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Dear Readers

After 2 years of editing the WVN Pat Gaskell has handed over the baton and is taking a well-deserved break! We wish her well and thank her for all the hard work. She hasn't escaped just yet though - Pat will still be on the WVN committee and will ensure delivery of the St Luke's Newsletter, which is now issued alongside the WVN. Changes have been recently made to the WVN – fast-approaching it's thirty- first year and we would be delighted to hear from anyone with items, including hobbies or interests, which they would like to be considered for future publication. Please submit news for the **April** issue anytime before the deadline of **15th March** to – Theo Critchley at Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley or Tel 01925 730569 or email. JamesTCritchley@aol.com. Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!

To all those who deliver the WVN - Many thanks to you all for braving the elements to make sure the Whitley Village News reaches everyone before the first of the month – should there ever be any difficulty with distribution please don't hesitate to contact any of the WVN committee members for assistance.

Special Birthday Mentions



Amelia Bowen 4yrs on 4 th March	Ethan Bowen 1yr on 12 th March
Erin Simpkins 8 yrs on 9 th March	Matthew Clayton 11 yrs on 18 th March
Fynn Simpkins 5 yrs on 19 th March	Finlay Turnbull 7 yrs on 21 st March

A Very Special Mention to
Katherine Merrill

whose 7th birthday was last month on 15th February
With apologies for missing you from February's birthday list

If you would like to have a child's name added to the Birthday List contact Theo Critchley 01925 730569. Their name will then appear annually in future issues of the WVN. Please note we can only include children under 11 years old who either live in Whitley or attend Whitley Village School.

Notable Dates in March



- 1st March ~ St David's Day
- 17th March ~ St Patrick's Day
- 22nd March ~ Mother's Day
- 29th March ~ British Summer Time begins

Don't forget the clocks go forward 1 hour

Apparently, in the 17th century, apprentices, servants and maids were given a holiday so that they could return home to visit their mothers. This was on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which became known as 'Mothering Sunday'. People used to take a present with them - often a simnel cake (a fruit cake covered with a layer of marzipan), or flowers, which remain favourite gifts to this day.

Pat Gaskell

We wish Pat a very speedy recovery after her operation and hope she's back on her feet very quickly!

PAUL DABEK

Young Magician of the Year



Saturday, 28th March, 2009 at 7.30 pm
Whitley Village Hall

Suitable for children 6 yrs (& over)

Tickets: Adults £10, Children £6.50-, Family £30
Call 01925 730419 / 730478 / 730199

Tables for 6 booked in advance £54 (Includes supper).

Whitley Website – We're On-line!

Have you logged on to Whitley's very own website yet? www.whitleyvillage.org.uk has just celebrated it's first year and contains information for, inter alia:-

Whitley Parish Council – including contact details of the Parish Councillors, Meeting Dates for 2009 and Minutes of Previous meetings
Whitley Village Hall
Whitley Rose Queen
Whitley Village News – the latest and some previous editions
Whitley School – With links to the Village School's own Website

The site is maintained by Andrew Cairns who can be contacted on 01925 730594 /email andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk.

Second hand Uniform / Outdoor clothing sale

On **Thursday 12th March 2009**, Friends of Whitley School are holding a second hand clothes sale in the school hall starting at **3.30pm**. If anyone in the community has children who have recently left Whitley school and still has school uniform which they don't need anymore then why not donate it for sale day?

We are also looking for items required for outdoor residentials such as walking boots, rucksacks and outdoor coats for ages 6 - 11. All items in good condition would be greatly appreciated.

We are testing out this new idea to help support the principles of recycling!

Closing date for donations is **Monday 9th March**. All proceeds made from the sale will benefit the school via FOWS. If you have any queries or would like donations to be collected please contact Cathy Ure, 01925 730199 or Paula Helm, 01928 759963

Whitley 10K and Fun Run



Both races start from the Village Hall
at 11 am on Sunday 19th April

Entrance Fees; Fun Run £4 Adult, £2 Child
10K £9 Non Club runner/
£7 Affiliated to Running Club

Entries Accepted on the Day (£1 surcharge for 10k)

Alternatively why not register in advance?

Entrance Forms are available in the Village Hall or
from Clifford Straw 01925 730419

Good Luck To All Who Take Part



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
01925 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

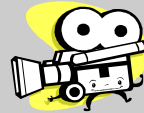
ALL AGES AS AT 1st JUNE 2009

The Friendly Club

On Saturday 24th January The Friendly Club celebrated
their 37th Birthday with a sumptuous high tea. The birthday
cake made by Sally Prescott, iced by Jane Gleave and cut
by Doris Gibson was delicious.

The entertainment organised by DJ John Arnold had
some members and guests taking the mike for a karaoke
session. There was dancing and a huge raffle – a good
time was had by all – Ron Biggin thanked the committee
and especially Peggy Ikin for a wonderful party

Whitley Village Hall Film



The Duchess
Starring
Kiera Knightly & Ralph Fiennes

Thursday 26th March 2009 at 7.30 pm

Tickets available at the door
£3 including refreshments

Whitley Homewatch

Trading Standards has received a report from a number of
residents that they have been approached by a company
offering security systems. As this alert goes out further
concerns have been aired from other residents.

The potential cost of the service being offered and the alarm
system itself is extremely high. Trading Standards would
always advise consumers to obtain at least three quotes
before instructing a trader to carry out work. Maybe talk to
family and friends who have recently had work carried out to a
good standard as recommendations are generally a good
indicator.

Should you engage with a trader by way of a cold call, you
should be given in writing the right to cancel the contract within
7 days. This is generally referred to as a cooling off period.

Please exercise extreme caution before inviting anyone into
your home to discuss security or to buy products. If you would
like free advice about home security, please contact Cheshire
Police Crime Reduction Advisors on 0845 458 0000.

If you have any further information relating to the above alert
or for general advice please contact Consumer Direct on
08454 04 05 06 or www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Residents are advised to be on their guard following a recent
incident. An elderly resident was approached by a man in a
transit van who was reported touring the area offering roofing
repairs. The resident was told by the trader that he would
return later to carry out the work and that it wouldn't cost him
very much.

When the trader returned the resident declined to have the
work carried out but was told that it had actually been done
and there was a cost of £400. The resident told the trader that
no work had been carried out whilst he was in the house and
that he would call the Police to report the incident. The trader
drove off.

Please be alert to this type of activity in your area. Advice from
Trading Standards is not to do business with anyone who
knocks on your door and tells you work is needed on your
property.

If you see or experience anything suspicious please
contact: Consumer Direct 08454 040506/ Cheshire Police on
0845 458 0000 / www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Village Bowls

The Village bowls will start again in April and thereafter
the 2nd Thursday in the month. Try and come along and
enjoy an evening with other village bowlers. Villagers
"old" and "new" welcome. 7.15 pm for a **prompt** start at
7.30 pm at the Chetwode Arms. The dates for the
season are as follows. If you need more information,
please contact Pat Gaskell 01925 730573 or Joan
Pattinson 01606 891959. The date for the Jeater Cup
will be announced in a later issue of the WVN.

**April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th,
September 10th & October 8th**

Whitley W.I.

The Rev. Elaine Chegwin-Hall, Rural Dean and vicar of St Matthew's Church, Stretton was the speaker at the February meeting of Whitley WI. Her earlier training and experiences as a nurse often come in useful (and not just practically) when she's working in local communities - patients and parishioners seem frequently to have similar needs. Her refreshingly positive and down to earth attitude to life was like a ray of sunshine at a time when good news seems hard to find.

Future events include a trip in March to The Lowry to see Calendar Girls and a visit to Derbyshire in May to the David Mellor cutlery factory and Haddon Hall. Following the successful **Seeds to Saucepan** project last year, WI members are maintaining their links with Whitley Primary School, and two craft taster days in the school are being planned. A two hour Internet Workshop was proposed, during which members would be able to find out how to use a search engine, get an email address of their own and be given some safety hints and tips.

During the meeting the resolution about the serious problems facing the bee population in the country was discussed. This will be voted on in March during the Cheshire Federation of WIs Annual Council Meeting in Winsford.

Old-fashioned afternoon tea, with sandwiches and cakes is once again proving popular and members are organising a **Tea Party** for the village in **Whitley Village Hall on Sunday May 17. Everyone is welcome.** A string quartet will be playing and there will be various displays, sales tables and amusements for children.

The next meeting is on March 5 when Malcolm Kinder will be speaking about his "Life as a Toastmaster".

For further information about all Whitley WI events, activities, monthly rambles and book club details visit 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.

Whitley Conservation Society

In the November 2008 Whitley Village news, we reported on the types of trees that had been planted with the help of the Mersey Forest. This month we thought we would highlight two trees, one that is the tree from which Whitley probably derived its name, the Silver Birch that was the clearing of pasture in the Whitwood and the Wych Elm, which is on the list of planted trees.

The Silver Birch is a tree, which is common in this part of the world and commonly grows on hillsides and heath sands. All Birch trees look similar but its drooping outer branches and the black diamond shapes against the silvery bark can identify the Silver Birch. The leaves are around 6 cm long triangular in shape and toothed around the edges. Catkins both male and female grow and the seeds fall to the ground in the autumn and provide food for various birds namely Redpolls, Siskins and Tits. The native Silver Birch will grow to approximately 25 metres tall.

The second tree we describe is one planted by the Mersey Forest Trust and is the Wych Elm. This tree normally grows in damp woods or besides streams. The tree first flowers in early spring and soon develops apple green fruits with leaves then opening that are so stiff with hairs that they have a feel of sandpaper, each seed which develops is surrounded by a broad oval wing which turns brown and falls from the tree in July and usually lie thick on the ground. There is also a Weeping version of the Wych Elm. The Wych Elm is a native tree of England and grows to around 40 metres tall with a leaf about 15 cm long.

Whitley Community Choir

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).

Everybody is most welcome!

Rehearsal dates are **Thursdays from 6.00 – 7.00pm on March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd** at Whitley School Hall

		<u>Planning</u>	<u>Applications</u>		
<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 / Refuse</u>
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	Object Same reasons as last time. Minute 6/19 th Jan 09	
08-2748-FUL 6 th January 2009	Ground floor rear extension and new access	Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane	Mrs Beryl Medland	No Objection Minute 6/19 th Jan 09	See amended plan below
08-2748-FUL 8 th January 2009	Ground floor rear extension and new access Amended Plans	Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane	Mrs Beryl Medland	No Objection Minute 6/19 th Jan 09	Amended plans Approved 22 nd Jan 2009
08-2865-FUL 14 th Jan 2009	Two-storey extension to side.	Holmside, Street Lane	Mr Mathew Timmins	No Objection Minute 6/19 th Jan 09	
09-00025-FUL 14 th Jan 2009	Removal of Condition 5 in Planning Permission 08-0233-FUL	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	Mr M Crook	Object The lighting is causing substantial light pollution Minute 6/19 th Jan 09	
09-00063-COU 11 th Feb 2009	Change of use from vacant/agricultural building to veterinary therapy clinic.	Hattonview Farm, Tarpoley Road	Mrs Sarah Newton		
09-00121-FUL 12 th Feb 2009	Portal framed livestock building	Old Mill Farm Old Mill Lane	Mr G Warburton RS & PG Warburton		
09-00127-FUL 12 th Feb 2009	Conservatory to side elevation	3 Grimsditch Barn Greenhill Lane	Mr Geoffrey Latham		

(Minute 6/19th Jan 09 Refer to Parish Council Minutes which can be found on website www.whitleyvillage.org.uk)

WI Tea Party / Palm Court

2 – 5 pm Sunday 17th May at Whitley Village Hall

All Welcome

Full Details in April Whitley Village News

The Mandrills

Whitley's favourite band -**The Mandrills** – are playing at the **Leigh Arms, Acton Bridge.**

8 pm Thursday 12th March Free Entry.

Mobile Library

The mobile library can be found at Whitley Village Hall car park between **9.15 – 9.45 am** on every second Wednesday of the month. This is a great opportunity to browse what's on board, place a request for a specific book or even renew existing loans.

Please try to make use of the mobile library – we don't want to lose it!

Dates for March – Wednesday 11th & 25th

Organisations, Contacts and Diary Dates

BAKER ----- Mrs J Perry 01606 42162
BRIDGE CLUB ---- Wednesdays, Antrobus Village Hall - 7.20pm
Linda Ince 01925 730533
BROWNIES ----- (Closed)
CIRCUIT TRAINING Mon 6.45–7.45pm & Fri 1.45 –2.45 pm WVH
Mrs Julie Clayton 01925 730618
COMMUNITY CARS ----- 01606 784497
COMMUNITY CHOIR ----- Cate Madden 01925 730230
Thurs 6 – 7 pm **March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th** Whitley School Hall
COUNTY COUNCILLOR ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451
CRIME/ INCIDENT REPORT ----- 0845 458 0000
CUB SCOUTS ----- Cathy Lee 07956 061341
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ----- Malcolm Byram 01606 74451
DOG TRAINING CLUB ----- Weds 7.15pm WVH
Derek Williams 01925 267647
FRIENDLY CLUB ----- 2 – 4 pm. **5th & 19th March** WVH
26th March Outing to Cottage Inn Derbyshire (leave WVH 9am)
Mrs P Ikin 01925 267865
GUIDES ----- Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm WVH
Mrs J Clarke 01925 730206 / Mrs M Barber 01925 730784
HOMEWATCH CO- ORDINATOR Mr John Shaw 01925 730390
LIBRARY, Northwich ----- 01606 44221
MID-CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOCIETY
Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club
MILKMAN ----- Mr Wood 01606 851240
MOTHERS UNION ----- 2nd Weds of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
Mrs J Barber 01925 730212
PARISH COUNCIL ----- **7.30 pm Monday 2nd March** – WVH
Clerk Mr John Shaw 01925 730390
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Mr Allan Taylor 01925 732765

POLICE, Northwich ----- 01606 48000
ROSE QUEEN ----- Mrs Ann Tolson 01925 730910
Mr N Heavey 01925 730418
SCOUTS ----- Fridays 7.00 – 8.30pm WVH
Mr John Frodsham 01928 567028
ST. LUKE'S ----- Rev. Richard Diggle 01925 730158
FRIENDS OF ST LUKE'S --- Mr Ian Roberts 01925 730593
STRETTON NEWSAGENT ----- 01925 730388
STRETTON SUB-POST OFFICE ----- 01925 730255
STRETTON YFC ----- Secretary: Paul Gerrard 07775 907765
Chairman: Tom Earl 07870 118660
TODDLER GROUP ----- Thurs 9.30 – 11.30 am WVH
Karen Hood 07881 658810
VILLAGE HALL TEL NO ----- 01925 730839
Committee Meeting 8pm every 3rd Thursday of the month WVH
VILLAGE HALL CONTACT ----- Cathy Ure 01925 730199
WHITLEY VILLAGE BOWLS-starts 9th April- (2nd Thurs of Month)
Pat Gaskell 01925 730573 / Joan Pattinson 01606 891959
WHITLEY COMM PRE-SCHOOL ---- Karen Hood 07881 658810
Mon 9.15 - 12.00am / 12.30 – 3.00pm WVH
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, 9.15 – 12 noon WVH
WHITLEY CONSERVATION SOCIETY
Keith Gaskell 01925 730573
WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL ----- Headteacher Mrs J Morrison
FRIENDS OF WHITLEY SCHOOL Geoff Barker 01928 713923
WHITLEY VILLAGE WEBSITE ----- www.whitleyvillage.org.uk
email andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ----- Sue Abbott 01928 581196
email Sue.abbott@ukonline

(WVH – Whitley Village Hall)

FRANDLEY QUAKER MEETING

(The Religious Society of Friends)

Frandle 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 February Draw

1st Prize £125

Elaine Church

2nd Prize £50

Dave Simkin

3rd Prize £25

John Shaw

4th Prize £10

Nick Carey

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

Whitley Village News Committee

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