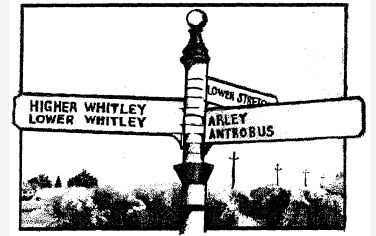


# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

Included with this issue, on a separate sheet, is the Chairman's Statement from the Whitley Parish Council AGM which took place in May- should yours be missing copies can be obtained from Mrs Jean Leicester (01925 730498) or myself. Please submit news for the **July** issue anytime before the deadline of **15<sup>th</sup> June** to –

Theo Critchley at Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730569 or email. [JamesTCritchley@aol.com](mailto:JamesTCritchley@aol.com). Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!

**Many thanks to all those who deliver the WVN.**

## Special Birthday Mentions



**Katie Warburton** 5 yrs on 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Rosie Radcliffe** 7 yrs on 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Olivia Monaghan**  
8 yrs on 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Sophie Rose Timmis**  
11 yrs on 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Tara Moore** 11 yrs on 17<sup>th</sup> June  
**Jack Moore** 11 yrs on 17<sup>th</sup> June

**We Wish You All A Very Happy Birthday**

If you would like to have a child's name added to the Birthday List contact Theo Critchley 01925 730569. Their name will appear annually in future issues of the WVN. Please note we can only include children under 11 years old who either live in Whitley or attend Whitley Village School.

## Notable Dates in June

**Queen's Official Birthday** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Fathers' Day** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## National Award For Whitley Village School

Following last month's news that Whitley Village School were finalists in the NCPTA Gold Star Rewards, we are delighted to announce that at the awards ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> April, we were chosen as one of two winners in the category 'Changing the Life of the School'. This is a tremendous achievement - there were over 170 entries submitted with only 6 winners overall in the three categories.

Mrs Morrison, Gill Alcock and pupils Charlotte Barker and Joel Wilkes accepted the £1000 cheque and commemorative plaque on behalf of the school, from Jim Knight Minister of State for schools and learners, at the House of Commons on the day.

The money will be allocated for further use on developing the school grounds to the benefit of all the children.

Special thanks go to all the members of Whitley WI for their tremendous input and hard work on the project, the parents and staff who have also dedicated their time and effort and of course the children for their own hard work and continued enthusiasm for the project.

## The Birch & Bottle Pub

Congratulations to the Birch & Bottle Pub which has been awarded a **Gold Food Safe Award** from VRBC.

## Whitley Rose Queen Fete

Saturday 13th June 2009



Join us to enjoy  
the crowning of our new  
**Rose Queen Emily Spencer**

Chief Attendant **Olivia Monaghan**

Small Attendants **Jamie McCracken**  
& **Hannah Scott**

Train Bearers **Jasper Ure & Antony Hough**

Crown Bearer **Alexandra Barker**

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This year the parade is to be led by  
**Frodsham Silver Band,**  
& will include **Steam Engines.**

Attractions on the Village Hall field include -

**Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Coconut Shy,  
Donkey Rides and a real life Fire Engine,  
and many more stalls and activities.**

Please note - Everyone taking place in the parade needs  
to be at **Whitley Village School** for **1.15pm**

The parade will start at 1.30pm.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Whitley Cubs and Scouts Annual General Meeting



Will be at 7pm on  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
Whitley Village Hall  
(Youth Activity Room)  
Everyone welcome

## Mobile Library

At Whitley Village Hall car park between 9.15 – 9.45 am  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
then **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Peter Tolson  
Lower Whitley  
Photo of the  
Charity Sky Dive!



On going to press on the  
15<sup>th</sup> May, I will be jumping  
from 10,000 Feet  
to complete my first  
SKYDIVE.

I have been raising money  
since the beginning of the  
year and all monies raised  
will be going to the  
**Teenage Cancer Trust.**  
I think that this is a really  
worthy cause and I would  
like to thank everyone in the  
village who has supported  
me, as always you are so  
very generous

*Peter Tolson*

Whitley W.I.

Over the past few years WI members, together with many others, have become increasingly concerned with the problems facing honey bees and this year, at their national AGM in June at the Albert Hall, London, they will be discussing one single resolution: **SOS Honey Bees – Honey bees play a vital role in the pollination of food crops and in the environment. In view of the concerns about the accelerating decline in the UK honey bee population, this meeting urges HM Government to increase funding for research into bee health.**

Members discussed the resolution and whilst welcoming the Government's recent announcement of an extra £10 million pounds of new funding into the threats faced by Britain's insect pollinators, they supported the belief of groups such as the British Bee Keepers Association that it does not adequately address concerns about the threats specifically facing our bees. The BBKA believes that the particular threat to bees needs a separate investigation with significant money dedicated to it.

Having listened to a fascinating talk by Pam Hatton, a member of the BBKA, about the life and behaviour of bees, including the bee waggle dance, and their importance to the balance of nature and our food crops, members unanimously voted in favour of the resolution. As soon as the resolution is passed, Whitley members will not only be lobbying MPs and others in authority for research funding, they will also be looking at ways of providing bee friendly habitats in the village. Watch this space!

Following the discussion, Ian and Belinda Davenport from Davenport's Farm Shop, Bartington, near Acton Bridge created two beautiful hanging baskets, crammed full of flowers, demonstrating to members that summer will soon be here and incidentally, how we can all, in a small way, help to attract bees,

Members were delighted to hear that their successful, ongoing, joint project with Whitley Primary School, **Seeds to Saucepan**, had won the category "Changing the Life of the School" in the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations Gold Star Rewards scheme. The NCPTA charity represents 13,000 PTAs across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. WI member and parent, Gill Alcock, was among those present at the ceremony at the House of Commons, during which £1,000 was presented to the school.

Another member to be proud of was Sue Roberts, who was one of the guests at the recent Cheshire Women of the Year Lunch.

For information about all Whitley WI events, activities, monthly rambles and book club details check out our website [www.whitleywi.org.uk](http://www.whitleywi.org.uk), email [president@whitleywi.org.uk](mailto:president@whitleywi.org.uk) or ring Helen on 01925 730329. We always welcome visitors and new members. Meetings are usually on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Whitley Village Hall.

Whitley Birdwatch  
by Ian Macpherson

The most pleasing thing during April has been the relatively large number of lapwing in the area. Making their distinctive "pee wit" call they have been a lovely sight wheeling and diving in display flight over open fields around the village. Lapwing are ground nesters, usually in open areas and just a scrape in the ground and therefore very vulnerable to farming activity. If you get too close to their nests they will dive bomb you and employ other diversionary techniques such as feigning injury and leading you away from the nest. As with most of our farmland birds lapwing have been in decline, so it is good that we seem to have so many locally.

Birds such as the lapwing tend to attract attention by song and flight, but for successful birding you have to sometimes be patient for the best results. So, when out and about walking, stop, look and listen you will be pleasantly surprised to find that that sparrow was in fact something else more colourful and interesting. Having said that, did you know that there are three types of sparrow? Hedge, tree and house and quite often they can be seen together. The hedge sparrow is not actually a member of the sparrow family at all. It's proper name is dunnock and it tends to be a bit of a loner and creep around the base of hedges and is probably how it got the name. The other two are gregarious frequenting small trees and hedges. Good sites for sparrows are around farm yards but a sure place to see all together is Pilmoss Lane just off the A49 near the old Methodist church. Remember the house sparrow is the one with the baseball cap. Grey on the male, brown on the female. The tree sparrow is less colourful and sexes are alike.

Such is the huge population of mallards around Whitley that probably everybody will have them in the garden. Our pair nested again for the 5<sup>th</sup> time this year hatching 17 chicks in the trough by our back door. I managed to video them leaving the nest launching themselves off the trough some two foot to the ground! Mother then lead them off to our pond and next day all the way up Back Lane to that bigger pond where subsequent counts over the next few days they reduced to just 6.

Having reported my first swallow on the 9<sup>th</sup> April over Raddel pool, I have to say this must have been one passing through because it was a good three weeks later before regular sightings. Warblers could be heard in the last week of April. We have both garden warblers and blackcap in our garden. Songs are very similar and despite repeated checks against Collins Field Guide to bird song CD, I'm ashamed to admit I still can't distinguish other than to say the garden warbler song is deeper in note.

If you continue feeding your garden birds during the summer please remember to combat disease and pests by regularly washing feeders and surrounding areas. A thimble full of bleach in a bucket of water will help combat Trichomoniasis. The symptoms are fluffed up feathers and general appearance of lethargy. This usually affects pigeons and doves, but recently has affected finches and house sparrows. This disease is transmitted through saliva so bird baths too need to be kept fresh and clean. The RSPB has emphasised the importance of good hygiene, saying birdbaths and feeders should be regularly washed and moved around the garden to prevent infection.

Whitley Homewatch – Smartwater

If your Smartwater leaflet, that was delivered with the May issue of the Village News, has not been collected and you wish to join the security scheme to protect your valuables please Email me or give me a ring and I will add your name to the list.

The marking kits cost £15 including the registration fee.  
John Shaw. Email [jshaw96212@aol.com](mailto:jshaw96212@aol.com) or phone 730390

**WALL Holiday Club Presents**  
**The 2009 Children's Holiday Club**

Whitley  
Antrobus  
Little Leigh  
Churches

Volunteers from local Churches are arranging a Holiday Club for all children of primary school age. The theme will be announced later but it will be fast-moving with lots of fun, games & crafts in a Christian setting.

**17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am until 12:30pm**  
**at Whitley Village Hall**

Places are limited so please return registration forms to avoid disappointment.

Details and forms available from early June from...  
 Lis Clarke on 01606 891653 email: Lis@LLBC.org.uk  
 web-site: <http://www.LLBC.org.uk>

**Whitley Community Pre-school and Toddler group**

**Open Morning and Quiz Night**

Whitley Community Pre-school and Toddler group are holding an **Open Morning** at the village hall on **Thursday 18th June, 9.30am till 12.00 noon.**

The Committee, Staff and Children want to show you how wonderful our Pre-School is, **Everyone welcome**, Refreshments will be available.

We are also holding a **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

**Tickets are £6 which includes Hot Pot and Desert.**

Teams of 6 needed. ( or join up on the night)

Bring your own drinks and a glass.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams.

A raffle with excellent prizes and games.

This has been a great night in the past so please join us.

**Tickets from Karen Hood - 07881 658810.**

**Planning Applications**

Reference	Description	Address	Name	Date Parish Council Agree or Object	Date Vale Royal Approve or Refuse
09-00127-FUL 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2009	Conservatory to side elevation	3 Grimsditch Barn Greenhill Lane	Mr Geoffrey Latham	No Objection Minute 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 09	
09-00345-FUL 26 Feb 2009	Glass veranda to rear	2 Village Barns, Street Lane	Mr Robert Burton	Objection. Unhappy with the design and materials used. Minute 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 09	
09-00421-FUL 12 <sup>th</sup> March 09	First floor extension and study extension	Willow Cottage, Old Mill Lane	Mrs Linda Ince	No Objection Minute 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Apl 09	Refused 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2009
09-00449-FUL 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Single storey extension to side and two storey garage extension to rear.	Whitley Edge, Village Lane	Mr Chris Wilson	Objection. Already extended and now subject to over development. Minute 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Apl 09	Refused 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2009
09-00504-LBC 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Construction of chimney, demolition of internal wall and addition of door.	Towngate House, Back Lane	Mr N Antrobus	No Objection Minute 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Apl 09	
09-00400-FUL 30 March 2009	Alterations and extension	Mount Pleasant, Goosebrook Lane	Mr & Mrs A Phillips	No Objection but concern Expressed about use of agricultural land may be used for building. Minute 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Apl 09	
09-00528-CERT 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Demolition of garage, conservatory and porch and Two storey extension to rear.	Mount Pleasant, Goosebrook Lane	Mr & Mrs A Phillips	No Objection See note on above application Minute 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Apl 09	
APP/A0665/A/09/ 2102089 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	Change of use from vacant/agricultural building to veterinary therapy clinic. 09/00063/COU	Hattonview Farm, Tarpoley Road	Mrs Sarah Newton		
06-0417-Cou 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 09	Removal of condition 1 to enable permanent use of land for the storage of vehicles	KD Motors Northwich Road	K Dickins		
09-00573-FUL 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Alteration and extension including increase roof height and addition of dormer windows.	Brackendale School lane	G Faulkner		

(Minute 6 20<sup>th</sup> Apl 09 Refers to Parish Council Minutes which can be found on website [www.whitleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.whitleyvillage.org.uk))

### **Friends of St Lukes**

Friends of St Lukes, a registered charity formed to help maintain the fabric of our centuries- old church, will hold its AGM in the church room on Monday 22 June at 7.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome

**Please Note** ; The Poll Station for the elections on **Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> June** is at the **Whitley Village Hall** this year and not the School as in the past.

**The Cheshire County Show**  
**Tue; 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wed; 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**Tabley Knutsford**  
**Tel 01565 650 200**  
[www.cheshirecountyshow.org.uk](http://www.cheshirecountyshow.org.uk)

### **Organisations, Contacts and Diary Dates**

<b>BAKER</b> ----- Mrs J Perry 01606 42162	<b>POLICE</b> , Northwich ----- 01606 48000
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> ---- Wednesdays, Antrobus Village Hall - 7.20pm Linda Ince 01925 730533	<b>ROSE QUEEN</b> ----- Mrs Ann Tolson 01925 730910 Mr N Heavey 01925 730418
<b>BROWNIES</b> ----- (Closed)	<b>SCOUTS</b> ----- Fridays 7.00 – 8.30pm WVH Mr John Frodsham 01928 567028
<b>CIRCUIT TRAINING</b> Mon 6.45–7.45pm & Fri 1.45 –2.45 pm WVH Mrs Julie Clayton 01925 730618	<b>ST. LUKE'S</b> ----- Rev. Richard Diggle 01925 730158
<b>COMMUNITY CARS</b> ----- 01606 784497	<b>FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S</b> --- Mr Ian Roberts 01925 730593
<b>COMMUNITY CHOIR</b> ----- Cate Madden 01925 730230 Thurs 6 – 7 pm April after Easter Whitley School Hall	<b>STRETTON NEWSAGENT</b> ----- 01925 730388
<b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR</b> ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451	<b>STRETTON SUB-POST OFFICE</b> ----- 01925 730255
<b>CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT</b> ----- 0845 458 0000	<b>STRETTON YFC</b> ----- Secretary: Paul Gerrard 07775 907765 Chairman: Tom Earl 07870 118660
<b>CUB SCOUTS</b> ----- Cathy Lee 07956 061341	<b>TODDLER GROUP</b> ----- Thurs 9.30 – 11.30 am WVH Karen Hood 07881 658810
<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</b> ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451	<b>VILLAGE HALL TEL NO</b> ----- 01925 730839 Committee Meeting 8pm every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month WVH
<b>DOG TRAINING CLUB</b> ----- Weds 7.15pm WVH Derek Williams 01925 267647	<b>VILLAGE HALL CONTACT</b> ----- Cathy Ure 01925 730199
<b>FRIENDLY CLUB</b> ----- 2 – 4 pm 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> June WVH Trip to Southport Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June – departs WVH at 9.15am Mrs P Ikin 01925 267865	<b>WHITLEY BOWLS</b> 7.15pm Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June Chetwode Arms Pat Gaskell 01925 730573 / Joan Pattinson 01606 891959
<b>GUIDES</b> ----- Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm WVH Mrs J Clarke 01925 730206 / Mrs M Barber 01925 730784	<b>WHITLEY COMM PRE-SCHOOL</b> ---- Karen Hood 07881 658810 Mon 9.15 - 12.00am / 12.30 – 3.00pm WVH Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, 9.15 – 12 noon WVH
<b>HOMEWATCH CO- ORDINATOR</b> Mr John Shaw 01925 730390	<b>WHITLEY CONSERVATION SOCIETY</b> Keith Gaskell 01925 730573
<b>LIBRARY</b> , Northwich ----- 01606 44221	<b>WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL</b> ----- Headteacher Mrs J Morrison 01925 730230
<b>MID-CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOCIETY</b> Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club	<b>FRIENDS OF WHITLEY SCHOOL</b> Geoff Barker 01928 713923
<b>MILKMAN</b> ----- Mr Wood 01606 851240	<b>WHITLEY VILLAGE WEBSITE</b> ----- <a href="http://www.whitleyvillage.org.uk">www.whitleyvillage.org.uk</a> email <a href="mailto:andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk">andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk</a>
<b>MOTHERS UNION</b> ----- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of month, 2.00pm Church Hall Mrs Jean Pace 01925 730415	<b>WOMEN'S INSTITUTE</b> ----- See Item inside this issue Sue Abbott 01928 581196 email <a href="mailto:Sue.abbott@ukonline">Sue.abbott@ukonline</a>
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> ----- 7.30 pm Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – WVH Clerk Mr John Shaw 01925 730390	
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b> Mrs P. Gaskell 01925 730573	

(WVH – Whitley Village Hall)

### **FRANDLEY QUAKER MEETING**

(The Religious Society of Friends)

Frandle Meeting House, Sandiway Lane, Antrobus

All very welcome to Meeting for Worship Sundays 10.30 to 11.30; also Children's Meeting at 10.30.

If you would like more details contact: Michael Hennessey 01928 718417

[www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk)

**Village Hall Lottery May Draw – To Be Announced Next Month**

### **Whitley Village News Committee**

Mrs A Brock 01925 730571 Mrs P Gaskell 01925 730573 Mrs T Critchley 01925 730569 Mrs J Smither 01925 730478  
Mrs J Leicester 01925 730498 Mrs S Critchley 01925 730440 Mrs J Woolnough 01925 730430