



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Whitley Village News



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Dear Readers

Welcome to this last issue for 2007

Christmas is upon us once again. There are a lot of activities happening during December, and of course the New Year's Eve Party. News for the **February** edition to Pat Gaskell **anytime before the deadline of 15th January** please at; Ashfield Mews, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730573 or e.mail patgaskell@whitley41.orangehome.co.uk. Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!



	Twins Joseph and Alice Glennon	2 yrs on 9 th December		
Emily Pace	11 yrs on 12 th December		Theodora Critchley	10 yrs on 3 rd January
Joseph Ferguson	8 yrs on 29 th December		Mia Radcliffe	9 yrs on 7 th January



We hope you all have a great day!

Many thanks to those who participated in the Annual Ride & Stride Day for the Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust. the sun of £305 was raised - half of which goes to St Lukes! Over £400 was taken at St Lukes stall in the Northwich Charity Market on Thurs 8 November. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped on the day. All the effort that was put into these two events is greatly appreciated by St Luke's PCC. The Churchwardens and the PCC hope to see you all at the Christmas Services and send their Greetings for a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas!!

St Luke's Parish Church

Services for December and January 2008

Sun 2 Dec	Morning Prayer	Chris Taylor	Sun 6 Jan 0930	Morning Prayer	Chris Taylor
Sun 9 Dec	Family Service	Rev R Biggin & Chris Taylor	Sun 13 Jan 0930	Plough Sunday	
Sun 16 Dec	Morning Prayer	Chris Taylor	Sun 20 Jan 0930	Family Service	Chris Taylor
Sun 23 Dec	Holy Communion	Rev R Biggin	Sun 27 Jan 0930	Morning Prayer	Chris Taylor
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	Rev R Biggin		Holy Communion	Rev R Biggin.
Sun 30 Jan	Holy Prayer	Allan Taylor & Beryl Medland			

All services start at 0930 unless stated



Wed. 5 December Christingle Service at 6pm with Chris Taylor
 Sun. 16 December St Luke's Carol Service at 4pm with Chris Taylor.
 After the service there will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at Village Farm, Street Lane by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs J Pace.
 Mon. 24 December, St Luke's Crib Service at 3pm with Chris Taylor
 I look forward to see the villagers in Church for a service sometime over Christmas, there are lots of services to choose from, if you can not make them.
 Have a happy Christmas and all the best for 2008, from Chris Taylor, Reader at St.Luke's'



Home Watch

A caravan was stolen on 13th November from the Town Green area of Higher Whitley. The description in case anybody saw something suspicious yesterday is a Compass Pentara 2 Berth Caravan. The owner is Pauline Carlaw

Cheshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

On 11th December, 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm, they are holding a Public Consultation on Strategic Environment Assessment at the Memorial Hall Northwich. They want your comments on our assessment of the environmental impacts of Cheshire's Waste Strategy.



CEDAR – Older People’s Rural Project - Rural Roadshow coming to you!

Comberbach Village Hall, Monday 3rd December 10 am – 1 pm for over 60’s.

- Free meal sampling , Fire service home safety check, Care & Repair – Free smoke alarms, Free energy saving light bulbs, advice on benefits – Age concern advisors, blood pressure checks from the Stroke Association and the chance to have your say on the rural issues affecting **Y O U**. Chair based Exercise 12 noon – 1 pm. Free transport to/from venue. For more information or to arrange transport, contact Jackie Thornhill 01606 867681.

Christmas Quiz - Answers on page 3.

1. In the Ukraine, what does it mean if you find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning?

- [A\) Good luck](#)
- [B\) Misfortune will strike in the coming year](#)
- [C\) The winter will be unusually cold](#)
- [D\) Your house needs cleaning!](#)

2. In many households, part of the fun of eating Christmas pudding is finding a trinket that predicts your fortune for the coming year. For instance, finding a coin means you will become wealthy. What will you be if you find a button?

- [A\) Poor](#)
- [B\) Famous](#)
- [C\) A bachelor](#)
- [D\) Called away on a trip](#)

3. In Sweden, a common Christmas decoration is the Julbuk, a small figurine of a goat. Of what material is it usually made?

- [A\) Candy](#)
- [B\) Straw](#)
- [C\) Uranium](#)
- [D\) Fir wood](#)

4. What is the Irish custom of "feeding the wren" or "hunting the wren" on December 26?

- [A\) Taking one's in-laws out to dinner](#)
- [B\) Carrying a wren door to door, to collect money for charity](#)
- [C\) Leaving a basket of cakes at the door for passers-by](#)
- [D\) Putting out suet and seeds for the wild birds](#)

5. In Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker", who is the nutcracker's main enemy?

- [A\) A girl called Clara](#)
- [B\) The King of the Mice](#)
- [C\) Dr. Almond](#)
- [D\) Drosselmeyer the magician](#)

6. At lavish Christmas feasts in the Middle Ages, swans and peacocks were sometimes served "endored". What does that mean?

- [A\) The feet and beaks were coated with gold](#)
- [B\) The guests knelt in adoration as the birds were brought in](#)
- [C\) The birds had been raised on grain soaked in brandy](#)
- [D\) The flesh was painted with saffron dissolved in melted butter](#)

7. All through the Christmas season in old England, "lambswool" could be found in the houses of the well-to-do. What was it?

- [A\) Imitation snow used in decorations](#)
- [B\) A brew of hot ale with roast apples floating in it](#)
- [C\) The material used for knitting Christmas gifts](#)
- [D\) A fluffy confection made from almonds and sugar](#)

Whitley Friendly Club



Christmas came early for members of Whitley Friendly Club. We had our annual outing to Rivington Barn, stopping on the way for morning coffee. After our delicious three course lunch we were entertained by Compere Paul Dee, watched a mini-panto of Aladdin, had a few games of bingo, and this year I am pleased to report that one of our ladies won a bottle of bubbly! There was dancing, singing and Father Christmas to follow and all too soon it was home time. A very enjoyable day. Our next fundraiser is Hetty's Hot Pot lunch for members on Thursday, 6 December.

Whitley WI November

Sue Abbott was unanimously re-elected as President for the coming year at the Annual Meeting and members were delighted to welcome new members to the Committee - details of names, contact details and the programme for 2008 will be on the website www.whitleywi.org.uk shortly. The committee annual review, compiled and read by Secretary, Dorothy Thompson, illustrated the variety of speakers and activities that members had enjoyed over the past year.

Seven new members have joined Whitley WI during the year and members have enjoyed a wide range of speakers, singing in the Weaver Valley WI Choir, monthly rambles and pub lunches, an eclectic mix of books with the Book Club, bowls, theatre visits, a cookery demonstration and garden visit and an evening outing to the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port. Following the Annual meeting, members were fascinated to hear about the duties that a modern butler is expected to undertake when in the service of the rich and famous in Canada – a far cry from his previous life in Warrington!

Two new projects have been successfully started this year. The **Seeds to Saucepan** project with the primary school is going well and students and their families have reportedly been very pleased with the blackberry and apple pies that have been taken home.

Whitley Village Hall was a hive of activity and chatter during the "Festive Fair" on November 8, an enjoyable social occasion for members and their friends, which raised over two hundred pounds for the WI and pleased WI Treasurer, Mary Highmore.

Next event is the Christmas Party on December 6 and the new programme starts on January 3 with a relaxing demonstration by Dove Spa.

We welcome new ideas and suggestions and are always delighted to welcome new members and visitors to any of our meetings – please come along and see what is on offer. For further details check www.whitleywi.org.uk, president@whitleywi.org.uk or ring Helen on 01925 730329

WANTED

If anyone is renewing their fridge/freezer and would like to donate their old one to the Village Hall, please contact June Smither 730478.



Friends of Whitley School

The Bag2school collection raised a fantastic £354.00. This is an incredible achievement for the school and the community.

Friends of Whitley School wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped to make this such a success.

We feel it is so worthwhile and supported that we are going to make it a regular twice annual village event and we will give as much notice as possible.

Next date in Spring - so keep collecting!

Whitley Village School

The whole school turned out for the "beating of the bounds" and both the children and staff had a wonderful day. Thanks so much to Phill Barber and the Sturrucks (for the comfort break). Whitley School will be joining other Cheshire schools at the Manchester Arena for the Young Voice concert on the 3rd December, more details from the School 730230.



CHILDREN IN NEED

The children had a non-uniform day at school to raise money. They also brought into school teddy bears in fancy dress. The winners were:-

Reception	. Luke Simmonds	Year 4	Jack Marsall
Year 1	Mark Helm	Year 5	Megan Warren
Year 2	Eve Pennington	Year 6	Thomas Dutton
Year 3	Adam Helm		
CONGRATULATIONS!!			



Would you like to come to the Christmas production this year? If you are free on **Wednesday afternoon, 19th December**, the children would love to see you. Please contact school 730230 or 730292. (We need to know numbers for catering).

Those of you who came to our open-day, we do hope you enjoyed this and we look forward to seeing you again.

Governing Body

Whitley Village Hall - NEW YEARS PARTY

Tickets are selling really quickly, so if you have not already asked for tickets, please contact the names below.

The Tolson's 730910, Clayton's 730618, Gaskell's 730573, Straw's 730419 or Ure's 730199



Mince Pie Pastry with a difference

To make a nice short crust pastry for your mince pies, use the following recipe.

140g cold butter diced
225g sifted plain flour
50g golden caster sugar
50g ground almonds
Zest of 1 orange

1 free-range egg yolk
½ teaspoon cold water
275g mincemeat
a free-range egg, beaten for coating
Make pastry as usual. Chill the dough for approx. 20-30 mins.
Before rolling.
Makes 18 mince pies.

Answers to Quiz

1. **A** - There once lived a woman so poor, says a Ukrainian folk tale, that she could not afford Christmas decorations for her family. One Christmas morning, she awoke to find that spiders had trimmed her children's tree with their webs. When the morning sun shone on them, the webs turned to silver and gold. An artificial spider and web are often included in the decorations on Ukrainian Christmas trees.
2. **C** - A ring means you will get married; while a thimble predicts spinsterhood. The idea of hiding something in the pudding comes from the tradition in the Middle Ages of hiding a bean in a cake that was served on Twelfth Night. Whoever found the bean became "king" for the rest of the night.
3. **B** - Scandinavian Christmas festivities feature a variety of straw decorations in the form of stars, angels, hearts and other shapes, as well as the Julbuk.

4. **B** - One explanation for this St. Stephen's day custom refers to a legend in which the saint was given away by a chattering wren while hiding from his enemies. Children cage the wren to help it do penance for this misdeed. Often the children carry a long pole with a holly bush at the top - which is supposed to hide a captured wren. An artificial wren may also be used.
5. **B** - The King of the Mice, usually represented with seven heads, leads his troops against the nutcracker's toy soldiers. He loses the battle when Clara, the heroine, stuns him with a shoe.
6. **D** - In addition to their painted flesh, endored birds were served wrapped in their own skin and feathers, which had been removed and set aside prior to roasting.
7. **B** - "Lambswool" was the drink that filled the wassail bowl. Sugar, eggs and spices were added to the ale, and toast floated on top with the apples. Poor people would bring their mugs to the door hoping for a share of the steaming drink.



December/January 2008 Diary Dates

BRIDGE CLUB
BROWNIES
CUB SCOUTS
DOG TRAINING CLUB
FRIENDLY CLUB

Wednesdays, Antrobus Village Hall - 7.20pm
Closed.
Cubs - Fridays 5.30 – 7 pm, Scouts Fridays 7 pm – 8.30 pm V. Hall
Wednesdays Village Hall 7.15pm
Dec. 6th. Hetty's Hot Pot Lunch 2-4 pm V. Hall
Jan. 10th 2008 Club restarts after New Year 2 – 4 pm.
Saturday 26th January – Birthday Party
Meeting in V.Hall alternate Thurs. 2 – 4 pm.

GUIDES
METHODIST CHURCH
MID CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOC
MOTHERS UNION
PARISH COUNCIL
PLAY GROUP UNDER 5's
RAINBOWS
SCOUTS
STRETTON YFC
ST LUKE'S
VILLAGE BOWLS
WHITLEY COMM. PRE-SCHOOL

Mondays, Village Hall, 6.30 – 8.00pm
House Group
Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club
2nd Wednesday of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
Monday 3rd December V. Hall 7.30 pm and Monday 21st January 8 pm
Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm Village Hall
Mondays, 4.00 – 5.00pm Village Hall
Fridays, 7.00 – 8.30pm Village Hall
Contact Paul Gerrard or Tom Earl
See St Luke's News



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL

Mon 9.15 - 12.00am / 12.30 – 3.00pm Village Hall
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday Village Hall, 9.15 – 12 noon
See WI News inside
Meeting, 3rd Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.
No Film in December.
24th January "Pursuit of Happiness" with Will Smith V.H. 7.30 pm
MOBILE LIBRARY Whitley Village Hall Field – **Weds. Dec. 5th & 19th - 9.30 – 10.00am - Weds. Jan 2nd, 16th & 30th – 9.30 – 10.00 am**



Organisations and Contacts

BAKER	Mrs J Perry	01606 42162	POLICE, Northwich	01606 48000
BRIDGE CLUB				
BROWNIES	(Closed)		ROSE QUEEN	Mrs Ann Tolson
CHETWODE BRIDGE	Linda Ince	01925 730533		01925 730910
COMMUNITY CARS		01606 784497	SCOUTS	Mr N Heavey
CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT		0845 4580000	ST. LUKES	Mr John Frodsham
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				Chairman: Tom Earl
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LIBRARY, Northwich		01606 44221	WHITLEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL	
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PAROCHIAL				
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If any information is incorrect or out of date please notify Pat Gaskell.

Whitley Village News Committee

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Mrs J Leicester 01925 730498 Mrs S Critchley 01925 730440 Mrs J Woolnough 01925 730430

<p>1st Prize £125 Pam Straw</p> 	<p>2nd Prize £50 R N Barnes</p>	<p>3rd Prize £25 John Mitchell</p>	<p>4th Prize £10 Ray Leicester</p> 
<p>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</p>			

