.00pm)

Telephone: 01530 459527 Email: clerk@whitwickpc.org

Whitwick Park Hall available for hire

North Street, Whitwick, LE67 5HA **Email:** bookings@whitwickpc.org