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Dear Readers

Please submit news for the March issue anytime before the deadline of **15th February** to –

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Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!

Rexy

Whilst out for a walk on cold Normans Lane ,
I found my small dog in considerable pain,
Limping along on a sore bended knee,
Crimson blood on the snow for us all to see.

We wondered what happened to our poor little Mutt
Had he been careless and misplaced his foot?
An accident we thought he must have met
With concern in our minds off we went to the Vet.

The kindly man said, with sad look on his face,
We must X-Ray his leg to see what took place,
Come back at four and I'll let you know more,
With unease in our hearts we walked through the door.

On our return the Vet sat us down
And gave his report with a worrying frown
'The news which I have, you will like not a lot
It's a terrible thing but your dog has been shot!'

Now we know our small dog round fields like to roam,
And perhaps he'll come by your warm friendly home,
But if by some chance a nuisance he be
We hope you will listen to our 'from the heart' plea

We really are sorry he can make you irate,
And we do try our best to keep shut our gate,
But your home should he come, we beg you one thing
Please DON'T SHOOT just give us a ring.

01925 730533 Ince/Lavender - WILLOW COTTAGE

Whitley Village Hall Film Show



Presents.....

Seven Pounds

Starring Will Smith

Haunted by a secret, Ben Thomas looks for redemption by radically transforming the lives of seven people he doesn't know. Once his plan is set, nothing will be able to stop him. At least that's what he thinks.!!!

Thursday 25th February at 7.30 pm

Tickets Available at the Door
£3 including refreshments

Whitley W.I.

Whitley WI welcomes a new President this year, Paula Priestner, who says that she *"joined Whitley WI in 2006 shortly after moving to the village and was immediately impressed with the enthusiasm and energy of the members. They made me feel very welcome and encouraged me to take part in the many different activities and opportunities which are on offer."* She went on to say, *"I am honoured to have been elected as the new President. We have a diverse and exciting programme of speakers and events and I'm very much looking forward to welcoming new members of all ages to our meetings. Come along and see what is on offer – it's well worth a visit. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Whitley Village Hall."*

Several new members have joined the committee this year, which is very encouraging. Dorothy Thompson stays on as Secretary, Mary Highmore remains as Treasurer and Yvonne Corfield is the new Vice President. Former committee members are Gill Alcock, Hilary Durkin, Beryl Medland, Pat Gaskell and



Special Birthday Mentions

Katherine Merrell
8 yrs on 15th Feb

A Very Happy Birthday To You

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

Explorers Scouts

In August this year, myself and 16 other young Explorers Scouts aged between 16-19 will be going to Nairobi, Kenya. The object of the visit is to install a water purification filter in a small village near the city. Hopefully we can improve the lives of the people living there and experience what they have to live with everyday.

We are currently fundraising to pay for the visit.

If anyone in the village needs any odd jobs, or babysitting or would just like to contribute to the trip please contact me on
01925 730910

I would be extremely grateful

Peter Tolson

Brookside, Street Lane, Lower Whitley, WA4 4EN

Many Thanks

Joyce and I would like to thank all our good neighbours for their kind help during the last spell of bad weather.

What a wonderful caring village we live in.

David M. Swinton (The Croft, Dark Lane)

If you have any spare bread, we would appreciate it.

Puddleducks

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

A49 ---A559

Remember the VILLAGE PLAN?! At last, after meetings and much correspondence, PROGRESS. Believe it or not our new Borough Council, Cheshire West and Chester, have turned up trumps. Karen Molloy, principal engineer, (01244 977 479) has taken a keen interest in safety on both roads. No doubt you will be aware of the proposed road works which should have started on both in January but are rescheduled for February.

On completion on the **A49**, the present day type of centre markings at Grimsditch Corner will be extended northwards for some distance creating two single lanes. Hopefully this will channel the traffic and stop overtaking movements at this dangerous spot.

Also four interactive signs will be erected along the Parish length (siting not yet known). These are signs illuminated by traffic exceeding possibly 50mph and will display CRASH AREA SLOW DOWN. The erection period has been delayed but it is hoped these will be in place in April. These are a new type of sign not displaying speed and probably not subject to

Celia Forsberg with new team members Chris Spittle, Sue Antrobus, Anne O'Brien, and Anne Lucas.

Due to the weather (the Village Hall car park was under one foot of snow like many other parts of Cheshire!) the January meeting had to be cancelled - so practising the art of Tai Chi will have to wait for another year. Cheshire is famous for its gardens and gardeners and members are looking forward to a lively Birthday meeting on February 4, when gardener Sue Beezly, from Lodge Lane, Dutton, will share her experiences creating her BBC Garden of the Year.

For full details and information about all Whitley WI activities, monthly rambles and book club, check out our website www.whitleywi.org.uk, email president@whitleywi.org.uk or ring Helen on 01925 730329.

Whitley Homewatch

Residents are warned to be on their guard following a report that two teenage girls posing as carers entered the home of a lady on the pretence of discussing her medication. Although the girls had no ID the lady allowed them into the house and unfortunately only realised after they had gone that her handbag had been stolen. Please be vigilant, distraction burglars will use all kinds of lies to try and gain access, they can be male or female, old and young, even children. Please be on your guard against this type of crime. Use your door chain and ask to see photographic identification. If you have any doubts whatsoever do not allow access and contact the Police immediately. If you have any information of similar incidents please contact the Police on **0845 458 0000** If in any doubt KEEP THEM OUT.

Police are reminding residents to be vigilant after a camera was found attached to a cash machine in the area. The camera was discovered at Morrisons, Nat Lane, Winsford after a customer reported someone acting suspiciously by the ATM at 11.15am on Sat December 19. PC Dan Barlow said: "The camera was hidden in the top of the machine, pointed at the key pad. I would urge people to check cash machines for abnormalities, not only in the card reader, but also in the top of the machine where this camera was hidden." A 31-year-old man from Manchester was arrested at the supermarket on suspicion of possessing articles to be used in fraud. He was charged with the offence.

In the lead up to Christmas Trading Standards received many complaints from people who had purchased GHD hair stylers and Ugg boots from fake websites. These look like official websites, but as you navigate around them, it becomes apparent they are not. Consumers are not receiving goods ordered or, more frequently, receiving poor quality counterfeits. Consumers buying goods online are advised that it is safer to use the official company websites, or their authorised suppliers. If you have been a victim please contact Trading Standards **08454 04 05 06**.

Mobile Library



At Whitley Village Hall car park
from 9.15 – 9.45 am

Wednesday 10th & 24th January

Planning Applications

There have been no additional submissions since the last issue.

bureaucratic delays by having to refer to government agencies, but hopefully will help to ease the foot off the throttle! The intention is to have two on each side of the road. Personally I do not think there is a problem with the north bound traffic, it having travelled many miles governed to 60mph, but the southbound, particularly coming off the motorway, is another matter. Four consecutive signs would have a good effect but that is not the intention.

Although tentative agreement had been reached with Vale Royal and Cheshire CC to introduce a 50mph limit on the **A559**, this was overtaken by the reorganisation of the councils. A new study has been completed by consultants but the results are not yet available. From odd comments I am not too hopeful but if any road requires a lower speed restriction, this one does, all the way to Great Budworth.

Karen, who has been very helpful, is happy to talk to anyone with an interest in these proposals.

Eddy Naylor

Pot Holes And Street Lighting Faults

If there are potholes in your lane or the road or the streetlight is faulty this is what to do.

Go to: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Select: *Report It*

Select: *Highways Faults*

Type in road name or postcode in the box above the map

Place the red marker where the pothole or fault is

Fill in your name and address etc.

You will receive a confirmation and report number.

The Council must take action to resolve the matter.

A Wander Down Memory Lane Whitley 100 years ago

Continued from last month

Wending our way towards Lower Whitley Village we pass the Quaker Burial Ground, and on to the village itself. Here we find a small school, now the church Hall. The children paid a penny a week to attend the school. Further along is Ribbledash Cottage, Mr and Mrs Plant lived here, Mr Plant had the local thrashing machine so he was very much in demand at harvest time. He also kept bees and had a little shop at the end of his cottage where he sold honey.

The main road ran through the village and passed the church, what a pretty road it was, trees on either side, meeting overhead in some places and an abundance of wild flowers, roses, violets, etc. growing on its mossy banks.

We used to walk to Church every Sunday morning along this quiet road, a really pleasant walk. So we return to Greenhills Common where we started our ramble

Last extract of an item originally published in July 1978.

St Luke's Church

The services for St Luke's for February are as follows:

- 7th Holy Communion
- 14th Family Service
- 17th Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
- 21st Holy Communion
- 28th Morning Prayer

The **Mothers' Union Annual Lunch** will be held at "The Cottage" Restaurant, Thelwall 12.00 for 12.30 on Wednesday February 10th.

Whitley Conservation Society

Whitley Birdwatch by Ian Macpherson

Little Grebe		#	Common Sandpiper			Grey Wagtail		#	Long-tailed Tit	*	
Great Crested Grebe	*		Black-headed Gull	*		Pied Wagtail	*		Marsh Tit		
Cormorant	*		Great Black-backed Gull	*		Dipper			Willow Tit		
Little Egret			Common Tern			Wren	*		Coal Tit	*	
Grey Heron	*		Feral Pigeon	*		Duncock		#	Blue Tit	*	
Mute Swan	*		Stock Dove	*		Robin	*		Great Tit	*	
Canada Goose	*		Woodpigeon	*		Redstart			Nuthatch	*	
Wigeon	*		Collared Dove	*		Whinchat			Treecreeper		#
Mallard	*		Turtle Dove			Stonechat			Jay	*	
Tufted Duck	*		Cuckoo	*		Wheatear			Magpie	*	
Ruddy Duck	*		Barn Owl	*		Ring Ouzel			Jackdaw	*	
Buzzard	*		Little Owl	*		Blackbird	*		Rook	*	
Kestrel	*		Tawny Owl	*		Song Thrush	*		Carrion Crow	*	
Merlin			Long-eared Owl			Mistle Thrush	*		Raven		#
Hobby			Short-eared Owl			Grasshopper Warbler			Starling	*	
Peregrine			Swift		#	Sedge Warbler		#	House Sparrow	*	
Red Grouse			Kingfisher	*		Reed Warbler			Tree Sparrow	*	
Red-legged Partridge	*		Green Woodpecker		#	Lesser Whitethroat		#	Chaffinch	*	
Grey Partridge	*		Great Spotted Woodpecker		#	Whitethroat		#	Greenfinch	*	
Pheasant	*		Lesser Spotted Woodpecker		#	Garden Warbler		#	Goldfinch	*	
Moorhen	*		Skylark		#	Blackcap		#	Siskin		
Coot	*		Sand Martin		#	Wood Warbler			Linnet		#
Oystercatcher	*		Swallow	*		Chiffchaff		#	Twite		
Lapwing	*		House Martin	*		Willow Warbler			Bullfinch		#
Snipe	*		Tree Pipit			Goldcrest		#	Yellowhammer	*	
Woodcock	*		Meadow Pipit			Spotted Flycatcher		#	Reed Bunting		#
Curlew	*		Yellow Wagtail	*		Pied Flycatcher			Corn Bunting		

Whitley Village News bird watch challenge Spring/Summer 2009.

Winner : Jack Hood. Total species seen 58. Most seen on any one day 22.

The winning entry was Jack Hood and Family with 58 species.

Jack's list is indicated * in the first column and for interest I have marked # other sightings in the second column giving a total seen in and around the village of 79. Add the sparrow hawk, which I accidentally left off the competition list, and we have a nice round 80 species! For those interested I have posted the full UK list on <http://www.facebook.com/Whitley Birdwatch Group>

Thanks

The Whitley Village News team are very grateful for all the effort Ian puts into these items and especially for organising this fascinating bird watch competition. He did all the hard work from conception and compilation to even providing the prize and personally delivering it to the winner! Thank you Ian!

<p><u>Diary Dates</u> <u>Friendly Club</u> 4th & 18th February at Whitley Village Hall <u>Parish Council</u> 7.30 pm Monday 1st March at Whitley Village Hall</p>	<p><u>Whitley Village News Committee</u> 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</p>
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Answers to the Christmas Quizes

Brain Teasers

12 D of C
Is 12 Days of Christmas

12 S of the Z

12 Signs of the Zodiac

13 S in the U S F

13 Stripes in the United States Flag

90 D in a R A

90 Degrees in a Right Angle

8 T on a O

8 Tentacles on a Octopus

9 L of a C

9 Lives of a Cat

9 P in S A

9 Provinces in South Africa

6 B to an O in C

6 Balls to an Over in Cricket

29 D in F in a L Y

29 Days in February in a Leap Year

3 B M (S H T R)

3 Blind Mice (See How They Run)

39 B of the O T

39 Books of the Old Testament

Trivia

Sir Isaac Newton, Humphrey Bogart, Pope Pius VI,
Dido and the Egyptian president, Anwar el-Adat were
all born on Christmas Day.

Christmas Quiz Name the Christmas Song!

- Bleached Yule** - White Christmas
- Castaneous-coloured Seeds Vesicated in a Conflagration** - Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
- Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors**
- All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
- Righteous Darkness** - O Holy Night
- Arrival Time 2400 hrs - Weather Cloudless**
- It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
- Loyal Followers Advance** - O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Far Off in a Feeder** - Away in a Manger
- Array the Corridor** - Deck the Hall
- Bantam Male Percussionist** - Little Drummer Boy
- Monarchical Triad** - We Three Kings
- Nocturnal Noiselessness** - Silent Night
- Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers**
- God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
- Man In Red En Route to Borough**
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- Frozen Precipitation Commence** - Let it Snow
- Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle**
- Go, Tell It on the Mountain
- The Quadrupe with the Vermillion Proboscis**
- Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer
- Query Regarding Identity of Descendant**
- What Child is This?
- Delight for this Planet** - Joy to the World
- Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings**
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- The Dozen Festive 24 Hour Intervals**
- The Twelve Days of Christmas

Dingbats

Pot ooooooo Potatoes	O _ e r _ t _ o _ Painless Operation	ENTURY LONG TIME NO SEE	fairy, wolf & duckling the good, the bad & the ugly	WAETHER A Spell of Bad Weather	s h i j k l m n o p Watership Down
Aston Villa 4 - 1 Bolton Newcastle 4 - 1 Leeds Everton 4 - 1 Arsenal Chelsea 4 - 1 Man Utd Sunderland 4 - 4 West Ham All for one & one four all	OUCHAARGHH Growing Pains	Plans Plasn Plsna Plsna Change of Plans	must get here must get here must get here three musketeers	X I ST N G Ten Downing Street	P G G Ping Pong

Village Hall Lottery December Draw

1st Prize £125
Cathy Ure

2nd Prize £50
E & M Naylor

3rd Prize £25
Mr J Partington

4th Prize £10
Jim Critchley

Special Christmas Draw -- £50 Rob Jones

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