

# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please could you send any news to Pat Gaskell for February's issue anytime before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January, at Ashfield Mews, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730573 or e.mail [patgaskell@whitley41.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:patgaskell@whitley41.orangehome.co.uk). Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again! THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER THE VILLAGE NEWS



Joseph & Alice Glennon Joseph Ferguson  
3 yrs December 9th 9 yrs December 29th  
Theo Critchley 11 yrs January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mia Radcliffe 10yrs January 6<sup>th</sup>

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The Parish Council were pleased to hear that Whitley had come third in their group in the Best Kept Village competition. The village was found to be excellent in many of the categories judged. We would like to thank everybody who played their part in achieving this result.

**The Parish Clerk can supply a copy of the Final Mark Sheet if required. The Judges remarks are shown below:**

### Best Kept Village Judging 2008 Whitley

We were very impressed with the general appearance of the village. It has a lovely clean and well-tended look.

Below are a few comments the might help explain some of the reasoning for some of our marks.

- We were concerned to see a small amount of litter around the perimeter of the school. We also noted too that the hedge at the school was overgrown preventing you for seeing the school sign. We felt that the bus shelters could have been improved by a good sweep.
- The public car park and village hall had been kept very clean and tidy despite renovation work taking place there. The Chetwode Arms had made a real effort to make there outside space look attractive with floral displays and hanging baskets.
- The bowling green was very impressive.
- We felt that the water pump could have been better presented. It had weeds around the site and lacked any historical interpretation.
- St Luke's churchyard was very well kept, however the Methodist Chapel with its very overgrown grounds and lack of care pulled down the overall mark for this section.

Overall the parish was very tidy and litter free however we noted that more care was needed on the more outlying roads in the parish in particular opposite the Birch and Bottle pub. Overall well done.



## Winter Grazing Wanted

Does anyone in and around the village have a paddock area that needs grazing down? We are looking for another area to keep a few (very docile) rare breed sheep for a few months over the winter which will eat down the grass for you. Please contact Gill & Tony Moore on 730530.

## Att: Home Watch Co-Ordinators/Community Contacts - Farm Watch

At 3pm on Sat 15 November 08 a **white coloured, Iveco-Ford Horse Box Registration number Y393 KBA** - was stolen from the Over Peover area of Knutsford. Unfortunately at the time the Horse Box was stolen an **18 month old border terrier dog called "JAZZ"** was inside the horse box. "Jazz" is still missing. This vehicle may well have already had different number plates fitted. It could have been parked in a lay-by or secluded area to see whether a "tracker" is installed on the vehicle.

PC Mike Dawber and PC Mike Nash are requesting any sightings of the vehicle or any other relevant information to contact:-

**Cheshire Police Switchboard immediately on 0845 458 0000 quoting incident 653 of 15/11/08.**



## Issued 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Following a spate of high value thefts from farms around Cheshire a team of officers were brought together specifically to investigate the thefts. The loss of a tractor or other key item of farming machinery can have a profound impact on the livelihood of farmers, especially at this time of year when essential machinery is needed to harvest crops. Officers from the western and eastern part of the county have been working with the farming community to investigate the thefts and to offer advice and practical assistance on how vehicles and farming equipment can be better protected against theft. Designated officers are working with the rural community to broaden rural and farm watch schemes in the Chester and Knutsford areas. The scheme in Knutsford currently has in excess of 160 members. Yesterday, as a result of police enquiries and information received from the farming community five men were arrested in Middlewich Rd, Rudheath in possession of a stolen digger Further enquiries resulted in the recovery of a trailer and a pick up stolen from Frodsham and Allostock recently. All five men have been bailed pending further enquires with strict bail conditions:- including a night time curfew 9pm- 6am, reporting everyday to a police station, not to associate with one another and not to go on any farmland. Anyone who wants more information on how to join their local farm watch or rural watch scheme can email [knutsford.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:knutsford.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) or phone 0845 458 6380 to speak with either PC Mike Dawber or PC Mike Nash for Knutsford schemes or for Chester telephone 0845 458 6377 for PC Chris McCourt. Meanwhile, anyone with any information on any crime can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111

## Whitley W.I. – NOVEMBER

The Annual Meeting of Whitley WI was held on November 5 and began with a minute's silence for former member, Gloria Billington, who had worked tirelessly for Whitley WI over many years. Sue Abott, re-elected unanimously as President of Whitley for 2009, was delighted to report that 2008 has been a very successful year. The reason for this, she thought, was because WI members "get things done – we get on with it!" This was strongly illustrated by the Committee's Report, compiled by Secretary, Dorothy Thompson, which gave an overview of the past year's activities. Highlights included the very successful *Seeds to Saucapan* project, which had increased our links with the staff and children of Whitley Primary School and the spring Fashion Show, organised by Dorothy. This had not only been most enjoyable but also a great financial success and had raised funds not only for the WI but also for local community projects. The first project was on view – beautiful new blue curtains in the Village Hall.

The Treasurer, Mary Highmore, reported on an excellent year, financially and socially. We had gained new members (including three in October), reached the President's target of raising £100 for the Associated Countrywomen of the World and had a healthy bank balance. Gill Alcock told fellow members about her role on the National Federation of Women's Institutes' Public Affairs Committee. She was impressed by recent campaigns and by the respect other national organisations have for the WI. They want to work in partnership with the WI because they value the unique voice, decided through our democratic resolution process, that our organisation, with a membership of over 200,000 members, brings to any campaign. Sue Roberts was congratulated on being given a well deserved award at the Cheshire World Rural Women's Day event, run by Cheshire County Council, for her work in the county as the Cheshire Federation of WI's Science & Skills Co-ordinator. Members Paula Priestner and Yvonne Corfield gave a very informative and amusing talk and demonstration about their recent course at Denman College, studying the Alexander Technique. New committee member, Hilary Durkan, will fill the new position of Craft Workshop Organiser. For information about all Whitley WI events, activities, workshops, 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.

Hardy. Then after taking the Sunday school and becoming a licensed Eucharistic assistant I was asked by the parish if I would put myself forward for Ordination training. So there was preparation for that, then selection at the National selection conference; then three years on a part time course, leading to ordination, and two further years of post-ordination training.

Four years ago we came to Cheshire in a surprise move where I became a non stipendiary curate to the Churches on the Sandstone Trail. I had given up my full time job as Head of Art at Stretford Grammar School in Manchester and took on a number of part time appointments. The Parishes on the Sandstone Trail were Burwardsley, Bickley, Bickerton, Harthill, and Cholmondeley for good measure. It was good preparation for my ministry here. Now serving Whitley as well as Little Leigh, Aston-by-Sutton and Antrobus on a part time basis we are very busy but with Judith's help we are finding it very fulfilling. Things should get easier as we get to know more people through all the great things that go on here. It really is not as quiet as it looks!



**The Village Hall Committee are going to create a collage for the annexe walls. If you have any old photos of views around Whitley, please could you loan them to the committee.**



### VILLAGE HALL FILM

22<sup>ND</sup> January 2009 **MAMA MIA** 7.30 pm

Tickets £3 incl. refreshments

### Countries Quiz (answers on page 3)

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| 1. Popular Bird for Christmas                | 16. A shop where bulls shouldn't go           |
| 2. In need of a good meal                    | 17. Makes a nasty mark of your clothes        |
| 3. Where the melody is                       | 18. Prosecute little Daniel                   |
| 4. Where coffee comes from                   | 19. Where male neck wear originates           |
| 5. Like the weather in winter                | 20. Katie's professional name                 |
| 6. Hurry the lady                            | 21. Spot placed to indicate lions lair        |
| 7. A happy mongrel                           | 22. You take up this on starting working life |
| 8. Not out, darling                          | 23. Opposite to no women                      |
| 9. I did not walk                            | 24. Don't cry for me!!                        |
| 10. Mournful sounds                          | 25. Did you force her to go?                  |
| 11. Between 79 and 81                        |   |
| 12. Not old twenty one shillings             |   |
| 13. Suitable hat for hot weather             |   |
| 14. Sounds like the island of Egyptian kings |   |
| 15. Freezing place                           |   |

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Whitley Village Hall Field – **Weds 9.30 – 9.45**  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17, 31<sup>st</sup> December and 14 & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009



### "On Reflection" by The Reverend Richard Diggle

Now that we are more settled in at the vicarage Judith and I look forward to meeting more and more people from Whitley. If you see someone walking round with a collar like this in the photo it's probably me and not someone attending a stag or fancy dress party. Apparently the idea of wearing a dog collar for clergy started about 1827 and has been standard ever since. It is a sign that a clergyman has a

licence to take funerals, weddings and baptisms in their churches and to administer Holy Communion. Beyond that I'm afraid it confers few other automatic rights or authority. Yet it is a clear sign of someone being a Christian and of belonging to something or someone far greater than us whom we are called to serve.

But serving Jesus and the Church has not always been in the forefront of my life. At Prep school in North Wales and at Canford in Dorset, the beautiful country locations stimulated my interest in nature and in art. Then later, studying for an art degree in London and then on a scholarship in Stockholm, Sweden, there were many distractions. But after several years abroad and then teaching art and technology in Manchester schools, I began to look again at the Christian message.

Things began to make sense and I got more involved in parish life. Now having married Judith and with two children, Eleanor and Oliver, time was pretty well taken up. Nevertheless thanks to Judith's patience and forbearance, I served as a Churchwarden at St Werburgh's Church in Chorlton-cum-

## Planning applications

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Date Parish Council Agree or Object</u>	<u>Date Vale Royal Approve or Refuse</u>
08-1440-FUL 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	Construction of 2 No pumps housed in brick building creation of new access track with gated access	Land adjacent to Beaumont, Limes Lane	United Utilities	Objection Minute 5 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	Approved 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2008
08-1559-FUM 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Change of use of former pheasant rearing building to 7 live-work units	Whitley Brook Farm, Marsh Lane	A Faulkner	Concerns Expressed Minute 5 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2008	
08-1977-FUL 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2008	Two story side extension to existing house, two storey corner infill element and two storey extension to existing stable block	Grove House Village Lane	Mr D Rogers	Minute 5 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Withdrawn 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2008
08-2046-Ful 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Erection of single storey conservatory to replace existing.	2 Clock Tower Annex, Grimsditch Hall Grimsditch Lane	Mr Paul Walsh	No objection Minute 5 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Approved 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
08-2047-Ful 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Erection of single storey conservatory.	1 Clock Tower Annex, Grimsditch Hall Grimsditch Lane	Mr Paul Walsh	Object as this is not a separate dwelling Minute 5 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Withdrawn 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
08-2200-FUL 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Proposed staircase extension, new first floor & raised roof to existing detached garage with covered way to existing house.	Cherry Orchard, Lake Lane	Mr J Lawson	No objection except for covered way. Minute 5 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2008	Approved apart from covered way 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 08
08-2240-FUL 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2008	Agricultural/Lambing shed	Land west of Greenbank Farm, Limes Lane	Mr J Bryan	Objection Minute 5 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2008	
08-0255-FUM 10 <sup>TH</sup> Oct 2008	Construction of new animal by products processing facility	Land at Thellow Heath Farm, Northwich Road Antrobus	Mr Mark Harrison	Consult with Antrobus Minute 5 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2008	
08-2422-FUL 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	Alterations to existing road access.	Spring View Cottage Tarporley Road	Mr James Dolan		
08-2440-COU 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	Change of use from residential to residential care home for adults with learning difficulties	Grimsditch House Grimsditch Lane	Mrs Sue Jones		

### Answers to quiz

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Turkey      | 15. Iceland   |
| 2. Hungary     | 16. China     |
| 3. Tunisia     | 17. Greece    |
| 4. Brazil      | 18. Sudan     |
| 5. Chile       | 19. Thailand  |
| 6. Russia      | 20. Jordan    |
| 7. America     | 21. Denmark   |
| 8. India       | 22. Korea     |
| 9. Iran        | 23. Yemen     |
| 10. Wales      | 24. Argentina |
| 11. Haiti      | 25. Jamaica   |
| 12. New Guinea |               |
| 13. Panama     |               |
| 14. Faroe Isle |               |

### Récipe Corner - another recipe from Bologna



Sformatino di spinaci su crema di parmigiano  
(*Spinach Mini Cakes*) – another recipe from Bologna

#### Ingredients:

600g spinach  
4 fresh eggs  
200g cream  
800g flour (grade 00)  
80g grated bread  
100g grated parmesan  
Nutmeg, salt, pepper, butter

#### Method

Boil, dry and chop the spinach  
Put all ingredients into a large bowl and mix quickly with a whisk

## Organisations and Contacts

BAKER	Mrs J Perry	01606 42162	POLICE, Northwich		01606 48000
BROWNIES	(Closed)		ROSE QUEEN	Mrs Ann Tolson	01925 730910
BRIDGE CLUB	Linda Ince	01925 730533		Mr N Heavey	01925 730418
COMMUNITY CARS		01606 784497	SCOUTS	Mr John Frodsham	01928 567028
CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT		0845 4580000	ST. LUKES	Rev. Richard Diggle	01925 730158
CTY COUNCILLOR	Malcolm Byram	01606 74451	FRIENDS OF		
			ST LUKES	Mr Ian Roberts	01925 730593
CUB SCOUTS	Cathy Lee	07956 061341	DOG TRAINING CLUB	Derek Williams	01925 267647
DIST COUNCILLOR	Malcolm Byram	01606 74451	FRIENDLY CLUB	Mrs P Ikin	01925 267865
			STRETTON NEWSAGENT		01925 730388
GUIDES	Mrs J Clarke	01925 730206	STRETTON SUB-POST OFFICE		01925 730255
	Mrs M Barber	01925 730784	STRETTON YFC	Secretary: Paul Gerrard	07775907765
				Chairman: Tom Earl	07870118660
HOMEWATCH			VILLAGE HALL	Cathy Ure	01925 730199
CO-ORDINATOR	Mr John Shaw	01925 730390	VILLAGE HALL TEL NO		01925 730839
LIBRARY, Northwich		01606 44221	WHITLEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL		
MIDCHESHIRE VIDEO				Karen Hood	07881 658810
CAMERA SOC			WHITLEY CONSERVATION SOC		
MILKMAN	Mr Wood	01606 851240		Keith Gaskell	01925 730573
MOTHERS UNION	Mrs J Barber	01925 730212	WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL		
				Mrs J Morrison	01925 730230
PARISH COUNCIL	Mr John Shaw	01925 730390	FRIENDS OF		
			WHITLEY SCHOOL	Geoff Barker	01928 713923
PAROCHIAL			WHITLEY VILLAGE	<a href="http://www.whitleyvillage.org.uk">www.whitleyvillage.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk">andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk</a>
CHURCH COUNCIL	Mr Allan Taylor	01925 732765	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Sue Abbott	01928 581196
PLAYGROUP	Liz Williams	07932 730213		Email	<a href="mailto:Sue.abbott@ukonline">Sue.abbott@ukonline</a>
	Karen Hood	07881 658810			

*If any information is incorrect or out of date please notify Pat Gaskell*

### DECEMBER 2008/JANUARY 2009 Diary Dates

BRIDGE CLUB	Wednesdays, Antrobus Village Hall - 7.20pm
BROWNIES	Closed.
CUB SCOUTS	Cubs - Fridays 5.30 – 7 pm, Scouts Fridays 7 pm – 8.30 pm V. Hall
DOG TRAINING CLUB	Wednesdays Village Hall 7.15pm
FRIENDLY CLUB	Meetings as usual in V. Hall 2 – 4 pm. <b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Birthday Party</b>
GUIDES	Mondays, Village Hall, 6.30 – 8.00pm
METHODIST CHURCH	House Group
MID CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOC	Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club
MOTHERS UNION	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
PARISH COUNCIL	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December & Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 - V. Hall 7.30 pm
SCOUTS	Fridays, 7.00 – 8.30pm Village Hall
STRETTON YFC	Contact Paul Gerrard or Tom Earl
ST LUKE'S	See St Luke's News
TODDLER GROUP	Thursday 9.30 – 11.30 am
VILLAGE BOWLS	No bowls until April 2009
WHITLEY COMM. PRE-SCHOOL	Mon 9.15 - 12.00am / 12.30 – 3.00pm Village Hall
	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday Village Hall, 9.15 – 12 noon
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	See WI News inside
WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL	Committee Meeting, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.
	<b>NO FILM IN DECEMBER.</b>

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#### 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

#### **FRANDLEY QUAKER MEETING**

(The Religious Society of Friends)

Frandley 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 NOVEMBER Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125**  
**Paula Helm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50**  
**Nicky & Geoff Barker**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25**  
**Jennifer Pennington**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10**  
**Dorothy Hemingway**

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