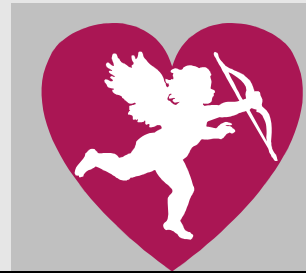


WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

Best wishes for 2009. After this issue, I will not be producing the Village News. **Theo Critchley will be taking over from March, therefore will you please send any news to Theo for the March's issue anytime before the deadline of 15th February, at Maple Cottage , Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730569 or e.mail.**

JamesTCritchley@aol.com.

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



Erin Simpkins
8 yrs 9th March

Matthew Clayton
11 yrs 18th March

Fynn Simpkins
5 yrs 19th March

Finlay Turnbull
7 yrs 21st March

Whitley Community Choir

Rehearsals for this new venture began in October and membership is growing and 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). During the next few months, we will be learning a range of 'Show' songs, including work by Lloyd-Webber as well as choruses from around the world in the country's own language and a selection of modern pop songs. Everybody is most welcome; if you enjoy singing but haven't done it since school, if you sing in the car to the radio, whilst gardening or in the bath then this choir is for you! Mrs Morrison, Headteacher, has kindly provided the use of the school hall and refreshments, and rehearsal dates for the New Year are Thursdays on February 5th, 12th, March 5th, 12th 19th, 26th and April 2nd. Dates for the remainder of the school year will follow. We are working towards an event involving our school choir towards Easter and I look forward to meeting members old and new and singing soon!

Cate Madden, Music Teacher Whitley Village School

Whitley Parish Council



Cheshire Landscape Trust hold regular Tree Warden Meetings to encourage the conservation and preservation of trees. Unfortunately Whitley does not have a Tree Warden and the Parish Council would like to appoint one. This is not an onerous task but if this subject interests you please contact me for more information. John Shaw, Parish Clerk. Tel: 01925 730390

Whitley Rose Queen – Annual Christmas Party

I am sure that everyone who attended the party will agree that it was a really enjoyable evening, the food and entertainment was excellent. A big thank you to all the Committee who worked extremely hard to give us such a good evening. we all appreciate hard work. It is

worth

being sixty to be able to go along.

Whitley Conservation Society

Whitley Bird Life. – article written by Ian Macpherson

We are very fortunate in that we have quite good habitat for birds around Whitley. Mixed farming, good hedgerows, some woodland and good tracts of water. Consequently we enjoy a variety of bird life. Recent species surveys revealed 57 residents and summer visitors and 45 during winter months. Here are some of the less common birds and where to look for them this winter: Curlew – on the fields either side of Limes Lane and top end of Dark Lane Tufted Duck – Raddel Pool. There is a flock of about 40 that survived the disruption of landscaping works there over the last couple of years. A pair of little grebe as well as three or four crested grebe a resident on Raddel Pool and from time to time a cormorant is easily seen in silhouette perched on the protruding boulder off the headland right in the middle of the pool. Perhaps the most interesting and new to the area is a pair of Ravens. They were first heard and spotted in spring time and were intermittent visitors throughout the summer, sometimes for days at a time the longest spell being a few weeks when there was a third bird, probably a juvenile. They returned at the beginning of December and can be heard and seen to the east of Back Lane where they range over the fields and roost in the trees over the stream. They are about half as big again as a carrion crow. In flight you will see the diamond shaped tail. Their call is a loud distinctive "korrp". With the arrival of cold weather we have Fieldfares from Scandinavia move in. Large flocks of typically 20 to 200 can be seen feeding on stubble fields that have been sprayed with manure. Often mixed in with flocks of Fieldfares and Starlings there will be Redwings too. Both members of the thrush family, the Fieldfares are larger than our resident Song Thrush and, as the name suggests, red flash on the wings. You will know they are about when your berries disappear!

Illustration: Raven.



Thanks to all humans who fed us during the cold spell. ***Duck World***

Recipe for Bird Cake

1 lb fat (animal), Bread , Nuts, Fruit

Heat the fat in a large saucepan, when melted add bread crumbs, fruit etc.. Pour into a suitable container, when cold, hang up in your garden. (Joyce Swinton)





PAUL DABEK Young Magician of the Year

Saturday, 28th March, 2009 at 7.30 Whitley Village Hall
Suitable for children 6 yrs.

Tickets: Adults £10, Children £6.50-, Family £30
Call 01925 730419/730478/730199
Tables for 6 booked in advance £54
Includes supper.

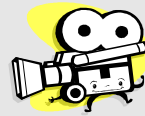
Whitley School

Did you know you can support Whitley Village School by helping Friends Of Whitley School to raise money without Did you know you can support Whitley Village School by helping Friends Of Whitley School to raise money without doing *anything* - just by simply asking your employer to join the Matched Giving Scheme. All this means is that they pledge to match the sum raised by a particular fund raising event. There are many advantages to your employer including tax benefits and publicity opportunities too! Given that so many of the events raise significant amounts (for example Night At The Movies raised a fantastic profit of £928.76), Matched Funding would dramatically increase the total funds, giving even greater opportunities to our wonderful school. You don't have to have a child at Whitley School - just an interest in helping the community as a whole. Further detailed information can be obtained from FOWS or email suetmc03@yahoo.co.uk. (FOWS reg. charity No. 1119258)

Whitley W.I.

By popular request, Don Lodge paid a welcome return visit to Whitley in January to continue recounting his experiences as a butler. Having previously entertained members with anecdotes of his life in the American embassy in Ottawa, he spoke of his time at Woburn House as butler and valet to the Marquis of Tavistock, who was a stickler for process and precision. Members were pleased that they were no longer required to press bath towels and intrigued to learn how to polish shoes without either a brush or a duster! We welcomed a new member and four visitors to the meeting which was taken by June Smither, in the absence of our President, Sue Abbott who had succumbed to one of the many 'bugs' floating around this winter. In spite of the very foggy evening, over forty members were present to catch up on future events and activities. Membership booklets full of useful 'offers' and savings on a variety of products and exciting holidays were handed out and names drawn for the Members' Night committee. Secretary Dorothy Thompson reported that the new Whitley WI tablecloth project was well in hand and that the village pictures for embroidering had been chosen. A working group will now be meeting every other Tuesday and members were urged to come along and help with the stitching so that the cloth could be finished by the end of the year. It's a myth that you have to be able to sew in order to join the WI, so the non-crafty among us were invited just to come and have a look and admire the design. Our WI is organising a trip to see Calendar Girls at The Lowry on March 18 and several members are hoping to go on the Cheshire Denman College visit in August, if they are successful in the ballot. Information from Cheshire News was read out and members encouraged to go to the next PAL (Public Affairs Link) meeting, organised by the Cheshire federation of WIs on February 12, at The National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port, when the speaker will talk about how to keep older people healthy and what is available to help them. Our Birthday meeting is on 5 February, when the Rev. E. Chegwin Hall will explain why "It shouldn't happen to a nurse". Visitors very welcome.

For further information about all Whitley WI events, activities, monthly rambles and book club details check out 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 (location details on our website).



VILLAGE HALL FILM

'KITE RUNNER'

Won an Oscar - Best Achievement in Music Written for Motion Pictures
26th February 2009 at 7.30 pm

Tickets £3 incl. refreshments

Village Hall

Good home required for Village Hall piano which is surplus to requirements. Please contact Cathy Ure 01925730199, if you would like it.

ADVANCE NOTICE



10K and Fun Run, Sunday 19th April

Mobile Library

Wed. 4th and 18th February Whitley Village Hall, 9.15 – 9.45 a.m.



Recipe Corner

Scotch Pancakes

8oz Self raising flour

½ teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda

½ teaspoon of cream of tartar

1 to 3 oz sugar

2 large eggs

Milk to thicken

(Put a handful of sultanas in sweet ones, miss out sugar, and add a little salt to make smoked salmon blinnies)

Coat the frying pan finely with butter and fry the pancakes (usually 4 at a time).



WHITLEY ROSE QUEEN SELECTION EVENING – FRIDAY 27th MARCH, 2009



Come along and enjoy an evening your children as we make the draw for this year's Rose Queen and Retinue.
New families in the village will be especially welcome.

Doors open at 7 pm. There will be a small quiz followed by the film of last year's Rose Queen Day being shown at 7.30 pm.
The draw will then take place.

Admittance: Adult £1, Children 50p. Payable on the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents – please note nominations are required for the Rose Queen and retinue by Friday 21st March.

By now, all parents with children attending Whitley Village School should have received a letter containing nomination form/details. Parents of children who do not attend the school, but live in the village and require further information/nomination, please telephone Mrs A Tolson on 09125 730910.

Rose Queen Year 5 to Year 11
Chief Attendant Girl Year 3 to Year 4 **Crown Bearer Boy Year 3 to Year 6**
Small Attendant Girls Year 2 **Train Bearer Boys Reception to Year 2**

ALL AGES AS AT 1ST JUNE 2009

Planning applications

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Parish Council Agree or Object</u>	<u>Date Vale Royal Approve or Refuse</u>
08-2240-FUL 24 th Sept 2008	Agricultural/Lambing shed	Land west of Greenbank Farm, Limes Lane	Mr J Bryan	Objection Minute 5 20 th Oct 2008	Withdrawn 26 th Nov 2008
08-0255-FUM 10 TH 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 th Oct 2008	
08-2422-FUL 4 th Nov 2008	Alterations to existing road access.	Spring View Cottage Tarporley Road	Mr James Dolan	No Objection Minute 5 1 st Dec 2008	Approved 15 th Dec 2008
08-2604-Ful 27 th Nov 2008	Two storey side extension	Grove House, Village Lane	Mr D Rogers	Objection Minute 5 1 st Dec 2008	Approved 7 th January 2009
08-2440-COU 14 th Nov 2008	Change of use from residential to residential care home	Grimsditch House Grimsditch Lane	Sue Jones	Objection Minute 5 1 st Dec 2008	Approved 23 Dec 2008
APP/2003 /0987 18 th Dec 2008	Appeal against refusal of variation of condition 5 to extend hours of operation.	Eatonfield Day Spa Limes Lane	Hazel Morris		
08-2748-FUL	Ground floor rear extension and new access	Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane	Mrs Beryl Medland		\
08-2748-FUL 8 th January 2009	Ground floor rear extension and new access Amended Plans	Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane	Mrs Beryl Medland		
09-00025-FUL 14 th Jan 2009	Removal of Condition 5 in Planning Permission 08-0233-FUL	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	Mr M Crook		
08-2865-FUL 14 th Jan 2008	Two storey extension to side.	Holmside Street Lane	Mr Mathew Timmins		



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	www.whitleyvillage.org.uk	andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk
CHURCH COUNCIL	Mr Allan Taylor	01925 732765	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Sue Abbott	01928 581196
PLAYGROUP	Liz Williams	07932 730213		Email	Sue.abbott@ukonline
	Karen Hood	07881 658810			

If any information is incorrect or out of date please notify Theo Critchley

FEBRUARY 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. 5 th and 19 th February
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 nd Wednesday of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
PARISH COUNCIL	Monday 2 nd March - 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 rd Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.

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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)

Frاندley 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 JANUARY/DECEMBER Draw

1st Prize £125
Dorothy Hemingway
Sue Mitchell

2nd Prize £50
B Holbrook
Noel Arms

3rd Prize £25
Joyce Barber
Carol Spencer

4th Prize £10
Vicki Coulthurst
Julie Murphy

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