

# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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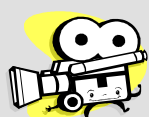
Dear Readers,

Thanks to Gill Whitworth who edited this month's issue

**All items for the attention of the editor should be sent to**  
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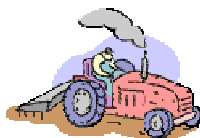
The deadline for the June issue is 15<sup>th</sup> May

(Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!)  
Or, if you prefer, post to Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or contact Theodora Critchley on 01925 730569.



**Whitley Village Hall**  
No film in May

## **A Date for your Diary**



**CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOW**  
**21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

## **Whitley Village School News**

**Open Day** - The school will be holding its Open Day on Thursday 5th May from 9am until 6pm. We would like to encourage friends and neighbours with pre-school children, and people from the wider community to come along. Visitors will get the opportunity to see the excellent work that the children are doing and get a taste of life at the school. There will be activities for all so please come along and see what your local school is up to.

**'As The Ship Goes Down'** - FOWS annual party night will take place on Saturday 14th May, 7.30pm - til midnight at Whitley Village Hall, which will be transformed into the deck of the Titanic for the night. Dress for the captains table, or in a nautical outfit, or let your imagination run wild and surprise us all! Tickets cost £12.50 per head (bring your own drinks and nibbles).

## **Birthdays of the Month**



Eve Pennington    Laura Warburton  
10 yrs on 21<sup>st</sup> May    4 yrs on 28<sup>th</sup> May

**"Happy Birthday To You...!"**

## **Whitley WI**

Heightened expectations surround the Whitley WI April meeting as it is the turn of the Members' Night committee to take over for the evening and the agenda is a closely guarded secret. Members were not disappointed. Local speaker, Neil Cliffe, enthralled everyone with his fascinating and inspirational description of how "I made my first million and spent it". Following a spell in hospital and wanting to 'put something back' to help other patients he started in a slow way buying hospital equipment, including an endoscopy for £9,000 and scanners.

Eventually, after raising millions of pounds with the help of well-known celebrities, including Coronation Street stars and journalist and former Whitley resident journalist, Suzy Mathis, in 1992 he opened a special cancer care centre, plus a teaching unit - an extension to Wythenshawe Hospital - for patients and carers and open to anyone.

Elizabeth Alms, President for the evening, thanked Paula Priestner, Whitley WI President, and her committee for the time and commitment they give to the organisation and introduced her fellow officers, Shirley Cock, Secretary, Pat Sharp, Treasurer and her committee. The evening finished with a quiz organised by Sue Abbott.

There will be a gift for people booking 10 tickets together and also a prize for the best (and most innovatively) decorated table. You will be greeted with a drink from the Captain whilst being serenaded; the disco will be provided by the marvellous Steve Fry and in usual FOWS style there will be entertainment that only Whitley can provide! If you and your friends would like to join us, please contact Nikki Barker, 01928 713923

or [nikki.barker@btinternet.com](mailto:nikki.barker@btinternet.com). Cheques (made payable to Friends of Whitley School) can be sent on to Nikki at 14 Redace Close, Dutton, Warrington, WA4 4JU) or dropped in at school.

**Bags 2 School** - Many thanks to everyone at the school, in the village (and wider community) for supporting our Bags 2 School at the end of March. We raised £380, thank you. The next collection will take place on 8th November 2011, so please start collecting now.

Rose Queen Selection Party - We would like to thank the Rose Queen Committee for a marvellous party on Selection Night and say a big thanks for the £150 that was donated towards our preparations for the Rose Queen Day. The children are looking forward to taking part and we are sure that the school will once again do the village proud.

### Nearly New Sale



Whitley Community Pre-School are hosting a Nearly New Sale on May 8th 12:30 - 2:30 in order to raise funds for preschool. Donations of good quality items such as, clothing, children's toys, book and DVDs, games and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Items can be collected locally or dropped off at the village hall between 10:30 and 12:00 on the day of the sale. Admission £1 for adults, children free. Refreshments available. For further information, or to arrange a collection please contact Di Buckley 07736246015 or [frogiefeet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frogiefeet@yahoo.co.uk)

Future events were announced, including a coffee morning and short concert on 16 April given by the Weaver Valley WI Choir, a craft workshop on 9 May, the Village Group Spring Lunch on 16 May and a coffee morning for the local Homestart on 29 June.

With the milder spring weather recently we can see more insect activity in our gardens and following a further busy morning of weed and nettle clearing, wildflower seed sowing and shrub planting in mid March, the Whitley Bee Garden is now ready to receive visitors – with wings and without! A huge thank you to Sue Beesley, owner of Bluebell Cottage Gardens and her husband for their help and support and to those Whitley members, family and friends who worked so hard. It's a great addition to the local landscape and wildlife of Whitley village.

Visitors and potential members are always welcome at any of our meetings, workshops and events and for full details and information about all Whitley WI activities, monthly rambles and book club check Whitley WI website or ring Paula on 01925 730564 or Mary on 01925263466. Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Whitley Village Hall.



### 2011 RETINUE

**Rose Queen – Olivia Monaghan**

**Chief Attendant – Joy Whyte**

**Small Attendants – Lily Turnbull & Jodie Sellers**

**Crown Bearer – David Hough**

**Train Bearers – Tilly O'Rourke & Logan O'Rourke**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING ROSE QUEEN

Aisla would like to say a big thank you to all her retinue and the rose queen committee for all their help and support. Aisla has had a fab time and hopes Olivia has a good time too. Her mum Dee enjoyed being M in the panto and meeting James Bond.

## MOTHERS UNION

May 11th - Deanery Festival - 7 p.m. St Luke's Church, Lower Whitley

May 19th - Diocesan Festival 11 a.m - Chester Cathedral

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Anybody interested in learning how to Maypole Dance

Please contact Katie Lavender 730733  
Lessons to start April/May

## Whitley Homewatch Meeting/Call for Co-Ordinators

Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Bearing in mind the number of recent break-ins in Whitley, we are having a meeting to improve communication, and vigilance.

If you would like to be involved then please come along.

If you would like further information contact Karen Moore, PC to Whitley PC, on 01925 730012 or email karenbmoore@btinternet.com.

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN MAY 2011. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Please contact Karen Moore, Clerk to Whitley Parish Council 01925 730012 or for further information National Association of Local Councils (NALC), www.nalc.gov.uk.

**Next Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

### Whitley Friendly Club

26<sup>th</sup> May Members Garden Party  
at Village Hall 2 – 4pm.

Meetings as usual in Whitley Village Hall every other week 2-4pm. New friends always welcome



### Mobile Library

At Whitley Village Hall car park

from 9.15 – 9.45 am

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW ROSE QUEEN

The reason why I wanted to be chosen to be Rose Queen was because I am looking forward to supporting my village, and attending all the things I have to go to.

I am an animal lover; I have a pony of my own, two dogs, and two cats and three goldfish. I love fishing and riding my pony.

I am very excited and am looking forward to being crowned on my 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. I can't think of a better way to celebrate.

I am really pleased that Joy, Lilly, Jodie, Tilly, Logan, and David are in my retinue, and can share what I hope will be a wonderful day.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Olivia Monaghan



## Friends of St Luke's

**The AGM will take place on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm at Grimsditch Barn, Grimsditch Lane. Contact M Barber for details if required (730784)**

## Services at St Luke's

1 May	9.30am Holy Communion
8 May	9.30am Family Service
15 May	9.30am Holy Communion
22 May	9.30am Morning Prayer
29 May	11.00am United Service of Holy Communion at St Luke's Lower Whitley

### Whitley Village News Committee 2011

Sue Critchley  
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01925 730712

## Village Hall Lottery - April Draw Results

**Will be announced .....next month!**



Would you like to participate in it? For an entry form please 'phone either Jane Gleave on **730773** or June Smither **730478**. The lottery is drawn every month with 4 winners.

### Home Watch Co-Ordinators/Community Contacts

The following information has been received from Trading Standards. Please share widely.

“A resident has reported receiving an unsolicited telephone call from an alleged British Gas employee. The caller claims the consumer is due a £400 rebate and requested personal details in order that the sum of money is paid directly into her bank account.

Please **DO NOT** give out any personal information as this is a scam.

If you or anyone you know has received a similar telephone call please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or visit [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)”

Cheshire Constabulary Western Watch Office supports Home Watch Schemes across Chester, Ellesmere Port, Neston and Vale Royal, and is based in the Western Partnership Office, Northwich Police Station.

E-mail [western.watch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:western.watch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

**TO CONTACT THE POLICE CALL 0845 458 0000**

### Planning Applications 2011

**Full up to date details of all planning applications can be found on the web site**  
**[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)**

<b>Application No. and Date</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Whitley Parish Council Approve / Refuse</b>	<b>Date Cheshire West &amp; Chester Approve / Refuse</b>
10/02257/FUL 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Two storey extension to rear	Whitley Edge, Village Lane	Mr C Wilson	Objection	Dismissed 13 April 2011
10/02364/WAS Dated 22nd Oct 2010	Importation of inert materials to restore land to agricultural use	Land corner of Limes Lane and Tarporley Road.	Mr Bryan	No objection subject to removal of haul road, reinstatement of Limes Lane and verges to original condition.	Awaiting Decision
10/01053/FUL 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010 Appeal letter dated 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2010	Single storey extension to side and two storey extension to rear	Five Oaks, Raddel Lane	Mr J Bryan	Awaiting new planning application	
10/01303/OUT Appeal Letter dated 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	Agricultural worker's dwelling	Yew Tree Nurseries, Normans Lane	Mr G Whittaker		Refused Appeal Hearing 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 11
11/00189/FUL Dated 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011	Extension to existing detached garage	Ivy Dene Cottage, Tarporley Road			Approved 10 March 2011
11/00205/FUL Dated 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2011	Single storey rear garden room	Chetwode Cottage, Street Lane	Mr & Mrs Moore		Approved 23 March 2011
11/00242/FUL	Single storey rear extension and front porch	Wash Cottage, Tarporley Road			Approved 10 March 2011
11/00663/LDC 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011	Application for certificate of lawfulness of existing development	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	Mr M Crook		Awaiting Decision