

WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

Welcome to the first issue of the Whitley Village News' thirty- first year.

Once again Whitley has been entered for the Cheshire **Best Kept Village** with preliminary judging taking place from April to the end of June. This year there will be some new awards eg 'Little Gem' for some outstanding feature or spot. Generally the judges are looking for tidy, well- maintained areas which are free of litter. Some effort will be needed from all of us to keep Whitley looking good – after all it's the whole village which will benefit!

Please submit news for the **May** issue anytime before the deadline of **15th April** to –

Theo Critchley at Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730569 or email. JamesTCritchley@aol.com.

Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!

To all those who deliver the WVN - Many thanks to you all – should there ever be any difficulty with distribution please don't hesitate to contact any of the WVN committee members for assistance.

Special Birthday Mentions



Alexander Wright 10 yrs on 3rd April
William Merrell 5 yrs on 10th April

Natasha Martin 8 yrs on 17th April
John Wilson 2 yrs on 17th April

Alexandra Barker 7 yrs on 24th April
Joseph Else 10 yrs on 26th April

William Lancaster 8 yrs on 30th April
Ollie Tomlinson 8 yrs on 30th April

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 April

Palm Sunday	5 th April
Good Friday	10 th April
Easter Sunday	12 th April
Queen Elizabeth II Birthday	21 st April
St. George's Day	23 rd April
William Shakespeare's Birthday	23 rd April

Whitley 10K and Fun Run



Both races start from the Village Hall
at 11 am on Sunday 19th April

Entrance Fees; Fun Run £4 Adult, £2 Child
10K £9 Non Club runner/
£7 Affiliated to Running Club

Entries Accepted on the Day (£1 surcharge for 10k)

Alternatively why not register in advance?

Entrance Forms are available in the Village Hall or
from Clifford Straw 01925 730419

Volunteers are needed to help on the day
Please contact Clifford Straw in advance

Good Luck To All Those Who Take Part

Margaret Littler

Congratulations to Margaret Littler who, together with many others, received her **Woman's Land Army Medal** in August and on 15th March joined in the Celebration Service and Reception at Chester Cathedral held to mark this special event.



Whitley Village Hall Film

Quantum of Solace

Starring
Daniel Craig

Thursday 23rd April 2009 at 7.30 pm

Tickets available at the door
£3 including refreshments

This will be the last film until September

Friends of Whitley School

WHY NOT SPRING CLEAN and Raise Funds for SCHOOL
After the ongoing fantastic success of our Bag2School
collections, Friends of Whitley School are hosting another

Bag2School collection on:

Tuesday April 21st at 9.15 am.

We have raised over £1200.00 from the collections so far so
please help us to carry on with the good work.

Bags are available from me and help can be arranged with
collecting full bags on the morning if necessary.

This is a great opportunity to have a Spring Clean!

All old clothes, soft toys, shoes and linen are welcome.

Call Kate on 07968 842020 for bags or details

WHITLEY ROSE QUEEN

Annual General Meeting

Will take place at
8pm on 27th April 2009

Whitley Village Hall
Everybody Welcome



Village Bowls at the Chetwode Arms

Starts on 9th April, then every 2nd Thursday in the month.

Villagers "old" and "new" welcome.

7.15 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start.

Contact Pat Gaskell 01925 730573 or

Joan Pattinson 01606 891959.

A Palm Court WI Tea Party

With String Quartet

2 – 5 pm Sunday 17th May

Whitley Village Hall

All Welcome

Tickets £5 per person

or

£14 Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

Contact Paula Priestner 01925 730564



Whitley W.I.

You never know what you are going to learn at a WI meeting and March's meeting was no exception. Red hunting jackets, as worn by huntsmen and toastmasters, are called "pink" not because they are red but because Thomas Pink, a master tailor, made the first one and "toasts" are so called because it is alleged that the first "toast" made to an individual was made with wine in which a piece of spiced toast had been dipped. The toast apparently enhanced the flavour of the wine.

Malcolm Kinder gave members these intriguing snippets of information during his talk on the 'Life of a Toastmaster', a life which obviously hasn't involved just standing still and calling everyone to attention, as a major domo but has also meant acting as a general factotum to ensure that the event – be it wedding, formal long-service awards dinner or Gentlemen's Book Club meeting – ran smoothly and without incident.

Members were encouraged to go to one of the three meetings being organised in the spring by the Cheshire Federation of WIs as part of the National Federation of WIs three-year campaign, 'Women reaching Women'. Funded by the Department for International Development, the campaign aims to raise awareness of world poverty and gender inequality, focussing particularly on how women are affected by climate change. For more information about the campaign visit www.thewi.org.uk or www.cheshirewi.org.uk.

Congratulations were given to Gill Alcock for her appearance on ITV's What a Waste: Tonight, discussing over-packaging of food with interviewer Morland Sanders and Joyce Kirkpatrick, Musical Director of the Weaver Valley WI Choir, was profiled in a recent issue of WI Life. Tickets for the next Choir concert on May 12, in the Memorial Hall Northwich, were on sale at the meeting.

Details about the Lowry Theatre trip to see Calendar Girls on March 18 and the May outing to Derbyshire were given out. Future activities will include two craft classes on beadwork and stump-work and two internet workshops. For further information about all Whitley WI events, activities, monthly rambles and book club details visit our website www.whitleywi.org.uk, email 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 Community Choir

Thursdays from 6.00 – 7.00pm

at Whitley School Hall

Change of Dates – next rehearsal after Easter

If you would like to come and join us, or want to know more please come along to our next rehearsal or contact Cate Madden at the school (01925 730230).

Everybody is most welcome!



Circuit Training (details on back page)

The circuit classes take place in the main hall at the Village Hall. Both the Monday and Friday sessions follow a similar format, starting with a general warm-up before moving on to the circuit training. This consists of a series of 8-9 different exercises which together work all the major muscle groups of the body. The exercises are quite simple and are done at each individual's level (as many or few, as vigorously or gently as wished!) Each exercise is performed for a maximum of 45 seconds, with a 15 second changeover to the next one. The class does 3 complete circuits, with a little breather between each one, then we have a few minutes cool-down, finishing with a relaxing stretch session on the mats. There is background music just to provide a bit of rhythm.

An example of the exercises included in the circuit might be as follows:

1. Shuttle run/walk from 1 side of the hall to the other (general fitness)
2. Kneeling press-up on the mat (for chest, arms, shoulders)
3. Standing squats (for legs and bottoms)
4. Dumbbell upright row (arms and shoulders)
5. Step-ups (general fitness)
6. Lunges (for legs and bottoms)
7. Dumbbell bicep curl (arms)
8. Lying abdominal curls (tummy)

The classes are very friendly and suitable for a wide range of fitness levels. All the equipment is provided.

All you need to take part is some comfortable clothes and trainers, and perhaps a bottle of water.

Please feel free to call me for a chat about the classes on 01925 730618. Come along and give it a try! **Julie Clayton**

Whitley Birdwatch

It's early March and the dawn chorus has started already. As usual the robins, blackbirds and thrushes are first, ahead of the migrants which will appear soon.

Swallows we expect to arrive in the UK mid April but having said that, some of Whitley's summer visitors are particularly fast and usually appear a week early on the telephone wires crossing Raddel Lane. Good places to see swallows are around any of the farms and old open barns where they have easy access and nest sites on rafters and ledges. House Martins return towards the end of April. They favour nest sites under eaves and on pebble dash walls. They need mud for nest building so look out for that combination and you should see martins. They are smaller than swallows, have shorter forked tails and a distinctive white rump. It might be in to May before you see a swift and likely to be heard before seen, screeching high in the early summer evening sky. In fact a good indicator for distinguishing between the three is the height they fly. Generally swallows swoop low, martins higher and swifts feed really high.

So long as we maintain our woodlands and hedges we should be well off for warblers in the area. Hard to spot but nice to hear. Look out and listen for: whitethroat, blackcap, garden warbler, wood warbler, spotted fly catcher these are just a few. The clues to identification are often the name or the habitat. Features to take note of so you can look them up when you get home: Size in relation to say a blackbird or sparrow. Type of bill. e.g. warblers have slender insect eating bills whilst finches strong seed crushers. Length of tail and whether or not forked or v shaped. Colour of bill and legs.

Here are some easy spots to get you going: Greater spotted woodpecker nest hole in oak bough over hanging Back Lane. Yellow hammers on Normans Lane, Dark Lane and Back Lane. Reed Bunting on the footpath behind Pilmoss farm. Whitethroat nests in brambles top end of Pilmoss Lane near the Motorway. Three (if you are lucky four) types of tit at the back of Mill Pool. Buzzards overhead everywhere!

Contact me at ian.macpherson@penninetelecom.com if you see anything interesting.

Neighbourhood Policing Unit

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Neighbourhood Inspector. Prior to joining the NPU I worked for 18 months with Vale Royal Borough Council in the Community Safety Department and the Neighbourhood Management Team in Rudheath. I have joined the NPU at a very good point as the reductions in reported crime in Northwich have continued to improve.

Last week Northwich officers worked with colleagues from the DVLA on a joint operation to address the anti social and criminal use of the roads in and around Northwich. As a result of the operation, 15 vehicles were clamped for road tax offences, 5 vehicles were seized as they had no valid insurance, numerous other motorists were also stopped for speeding, mobile phone, and seat belt offences. Operations like this are designed to make our roads safer and address the behaviour of the irresponsible motorists. The operation was a great success which we will run again in the near future.

Thank you: Inspector Paul Loughlin

Tel: 0845 458 6392 or email:

northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Whitley Homewatch

The Office of Fair Trading has issued a warning to consumers to take extra care when searching for debt advice online. Look-a-like websites have been set up by financial management businesses, posing as official or charity advice sites, but charging a fee for their advice. Parts of the content of these websites are often copied from legitimate sites offering free advice.

Please be mindful that genuine websites of not-for-profit debt advice organisations will not ask for a fee. Free debt advice is provided by Citizens Advice, Advice UK, National Debtline, or the Consumer Credit Counselling Service.

For general advice please call **Consumer Direct: on 08454 040506** or visit <http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk>

!!!!!!! Burglary Alert !!!!!!!

A house in the village has been burgled and a vehicle and valuables were taken. If you saw anything please contact the police and remember to be vigilant.



Whitley Parish Housing Needs Survey Results

We wanted to get an indication of the level of housing need in this area and the general level of support or otherwise for affordable housing. This is why a Parish Housing Needs Survey was conducted last October for Whitley.

Here is an overall summary of this Survey:

80 households completed and returned responses. This represents a response rate of over 30.77%. The national average for such Surveys is around 25%.

A total of 18 households, representing at least 36 people, considered themselves to be in housing need.

5 of these 18 households considered themselves in need now, 5 of these households anticipate that they will be in need within the next five years and in 2 cases it was unclear. However, 6 of these 18 households did not complete Part Two of the Survey questionnaire and are not recorded.

Excluding those registering their own need for affordable housing, the average support for a small scheme of affordable housing for local people is 70.6%.

It is considered good practice with Parish Housing Needs Surveys to get an indication of need and then discount that figure due to possible inaccuracies of completion of Questionnaires and the potential change in circumstances of applicants because it can take time to deliver a scheme. It is important to discount figures to ensure there are more than enough local people to occupy completed units. This practice has been used in Vale Royal with three previous schemes. *The data supports a scheme of one or two affordable properties now and another scheme of one or two affordable properties within five years ie. before Autumn 2013. It may not be viable to deliver a scheme of one or two properties. If other Parish Housing Needs Surveys are conducted in neighbouring Parishes then it might be appropriate to consider the combined local need.*

Contact Whitley Parish Council for full Analysis Report.

		Planning	Applications		
Reference	Description	Address	Name	<u>Date Parish Council Agree/ Object</u>	<u>Date Vale Royal Approve/Refuse</u>
08-2865-FUL 14 th Jan 2009	Two storey extension to side	Holmside, Street Lane	Mr Mathew Timmins	No Objection Minute 6/ 19 th Jan 09	Approved 13 th Feb 09
09-00025-FUL 14 th Jan 2009	Removal of Condition 5 in Planning Permission 08-0233-FUL	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	Mr M Crook	Object The lighting is causing substantial light pollution Minute 6/ 19 th Jan 09	Approved Removal of condition 5 only 4 th March 09
09-00063COU 11 th Feb 2009	Change of use from vacant/agricultural building to veterinary therapy clinic.	Hattonview Farm, Tarpoley Road	Mrs Sarah Newton	Object. The building has not been constructed as per plans or used for agricultural purposes. Minute 5/ 2 nd Mar 09	
09-00121-FUL 12 th Feb 2009	Portal framed livestock building	Old Mill Farm Old Mill Lane	Mr G Warburton RS & PG Warburton	No Objection if cladding be of Yorks Boarding and use remains agricultural Minute 5/ 2 nd Mar 09	
09-00127-FUL 12 th Feb 2009	Conservatory to side elevation	3 Grimsditch Barn Greenhill Lane	Mr Geoffrey Latham	No Objection Minute 5/ 2 nd 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 nd Mar 09	
09-00421-FUL 12 th March 09	First floor extension and study extension	Willow Cottage, Old Mill Lane	Mrs Linda Ince		

(Minute 5/ 2nd Mar 09 Refers to Parish Council Minutes which can be found on website www.whitleyvillage.org.uk)

Mobile Library

At Whitley Village Hall car park between 9.15 – 9.45 am every other Wednesday of the month. Please try to make use of the mobile library – we don't want to lose it!

Wednesday 8th & 22nd April

Do you want to improve your fitness, tone up and have fun?

Come along to CIRCUIT TRAINING at Whitley Village Hall

Mondays 6.45-7.45 pm and Fridays 1.45-2.45 pm, cost £3.00 per session

Organisations, Contacts and Diary Dates

BAKER ----- Mrs J Perry 01606 42162	POLICE , Northwich ----- 01606 48000
BRIDGE CLUB ----- Wednesdays, Antrobus Village Hall - 7.20pm Linda Ince 01925 730533	ROSE QUEEN ----- Mrs Ann Tolson 01925 730910 Mr N Heavey 01925 730418
BROWNIES ----- (Closed)	SCOUTS ----- Fridays 7.00 – 8.30pm WVH Mr John Frodsham 01928 567028
CIRCUIT TRAINING Mon 6.45–7.45pm & Fri 1.45 –2.45 pm WVH Mrs Julie Clayton 01925 730618	ST. LUKE'S ----- Rev. Richard Diggle 01925 730158
COMMUNITY CARS ----- 01606 784497	FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S --- Mr Ian Roberts 01925 730593
COMMUNITY CHOIR ----- Cate Madden 01925 730230 Thurs 6 – 7 pm April after Easter Whitley School Hall	STRETTON NEWSAGENT ----- 01925 730388
COUNTY COUNCILLOR ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451	STRETTON SUB-POST OFFICE ----- 01925 730255
CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT ----- 0845 458 0000	STRETTON YFC ----- Secretary: Paul Gerrard 07775 907765 Chairman: Tom Earl 07870 118660
CUB SCOUTS ----- Cathy Lee 07956 061341	TODDLER GROUP ----- Thurs 9.30 – 11.30 am WVH Karen Hood 07881 658810
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451	VILLAGE HALL TEL NO ----- 01925 730839 Committee Meeting 8pm every 3 rd Thursday of the month WVH
DOG TRAINING CLUB ----- Weds 7.15pm WVH Derek Williams 01925 267647	VILLAGE HALL CONTACT ----- Cathy Ure 01925 730199
FRIENDLY CLUB ----- 2 – 4 pm .2 nd ,16 th and 30 th April WVH 23 rd April Mystery Trip leave Village Hall 9.15 am Mrs P Ikin 01925 267865	WHITLEY BOWLS -7.15pm Thursday 9th April- Chetwode Arms Pat Gaskell 01925 730573 / Joan Pattinson 01606 891959
GUIDES ----- Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm WVH Mrs J Clarke 01925 730206 / Mrs M Barber 01925 730784	WHITLEY COMM PRE-SCHOOL ----- Karen Hood 07881 658810 Mon 9.15 - 12.00am / 12.30 – 3.00pm WVH Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, 9.15 – 12 noon WVH
HOMEWATCH CO- ORDINATOR Mr John Shaw 01925 730390	WHITLEY CONSERVATION SOCIETY Keith Gaskell 01925 730573
LIBRARY , Northwich ----- 01606 44221	WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL ----- Headteacher Mrs J Morrison 01925 730230
MID-CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOCIETY Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club	FRIENDS OF WHITLEY SCHOOL Geoff Barker 01928 713923
MILKMAN ----- Mr Wood 01606 851240	WHITLEY VILLAGE WEBSITE ----- www.whitleyvillage.org.uk email andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk
MOTHERS UNION ----- 2 nd Weds of month, 2.00pm Church Hall Mrs J Barber 01925 730212	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ----- See Item inside this issue Sue Abbott 01928 581196 email Sue.abbott@ukonline
PARISH COUNCIL ----- 7.30 pm Monday 1 st June – WVH Clerk Mr John Shaw 01925 730390	
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 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

Village Hall Lottery March Draw

1st Prize £125

Joy Woolnough

2nd Prize £50

Paula Helm

3rd Prize £25

Linda Ince/ Katie Lavenda

4th Prize £10

Tony Moores

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

Whitley Village News Committee

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