

Whitley Village News

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Dear Readers

I hope you had a good Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and we can now look forward to lighter nights. The Rose Queen Selection Evening and Social will be held on **Friday 14th March**. Services continue at St Luke's Church. News for the March edition to Pat Gaskell anytime before the deadline of 15th February 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!



Elizabeth Merrill

11 yrs on 8th February

Richard Andrew Lewis 11 yrs on 13th February

Katherine Merrill

6 yrs on 15^h February

We hope you all have a great day!

If you have children under 11 years old and would like their birthdays mentioning in the Village News, please could you let me have the names and birthday date and I will put their birthday in the Village News.

St Luke's Parish Church

CHURCH HOUSING TRUST - At the Christmas Carol Concert the Collection was taken in aid of the Church Housing Trust. This Charity is dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of homeless people of all ages and backgrounds. The PCC is pleased to announce that the magnificent sum of £300.00 was raised for this worthy cause. Many thanks to all who contributed

A thank you once again to Chris Spittle and the team of ladies for decorating the Church for the Christmas period. Also thank you to the Working Party who cleared all the leaves from the Church yard. They all did a splendid job!

Services for February 2008



Sun 3 Feb.

Sun 10 Feb

Sun 17 Feb

Sun 24 Feb

Morning Prayer

Family Service

Morning Prayer

Eucharist

Chris Taylor

Chris Taylor

Chris Taylor

Rev Ron Biggin

All services start at 0930

From the Wardens of St. Lukes Church, Whitley

We are delighted to announce that we now have a new Parish Vicar by the name of Rev. Richard Diggle. His induction will be held at one of the four churches on 7th April. I am sure you will all welcome him and his wife Judith when then move into the Vicarage after the alterations. Richard is a part-time art teacher and an artist in his own right.

Rose Queen

All who went to the Rose Queen Xmas Party had a very enjoyable, entertaining evening. A huge thanks to all the Committee for putting on such a good evening and for all their hard work. It was really appreciated.

ROSE QUEEN SELECTION EVENING AND SOCIAL will be held at Whitley Village Hall, Friday 14th March at 7pm. Entry forms will be available from Whitley Village School, if your child does not attend the village school ring Ann Tolson 01925 739910. This year Rose Queen Day will be on 14th June.

Donkey Derby - Due to on-going work being carried out at the Village Hall, there will be no Donkey Derby this year, instead we are holding an indoor race night.



RACE NIGHT

WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2008

First race 8 p.m. - Entrance Tickets: £1

Tickets available from Cliff Straw 730419, Cathy Ure 730 399, June Smither 730 478

A thank you from Noel Alms

'SIX DAYS IN JUNE'


We have now sold over 200 copies of the above named DVD showing much of our beautiful coastline, taken from the air. It has enabled me to send over £1,000 to Cancer Research UK. I would like to thank the Village News for allowing me to promote the DVD in the Christmas Issue and to thank Jean Leicester in particular for inserting the leaflets into the newsletter at the last moment, and also to those of you who actually bought copies. I have received many compliments on the contents of the DVD, which is gratifying. There are still a few copies left before they are withdrawn from sale. Noel Alms

Home Watch

Burglars have been spotted around Whitley. Please be vigilant, keep your car keys and house keys out of sight as it has been known for your keys to be hooked off hall tables via your letterboxes.

Thank You

Many thanks to friends and neighbours who sent cards and best wishes following my hip surgery and also to the people for calling in and I am glad to say that I am making good progress. **Fred Pace**



BRIDGE DRIVE ANTROBUS VILLAGE HALL
Friday 22nd February 1.30 pm
Tickets: Sold in pairs at £ 6 per person
Afternoon Tea and Cake at half time plus lots of prizes
Tickets available from Linda Ince 01925 730533

Whitley WI January

There's nothing like a bit of pampering after the frenzy of the festive season. At the first meeting of the new year, Whitley members enjoyed a relaxing evening with staff from Dove Spa in Higher Whitley. There are a wide variety of opportunities on offer at the Spa, including diagnostic skin analysis for individual skin, holistic therapy, hydrotherapy, reflexology, cranial work and allergy tests.

After hand, foot and head massages, members are now ready for anything, which is just as well as President, Sue Abbott, had a long and interesting list of suggestions and activities for the coming year – in addition to the regular monthly meetings. The Eco team and **Seeds to Saucepan** projects are on-going and members were also invited to take part in local rambles, which would then be written up in a booklet of local walks, with photos, heritage and wildlife details. A Whitley WI recipe book was suggested and meetings will be held to discuss entries in the Cheshire Federation of WIs exhibition **The Glory of the Garden** at the Cheshire Show, which links in with the Cheshire Year of Gardens 08 initiative.

Pat Holbrook was thanked for the beautiful scrapbook that she has designed and illustrated with her own watercolour paintings – a unique archive of photos and pictures of all the events and activities that members have enjoyed over the past year. This will be included in our entry in the National Federation **WI of the Year** competition.

The next meeting will be an illustrated talk by Mike Hems on the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest on February 7 at Whitley Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We are always delighted to welcome visitors and friends to our meetings and produce occasional promotion leaflets highlighting special events and meetings. These, together with details of all other activities including monthly rambles and book club meetings can be found on the website www.whitleywi.org.uk or president@whitleywi.org.uk or ring Helen on 01925 730329. 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.

Whitley Village Hall

NEW YEARS PARTY

From all accounts, the Whitley New Year's party was a huge success. The music, atmosphere and the food were extremely good. A Big thank you to Claudia and Richard from the Chetwode Arms for supplying the food and donating the barrels of beer. For those of you who attended, you can purchase your photograph taken on the night for a nominal fee (proceeds will go to the Village Hall). Please contact Scot and Ann Tolson on 730910 if you would like to buy your photograph.

Thank you from the Village Hall Committee to Tom and Rachel Faulkner for delivering the pamphlets over the year for the Films being shown at the Village Hall.

The "Atonement" starring Keira Knightley is the film being shown on Thursday, 28th February, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Please come along - tea and biscuit refreshments.

A MESSAGE FROM PETER TOLSON ON BEHALF OF WHITLEY VILLAGE SCOUTS.

We are privileged to have both a Cub and Scout group in our village, but sadly there are not many cubs and scouts who attend. As someone who has been through **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and now Explorers**, I feel that scouting has not only brought lots of fun and skills into my life but has changed it for the better. Both Cubs and Scouts meet Friday evenings at Whitley Village Hall. Its great fun, so come along and join us.

CUBS 5.30 - 7pm ages 7 to 10

SCOUTS 7pm - 8.30 ages 10 to 14



Valentine Day Quiz

1. Who had a top ten hit in the UK with "Cupid" in 1961?
2. Who wrote the poem "A Red, Red Rose"?
3. Which company manufactured Love Hearts - packets of small round sweets each of which had a short message on?
4. Which 1999 Oscar winning film has a title which refers to a breed of rose and features a red rose on its poster?
5. Who played the title role in the film 'Shirley Valentine'?
6. Approximately what percentage of Valentine's cards do women buy? 50%, 70% or 85%?
7. In which TV sitcom is one of the characters said to have proposed to another on Valentine's Day by putting the message "Lee love Dawn, marriage?" in their local paper?
8. In which century were the Wars Of The Roses fought?
9. The word "love" as used in the scoring of tennis is thought to have originated from the French word for what type of food?
10. How many times does the word "love" appear in the Bible? 3, 73 or 733?

Whitley Community Pre-School



Whitley Community Pre-school

are pleased to invite members of the community to attend the official opening of our newly refurbished outdoor play area.

After holding many fundraising events with support from parents, staff, committee members, members of the community and WREN we have been able to build a new, modern and exciting play area.

Saturday 15th March - 9.45 for official opening at 10.00

Whitley Village Hall

Tea and cakes will be available

WHITLEY METHODIST HOUSE GROUP – 2008

Our fellowship continues with our Whitley Methodist House Group, as usual our meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month. To enable as many people as possible to attend the starting time will alternate between 2.30pm in a home and 7.30pm in the Chapel (as long as it is available). Allowing for inclement weather, the first two meetings are in the afternoon at Isabel's. **These meetings are open to everyone PLEASE COME.**

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 16 th January	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC Cov MTC
Wednesday 20 ^h February	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC Stephen Kingsnorth
Wednesday 19 th March	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC MTC
Wednesday 16 th April	7.30pm	Chapel, Pillmoss Lane, Whitley HC Bob Davies
Wednesday 21 st May	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC Jackie Bellfield
Wednesday 18 th June	7.30pm	Chapel, Pillmoss Lane, Whitley HC LNM
Wednesday 16 th July	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC Sally Ratcliffe
Wednesday 20 th August	7.30pm	Chapel, Pillmoss Lane, Whitley DIY
Wednesday 15 th September	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC LNM
Wednesday 15 th October	7.30pm	Chapel, Pillmoss Lane, Whitley HC MTC
Wednesday 19 th November	2.30pm	477 London Road, Appleton HC LNM
Wednesday 17 th December	7.30pm	Chapel, Pillmoss Lane, Whitley HC MTC

Answers to Valentine Day Quiz

1. Sam Cooke; 2. Robert Burns; 3. Swizzel; 4. American Beauty; 5. Pauline Collins; 6. 85%; 7. The Office;
8. 15th; 9. Egg (L'ouef); 10. 733

Advance Notice

27th April 10K and Fun Run - 11 am Village Hall

18th May Rural Tour Network – Flying Gorillas present “Chocolate Thunder – details to follow
 5th July St. Lukes Church Garden Party p.m.
 Quiz Night – Whitley Village Hall – details to follow

February 2008 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	Meeting in V.Hall alternate Thurs. 2 – 4 pm.
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 3 rd March = V. Hall 7.30 pm
PLAY GROUP UNDER 5's	Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm Village Hall
RAINBOWS	Mondays, 4.00 – 5.00pm Village Hall
SCOUTS	Fridays, 7.00 – 8.30pm Village Hall
STRETTON YFC	Contact Paul Gerrard or Tom Earl
ST LUKE'S	See St Luke's News
VILLAGE BOWLS	
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 See WI News inside
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Meeting, 3 rd Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.
WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL	28 th February, Film 'Atonement V.H. 7.30 pm MOBILE LIBRARY Whitley Village Hall Field – Weds 13th and 27th February. 9.30 – 10.00am

Organisations and Contacts

BAKER	Mrs J Perry	01606 42162	POLICE, Northwich	01606 48000
BROWNIES	(Closed)		ROSE QUEEN	Mrs Ann Tolson
BRIDGE CLUB	Linda Ince	01925 730533		01925 730910
COMMUNITY CARS		01606 784497	SCOUTS	Mr N Heavey
CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT		0845 4580000	ST. LUKES	Mr John Frodsham
CTY COUNCILLOR	Malcolm Byram	01606 74451	FRIENDS OF	Beryl Medland
			ST LUKES	Mr Ian Roberts
CUB SCOUTS	Cathy Lee	07956 061341	DOG TRAINING CLUB	Derek Williams
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GUIDES	Mrs J Clarke	01925 730206	STRETTON SUB-POST OFFICE	01925 730255
	Mrs M Barber	01925 730784	STRETTON YFC	Secretary: Paul Gerrard
				Chairman: Tom Earl
HOMEWATCH			VILLAGE HALL	Cathy Ure
CO-ORDINATOR	Mr John Shaw	01925 730390	VILLAGE HALL TEL NO	01925 730839
LIBRARY, Northwich		01606 44221	WHITLEY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL	
MIDCHESHIRE VIDEO			Zoe Kilby	01606 75147
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
PAROCHIAL				01928 713923
CHURCH COUNCIL	Mr Allan Taylor	01925 732765	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Sue Abbott 01928 581196
PLAYGROUP	Angela Simpkins	01925 732 728		Email Sue.abbott@ukonline
	Ailsa Wilkes	01606 883220		

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

Whitley Village News Committee

Mrs A Brock	01925 730571	Mrs P Gaskell	01925 730573	Mrs T Critchley	01925 730569	Mrs J Smither	01925 730478
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Village Hall Lottery - December/January Draw

Christ mas Draw – Paula Helm £50

1st Prize £125	2nd Prize £50	3rd Prize £25	4th Prize £10
Dorothy Hemingway J Partington	Karen Fallon V & M Alms	Celia Forsberg Ray Leicester	Barbara Rogers Carol Spencer

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