

WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Welcome to this the last Village News of 2009 and the first issue of 2010! Best wishes to everyone during the forthcoming festive season and a sincere thank you to all involved with the WVN - to everyone who has contributed articles, items and information, and to those who organise, distribute and help deliver each issue throughout the village.

Please submit news for the next issue, which will cover **February**, anytime before the deadline of **15th January** 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!

An A4 Church Newsletter should be inside this issue – please contact the editor if yours is missing.

Thank – You

A belated but heartfelt thank- you for a very special farewell celebration at Whitley Village School, in July. It was wonderful to see so many ex-pupils and their parents. I very much appreciated their kind words, cards and gifts.

I spent 20 years of my teaching career at Whitley and have so many happy memories of the village, special events and the people. It has been a privilege to be part of your community for so long – Thank – you for your support and friendship.

Cath Mellers

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL PARISH CLERK REQUIRED

The Council wish to appoint a new Parish Clerk due to the impending retirement of the present Clerk

REQUIREMENTS:

Any person who is 18 years of age or older & has an interest in supporting the village & is able to spare 2/ 3 hours a week.

ADVANTAGES:

Will be paid for their time and expenses.

Will help to ensure that Whitley remains a wonderful place to live. Will have the support of the present Clerk and Council.

For further information please speak to:

Clifford Straw 01925 730419 or John Shaw 01925 730390

Sponsored Ride and Stride

September 12th proved to be the perfect summer's day for this year's Ride and Stride on behalf of the Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust, and 9 individuals or family groups set off on bikes, foot, and car. We enjoyed a warm welcome at many of the churches visited, as did the visitors to St Luke's, the highest total of churches visited by one of our number being ten.

In total, a splendid sum of £550 (of which we expect to receive half at St Luke's) was raised from very generous sponsors in the village and long- suffering families! Very many thanks to all who participated, those who sponsored us, and those who manned the church throughout the day.

Whitley Rose Queen Annual Christmas Party

Saturday 5th December
at
Whitley Village Hall.
Doors open at 4.30pm
for tea at 5.00pm.

For further details please contact
Katie Lavender
01925 730533



*An evening not to be
missed*

Special Birthday Mentions

18th Birthday

Peter Tolson on 27th November



Alice Glennon
4 yrs on 9th Dec

Joseph Glennon
4 yrs on 9th Dec

Joseph Ferguson
10 yrs on 29th Dec

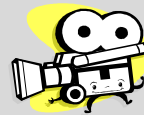
Jack Hood
6 yrs on 4th Jan

Mia Radcliffe
11 yrs on 7th Jan

A Very Happy Birthday To You All

Special Birthday Mentions is not just for children – it's for any resident of Whitley with a special birthday such as an 18th / 60th! So let the editor know of any special birthdays you would like to be mentioned

Whitley Village Hall Film Show



Presents.....

The Changeling

Directed by Clint Eastwood

Starring Angelina Jolie

Thursday 28th January at 7.30 pm

Tickets Available at the Door

£3 including refreshments

Community Pride Competition

(Previously 'Best Kept Village')

The final results for the 2009 Community Pride Competition have been announced and we are delighted to report that Whitley came 3rd in category (1st Place was Eaton Village & Rushton – 2nd Place Acton Bridge). Overall Winner (all categories) went to Nantwich.

The judges made favourable comments about the exterior of Whitley Village School and the Village Hall, the good condition of public information signs/ notice boards and noted that verges and hedges were well tended. Particular mention was made of the absence of litter, graffiti and dog fouling.

The Chetwode Arms was praised for good floral displays with neat and well cared for storage areas whilst the Quaker Burial Ground was judged to be a very well kept reserve area – perhaps a 'little Gem'. The duck pond on Bentleys Farm Lane was given a particularly glowing reference“....(it) was very lovely to come upon with the trees and wild fowl and the houses bordering the pond making it a very rural scene”.

Well done to everyone especially those who spent their free time picking litter from and tidying verges and hedgerows.

Whitley W.I.

Following three very successful years, Sue Abbott, standing down from the position of President, was warmly thanked for her outstanding contribution and congratulations were given to new President Paula Priestner.

It was great to see so many members attending the Annual meeting, held on bonfire night this year, which followed the traditional format with reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and President. We heard that we are solvent, with a healthy bank balance and that funds from the summer tea party will be going towards our Whitley village bee garden and bee project. Watch this space for more information during 2010!

The Secretary's committee report brought back many happy memories of the past year's activities – did we really enjoy so many fascinating talks, take part in so many workshops and generally do so many different things! There's certainly no reason to be bored if you are a member of Whitley WI.

In her address, Sue said how much she had enjoyed her time as President and said what a pleasure and privilege it was to be involved in such a lively WI. She was delighted that new members had joined during the year and said that it was thanks to everyone - officers, committee and all Whitley WI members – that the year had been so successful.

She wished Paula and her new committee for 2010 - Mary Highmore (Treasurer), Dorothy Thompson (Secretary), Sue Antrobus, Hilary Durkan, Celia Forsberg, Anne Lucas, Beryl Medland, Ann O'Brien and Beth Phillips – well and said that she would enthusiastically continue to promote the WI Bee project and reminded everyone to come to the Bee Tea Party on November 29 in Whitley Village Hall.

Details of the Christmas Party on December 3 were finalised and the evening finished with a truly amazing demonstration of sleight of hand by magician Peter Towner followed by refreshments, which included delicious homemade parkin.

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 email president@whitleywi.org.uk or ring Helen on 01925 730329. Meetings are usually on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Whitley Village Hall.

A Wander Down Memory Lane Whitley 100 years ago

Continued from last month

Leaving the lane, walking along the main road, we come to Norcott Brook, very busy with two Smithy's and a wheelwrights shop, all needed with so many horses and carts requiring attention. From there we pass Chapel Lane as it was called and come to the tile yard. Here was made bricks and field chain pipes in the brick kilns. Back to Norcott Brook and the Post Office, a busy shop kept by Mr and Mrs Woodcock. Mr Woodcock baked delicious bread in his brick oven. Mrs Woodcock served in the shop and took photographs of everything and everybody at every event which took place. Postcards were made from these photographs and sold in the shop.

Back along the main road we turn left into Raddel Lane, no sand pits and paper, no 'Town Green', just a few houses, farms and cottages and the pond. Turning into Dark Lane we wander on to School Lane, then called Baa-lamb Lane, where a tiny school was situated called Cuckoo Booth school, and at the end of the lane was a Tollbar.

We are now in Higher Whitley and will return down Bentley Farm Lane past Higher Whitley Post Office, another well-stocked shop, kept for many years by the Moore's family. Here I might add that both Moores sisters were in the Church Choir and one played the organ. Further along the lane, overlooking Town Pit is Willow Bank Farm, here Mr Moore had his Tailors shop, no difficulty in getting a suit locally in those days! Mr Moore was also the local Tax Collector.

Extract taken from an item originally published in July 1978.

Whitley Conservation Society Whitley Birdwatch by Ian Macpherson

Last month I advised on bird food and feeder stations but don't forget that water is very important too for the birds to drink and bathe but again beware of the risk of disease. You will find all sorts of bugs, mites and droppings in there! So be sure to empty out weekly, wash down all feeders, baths and surrounding areas. I use a thimble full of bleach and washing up liquid in a bucket of water. Allow containers to dry thoroughly before refilling.

A hard standing base under the feeding area will reduce the muddy mess that otherwise results from self seeding and scavengers such as pheasants scraping up spillage. You can buy optional screw-on saucers to fit below niger seed and soft food containers they have dual purpose – primarily to reduce the loss and mess from spillage but also they are flat surfaces for those birds that are natural ground feeders. Be aware though that these saucers can harbor disease and pests so housekeep at least once a week.

Please bear in mind that the birds do become reliant on your feeding them during cold spells so if you are to be away for an extended period make sure they have an alternative source nearby or ask a neighbour to keep your feeders topped up.

Preliminary results from the competition look interesting. Aggregating the entries and my own sightings we have just over 80 species in the area! I am therefore expecting the winner to return a score in the 50's.

I am often asked what has been my best sighting in the area. There are a few so I will put them into three categories: Most interesting has to be seeing all three woodpeckers, green, lesser spotted and greater spotted, in one day, all in Poachers Lodge garden. Most pleasurable is the merlin appearing regularly in Back Lane every winter. Most colourful has to be the kingfisher sighted just twice myself but now we have several reports from around the village. Most interestingly the first two competition returns (one from Pillmoss Lane and the other near Marsh Lane) cited kingfishers eyeing up the fish in their ponds!

Bear in mind that nest boxes provide good warm roosts in winter and it is recommended you clean out old nesting material as it will be infested with mites. However, I don't subscribe to this theory. For one thing winter is no time to be up ladders risking life and limb and after all, left to nature, the birds will do it themselves.

There is not a lot to report sighting wise this month but we can be sure of plenty of interest as more birds move into our domestic space for cover and food when it gets colder.

2009 has been a bumper breeding year let us hope survival rates for the dozens of tits, finches, sparrows and robins are high this winter. Whether you have a fancy feeder station with a comprehensive menu of nuts and seeds or just throw out breadcrumbs every morning the birds will appreciate it and reward you with hours of entertainment.

If you would like to get involved in nature and wildlife projects why log on to BBC Autumn watch web site. www.breathingplaces.org Look at Breathing Spaces and search by post code for a list of activities nearby.

Mobile Library

At Whitley Village Hall car park
from 9.15 – 9.45 am

Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th December

Wednesday 13th & 27th January



Diary Dates

Friendly Club

Thursday 10th Dec– Christmas Lunch at the Holly Bush
Day 30th January – Birthday Party at Village Hall

Parish Council

7.30 pm Monday 7th Dec & 18th Jan

Whitley Homewatch

Trading Standards are warning of a cold calling incident where a male and female claiming to be from the Council called at the home of an elderly lady to fit an intercom system for £49.

Although both callers provided a form of identification they were not representing the Council. A very similar incident has been reported in the Wigan area recently. Please be on your guard against this type of crime. Use your door chain and ask to see photographic identification. You can check the callers validity by phoning the council on 0300 123 8 123. No genuine caller will mind waiting while you do this - if you are in any doubt do not let the caller in.

Postal Scam – Please be aware! A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS Parcel Delivery Service suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number). DO NOT call this number; this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call you will hear a recorded message & will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655 or ICSTIS (the Premium rate service regulator) at www.icstis.org.uk.

Cheshire Police

Local Cyclists "HOW MUCH IS YOUR LIFE WORTH?"

To improve road safety, and support our aim of reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads, we are encouraging cyclists to be legal & safe, by using working, legal lights whenever natural light is poor. Our intention is to get cyclists to stay safe without resorting to formal sanctions, however cyclists seen not obeying the law may be given a £30 fixed penalty notice, or taken to court and fined. During the recession, more people are cycling & recent data indicates a 19% rise in cycling casualties this year. 820 people have been killed or seriously injured on our roads in just three months between April and June 2009.

A set of road legal lights can be purchased for less than ten pounds. High visibility clothing costs just a few extra pounds, yet there are cyclists risking their lives and breaking the law every day.

The law states that at night your cycle **MUST** have white front and red rear lights lit. It **MUST** also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85).

White front reflectors and spoke reflectors will also help you to be seen. Flashing lights are permitted but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp.

Whitley Village Hall on 31st December in the year of '09 - 8pm – 2am

intoxicating liquor may be brought for your own consumption

A celebratory meal will be provided from the local hostelry at the Chetwode from the Chuck Wagon

Those of you who wish may wear dress of the time

e.g Gunslingers, Cowboys, Cowgirls, Red Indians or Country and Western singers

Tickets in exchange for a £20 note

Tickets can be obtained from the following deputies:-

Cathy Ure 730199, Cliff Straw 730419; Keith Gaskell 730573; Scott Tolson 730910; Karen/Steve Moore 730012, Julie/Peter Clayton 730618; Melanie Barber 01925 730784



**A WESTERN
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NEW YEAR'S
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Application No and Date	Planning Application	Address	Name	Date Whitley Approve /Refuse	Date Cheshire West Approve/Refuse
09-01419-FUL 17 th August 2009	Erection of agricultural workers dwelling	Yew Tree Nurseries Normans Lane	G Whittaker	Objection. More information required. Minute 8 7 th Sept 2009	Refused 30 th September 2009
09-01415-FUL 7 th Sept 2009	Single and two storey rear extension.	Bentley Lodge, Normans Lane	C Hazelwood	No Objection Minute 7 26 th October 2009	Approved 14 th October 2009
09-01760-FUL 11 th Sept 2009	Alterations & extension including increase in roof height and addition of dormer windows. (09-00573-FUL)	Brackendale, School Lane	G Faulkner	No Objection Minute 7 26 th October 2009	Approved 21 st October 2009
09-01868-FUL 24 th Sept 2009	Erection of two lighting columns to car park.	Whitley Village Hall Village Lane	Trustees	No Objection Minute 7 26 th October 2009	
07-0726-COU APP/A0665/A/09/ 2114810 23rd Oct 2009	Change of use of land to domestic curtilage	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	M Crook	Objection Same reasons as previous application 07-0726-COU	

(Min 8 7th Sept 2009 Refers to Parish Council Minutes which can be found on website www.whitleyvillage.org.uk)

Village Hall Lottery November Draw



1st Prize £125
Cathy Ure

2nd Prize £50
Stuart Underdown

3rd Prize £25
Scott Tolson

4th Prize £10
Nicky & Geoff Barker

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

Christmas Quizes

Answers will be in Februarys WVN

Brain Teasers

12 D of C
Is 12 Days of Christmas

12 S of the Z
13 S in the US F
90 D in a RA
8 T on a O
9 L of a C
9 P in SA
6 B to an O in C
29 D in F in a LY
3 B M (S H T R)
39 B of the O T

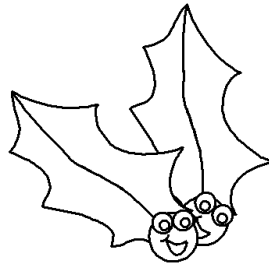


Trivia

What do the following people all have in common?
Sir Isaac Newton,
Humphrey Bogart,
Pope Pius VI, Dido and
the Egyptian president,
Anwar el-Sadat....

Christmas Word Search

O B E A Y H A R E E S P G L R T
F R Q N G L E T O B A R N R V I
C W N I A I I T N Y M E I U S N
M O E A N C E M E A T S F D T S
Y L O D M L Y N A U S E F O H E
S L E K T E M D R F I N U L G L
O E L S I I N K N U R T T P I C
R U I O H E E T T A H S S H L A
F M H C H Y S S T O C K I N G S
S E I R R E B N A R C S E V L E



candycane ornament
chimney presents
Christmas reindeer
cookies Rudolph
cranberries Santa
elves sleigh
family stockings
holly stuffing
lights tinsel
mistletoe turkey

How Many Words of 4 or more letters
can you make from
WHITLEY VILLAGE

(Tip: There Are Over 300!)

Christmas Quiz Name the Christmas Song!

1. Bleached Yule
2. Castaneous-coloured Seeds
Vesicated in a Conflagration
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin
Anterior Incisors
4. Righteous Darkness
5. Arrival Time 2400 hrs
-Weather Cloudless
6. Loyal Followers Advance
7. Far Off in a Feeder
8. Array the Corridor
9. Bantam Male Percussionist
10. Monarchical Triad
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness
12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe
Chevaliers
13. Man In Red En Route to Borough
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the
Pinnacle
16. The Quadruped with the Vermillion
Proboscis
17. Query Regarding Identity of
Descendant
18. Delight for this Planet
19. Give Attention to the Melodious
Celestial Beings
20. The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals



Dingbats ----- (Just say what you see!)



Pot oooooo	O_er_t_o_	ENTURY	fairy, wolf & duckling	WAETHER	s h i j k l m n o p
Aston Villa 4 - 1 Bolton Newcastle 4 - 1 Leeds Everton 4 - 1 Arsenal Chelsea 4 - 1 Man Utd Sunderland 4 - 4 West Ham	OUCHAARGHH	Plans Plasn Plsna plsna	must get here must get here must get here	X I ST N G	G P G

Iced Rum Sauce

(a delicious alternative to brandy butter)

Serves 8

300ml double cream
2 egg yolks
2 tbsp golden syrup
2 tbsp dark rum

Beat the cream until stiff. In another bowl, beat the yolks until extremely frothy. Add golden syrup and rum to eggs, still beating.

Then fold this egg mixture into the cream.

You could serve this straightaway but it is best put in the deep-freeze to set hard and then take it out and put it in the fridge in its tub about an hour before you want to serve it so that it's frozen but beginning to flop by the time you add it to the hot pudding.

Pastry

Excellent for mince pies.



1lb Plain Flour
8 oz Marg
4 oz Lard
Rind & juice of 1 orange

Chill for about 1 hr. before rolling out.

Whitley Village News Committee

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