

# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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## 2008

Dear Readers

The Parish Council are entering for the BEST KEPT VILLAGE once again. Let's make a real effort and win the **Award** again. Services continue at St Luke's Church. News for the April edition to Pat Gaskell anytime before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> May please 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). TO HELP ME GET THE WVN TYPED AND SENT TO THE PRINTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I GET THE NEWS IN TIME. Please note receipt of your email will be confirmed – if you do not receive confirmation please send again!

**Charlotte  
Barker**  
9 yrs May 4th



**Daniel Merrel**  
9 yrs May  
15th

**Laura Warburton**  
1 yr May 28th

*We hope you have a nice day*

### St Luke's Parish Church Services for MAY 2008



4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Service	25 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Prayer

Everybody Welcome

**All services start at 9.30am unless stated.**

### Mothers' Union

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

2.30 St Mary's Lymm M.U. – 100 years Celebration  
2 p.m. in the Church Hall – Speaker – Louise Munford  
Subject: May Summer and her 'neighbours'  
11 a.m. Chester Cathedral – Diocesan Festival

Thank you to all those who came to support the new vicar Ref. Richard Diggle and his wife Judith, at his induction on April 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to contact him, the telephone number is **019025 730158**.

**Friends of St Lukes Church** – is a registered charity which holds funds securely and in a tax-efficient way to help maintain the fabric of our 4 centuries old church. Our income is from individual donations or bequests (not always from churchgoers) and from occasional fund-raising events run jointly with other charities. Expenditure is very variable but for the first half of last year, totalled £5,500 for a new central heating boiler and replacement of stones in window bullions. Anyone wishing to know more is welcome to the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **8<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Hall** or may telephone our chairman, Mr E R Leicester 730498, treasurer Mr I Roberts 730593 or secretary H Winstanley 730375.

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council has entered the Best Kept Village Competition again and asks for your support to ensure that our village is one of the best in Cheshire. Unfortunately in the past two years we have been near the bottom of the list for villages of our size, that is, a population of between 401 and 600. We appear to have fallen down on public areas, bus shelters, notice boards, war memorials and play areas etc. Whilst the Parish Council has addressed some of these items it does need your help in keeping these places clean and tidy. We have won this competition in the past, please help to win it again.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall. It is the Annual General Meeting and also the Annual Parish Assembly. This is your opportunity to tell the Council of your hopes, wishes and concerns for the future of the Village.

Do attend this meeting the Council needs to know what you think.

### Friendly Club

The Friendly Club enjoyed a "scenic" route, in the sunshine, to Albert Dock, Liverpool. The driver was very informative and kept us all amused. We had a couple of hours there to wander around and have lunch then we were off through the tunnel to New Brighton. Unfortunately whilst on our journey the weather changed – the sunshine was replaced with torrential rain and dark clouds, so we decided not to stop at New Brighton and the driver took us on a mystery tour ending up at Burleydam Garden Centre, Little Sutton for afternoon tea. Would you believe it, on the return journey to Whitley the sun shone again!! Our next trip is to Harrogate – 8 May 2008, seats are available so if you would like to join us please contact Peggy Ikin on 01925 267865.

Mrs Peggy Ikin would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and condolences during her recent illness and bereavement. Everyone has been so kind and supportive, you really have helped me get through. Donations received amounted to £600 to be equally divided between Arthritic Care and The Osteoporosis Association. Thank you again. **Peggy Ikin**

## The Rose Queen and retinue for SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008 are:-



Rose Queen  
Chief Attendant  
Small attendants  
Crown Bearer

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Freya Lipkin-Connor  
Aisla Cairns  
Joy Whyte & Rose-Mary Littler  
AdamHelm



**Congratulations & we look forward to seeing everyone on Rose Queen Day**

**There will be a rehearsal for the this years and last years retinue on Thursday, 12 June at 7pm at the Village Hall. On rose queen day both retinues need to be a Whitley Village school at 1.15. The procession will start at 1.30.**

## **Village Hall**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Trustees will take place on Thurs 15 May at 8pm in the Hall. Business will include the presentation of the accounts and Chairman's Statement for the year to 31 March, the election of six Ordinary trustee members (committee), and confirmation of the village organisations' representatives. This is also your opportunity to raise for discussion, any issues concerning the Hall and its use. We promise not to press-gang anyone onto the committee but new faces and ideas will be welcomed.

### **Annexe**

The wet weather has put the builders slightly behind schedule but the brickwork and roof structure should be in place by the end of April, assuming reasonable weather. We are still targeting the end of July for completion and are about to choose fittings for the new kitchen and loos. We are also turning our thoughts to a makeover of the interior finishes of the existing hall in the summer.

## **Village Group W.I.**

**A Spring Lunch** will be held on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May** at Antrobus Village Hall from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Entry by ticket only, price £6.00. Coffee will be served on arrival and there will be a raffle. Contact Ruth Stobart 01606 782434 or Beryl Medland 01925 730202 for details or tickets.

## **Whitley W.I. – APRIL**

"One picture is worth ten thousand words" was gradually illustrated at Whitley WI Members' Night when old family wedding photos were exhibited at the meeting which took the theme **Weddings**. Members reminisced nostalgically about family and friends of former years and admired the needlework and variety of wedding dresses over the decades.

The speaker, Rosemary Howden, a WEA tutor of English, who also specialises in taking wedding photos for videos, spoke about some of the humorous moments in her career and asked "can the camera talk"?

The Members' Night committee, led by Joyce Astill, President and Shirley Cock, Secretary, had all included items of wedding finery, button holes, etc. to their attire and Elizabeth Arms, continuing the theme, had co-ordinated a delicious array of 'reception' refreshments for members to enjoy.

During the next meeting on May, 1, the two resolutions which will be voted on by delegates from England, Wales, the channel Islands and the Isle of Man, at the NFWI AGM in June at the Liverpool Arena, will be discussed and our vote given to our link delegate. The resolutions this year are for a **Ban on Bottom Trawling** "which causes catastrophic loss of marine life" and **Inappropriate Imprisonment of the Severely Mentally Ill** which "urges HM Government to provide treatment and therapy in a more appropriate and secure residential environment". Following the discussion, there will be a short demonstration and social time.

*This is the WI's annual opportunity to express its views to government on issues that concern members and we very much welcome visitors and friends to this meeting*

Monthly rambles take place on the Tuesday following the monthly meeting (on the first Thursday) and usually start at 9.30 at Whitley Village Hall.

The next Book Club meeting is on May 14 at Helen Carey's (01925 730329) at 6.30 pm and the book is **Sun at Midnight** by Rosie Thomas and the following meeting is on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Gill Moore's (01925 730530) at 7.30 pm and the book is **Emma** by Jane Austen.

Visitors and new members are welcome at all our events. The subscription now includes the members' magazine **WI Life**. So, even if you can't come to all the meetings at local level, you are still kept up to date with current campaigns, educational opportunities at the WI residential college, Denman College near Oxford and other events and you have a voice, as a member of the largest women's voluntary organisation in the country, which is respected and valued by government and other national organisations. Check the website at [www.women's-institute.org.uk](http://www.women's-institute.org.uk).

For full details of all events and meetings, check the website [www.whitleywi.org.uk](http://www.whitleywi.org.uk) or email [president@whitleywi.org.uk](mailto:president@whitleywi.org.uk) or ring Helen on 01925 730329.

## **Whitley Village School News**

We are often asked how we can help our local school: here's an easy way that will benefit all the children. Most of the major supermarkets ask at the checkout, 'Are you collecting the vouchers?'. The answer to this is, 'Yes!'; Whitley School welcome vouchers from Sainsbury's, Tesco and Asda (Green Vouchers for Schools only available when you re-use carrier bags) and there is a collection box in the School's Visitor's entrance porch which is emptied and sorted daily by the children into the stores' own collection boxes. These vouchers are exchanged for Science, PE, IT and other school equipment.

The School Library was recently re-furnished thanks to a generous donation from Friends of Whitley School and as a result of a lot of hard work from numerous parents and friends of the school is now a stimulating learning environment. You may be aware that 2008 is the National Year of Reading and to celebrate this, the Library is being opened to pre-school age children living locally. There is a designated pre-school area with a selection of books and associated toys, DVDs and videos to suit all interest, and they can all be carried home in beautiful book bags. The Library is open to pre-school age on Fridays 9.00am – 10.00am and 2.30pm -3.15pm, and

each child will be given their own library card and record card. If you would like further details on any of these schemes, please contact the School on 01925 730230.

## Sudoku for Children (or adults!)

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers - 1 through to 6. Don't guess - use logic!

		2	4		
4					2
	2			3	
	4			6	
1					6
		3	5		

2	1			4	3
		6	2		
		3	4		
3	4			5	6

		1	6		
6					1
	1			6	
	5			3	
4					5
		5	4		



### On Sunday 18th May, The Village Hall will be full of Flying Gorillas - literally!

Who knows how hairy they'll be but what they guarantee is a fantastic live musical performance for children. The Flying Gorillas are a musical theatre company and they are coming to show us their show called "Chocolate Thunder" - sounds good already! Their performance involves an array of weird and wonderful instruments which they'll be playing whilst they're dancing and doing acrobatics too. Even better, you could join in on stage. The Flying Gorillas are offering a 1 hour workshop to 30 lucky children (aged 3 -11). before the big performance. These highly trained children will then take part in an aspect of the final performance.

#### *What a fantastic idea.*

If you'd like to be involved in the workshop or would just like tickets to come along and watch the amazing Flying Gorillas then please contact Cathy Ure on **01925 730199**. Tickets are £5 per person. The children's workshop will start at 1.30 p.m. Food will be available from 2.30 p.m. and the main performance begins at 3.00 p.m. Word of warning: tickets for the children's workshop are going like hot cakes so if you're interested please book tickets asap. Everyone's welcome to the performance itself whether you have children involved or not. The show comes highly recommended.



### 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](http://www.quaker.org.uk)

### SEED TO SAUCEPAN – Whitley WI and Whitley Village School

We hope the whole village is enjoying the colourful school planters as you go past Whitley Village School. We also now have built and are planting up raised vegetable beds and have planted two apple trees, as well as cooking with the children. We are very grateful for the funding we have received from Cheshire Year of Gardens Community Fund, as well as Whitley WI, Whitley Parish Council, and Friends of Whitley School. Exciting news is that the school has been invited to build an 8'x4' display bed for the Arley Summer Garden Festival on June 28-29,. Other local primary schools are also taking part in this challenge, which is to be judged by BBC gardener Chris Beardshaw. We would like some interesting and unusual containers for growing and displaying our vegetables etc. **If anyone could give or loan a smallish milk churn, a cauldron/large pan or any other interesting containers, or has an unwanted small wooden playhouse/large dog kennel or similar please contact Gill Alcock on 730153 or Cathy Ure on 730199 - ASAP!**

### Récipe Corner



#### Honeycombe Fool – Quick, Easy and Delicious

1 egg white

8 fl oz double cream

4 Cadbury's Crunchie Bars

Finely grated orange peel

Crush crunchie bars finely.

Whisk egg white until stiff.

Whip cream until stiff

Stir egg white and cream together

Add crunchie bars to this, add orange peel and chill.

### Sudoku Solutions

2	1	5	6	4	3
6	3	4	5	1	2
4	5	6	2	3	1
1	2	3	4	6	5
5	6	1	3	2	4
3	4	2	1	5	6

6	1	2	4	5	3
4	3	5	6	1	2
5	2	6	1	3	4
3	4	1	2	6	5
1	5	4	3	2	6
2	6	3	5	4	1

5	2	1	6	4	3
6	4	3	2	5	1
3	1	4	5	6	2
2	5	6	1	3	4
4	6	2	3	1	5
1	3	5	4	2	6

### Advance Notice

12th June Village Bowls 7.15 for 7.30 prompt start – Chetwode Arms  
 5th July St. Lukes Church Garden Party p.m.  
 Quiz Night – Whitley Village Hall – details to follow

### MAY 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	Thursday 2 – 4 pm.
GUIDES	<b>8th May</b> – Visit to Harrogate
METHODIST CHURCH	Mondays, Village Hall, 6.30 – 8.00pm
MID CHESHIRE VIDEO CAMERA SOC	House Group
MOTHERS UNION	Last Thursday of month Winnington Park Recreation Club
PARISH COUNCIL	2nd Wednesday of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
PLAY GROUP UNDER 5's	Monday 19th May - V. Hall 8 pm
SCOUTS	Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm Village Hall
STRETTON YFC	Fridays, 7.00 – 8.30pm Village Hall
ST LUKE'S	Contact Paul Gerrard or Tom Earl
VILLAGE BOWLS	See St Luke's News
WHITLEY COMM. PRE-SCHOOL	8th May, Chetwode Arms, 7.15 for 7.30 prompt start
	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
	Meeting, 3rd Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.
	May Film at the Village Hall – 7.30 Whitley Village Hall
	Whitley Village Hall Field – <b>Weds 7th and 21st April - 9.15 – 9.45 am</b>
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	
WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL	
MOBILE LIBRARY	

### 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	Beryl Medland 01925 730202
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				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 01928 713923
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CHURCH COUNCIL	Mr Allan Taylor	01925 732765	WEB SITE	
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*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
Mrs J Leicester	01925 730498	Mrs S Critchley	01925 730440	Mrs J Woolnough	01925 730430		

#### Village Hall Lottery - March/April Draw

<b>1st Prize £125</b>	<b>2nd Prize £50</b>	<b>3rd Prize £25</b>	<b>4th Prize £10</b>
Mr W.H. Hinchcliffe Anonymous	Dorothy Hemingway Nora Mosedale	John Shaw John Hodd	Thelma Henson Avis Shaw

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