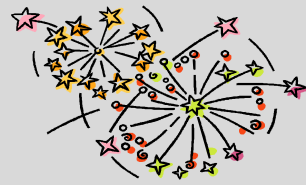


# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

It will be a double edition for December/January, please could you send any news to Pat Gaskell for these months anytime before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 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). 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

## VILLAGE HALL

Many villagers, old and young, joined the VH Trustees and invited guests on 20<sup>th</sup> September, to celebrate the opening of the new annexe building by the Mayor of Vale Royal BC, Cllr Malcolm Gaskell, followed by entertainments, a BBQ and Hog Roast, and a Ceilidh in the evening. Particularly popular was a hands-on demonstration of exotic animals including snakes, frogs, lizards and scorpions, which held the children (and many adults) enthralled, if not terrified. Most people took advantage of the warm sunny weather to sit in the open long into the evening, enjoying a drink, good food, and each other's company.

In his introduction to the formal opening, Clifford Straw explained the project had been almost 9 years in the making, with the biggest difficulty and delay arising in the securing of funds. He said the Trustees had raised £50,000 themselves through many fundraising events, and the Parish Council had matched that figure. External funding had come from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (£40,000), Biffa Waste Ltd (£50,000), both under schemes to utilise landfill tax credits, and Vale Royal BC under its Rural Development Programme (£150,000). Clifford expressed the thanks of the Trustees and the community generally to the representatives of the funders present, especially to the Mayor on behalf of Vale Royal BC for its very generous grant, one of the highest made under the Programme. The Mayor responded by praising the efforts and dedication of the Trustees and the community generally especially in investing a significant amount of its own money to produce an attractive and functional building which it will be able to enjoy for many years.

The final cost of the project has not yet been finalised but stands at about £325,000 with professional fees etc, with some external works still to carry out, including the grass block parking area presently of loose stone.

There are some photographs of the celebration and a copy of a press statement on the notice board in the new building for anyone to view

## Rose Queen Party



The Rose Queen Party for the aged 60's and over will be on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall 4.30 pm for 5 pm. If you do not receive an invitation, and you think you are eligible, please contact Ann Tolson on 730 910. It is an evening not to be missed.

## INDOOR BOWLING

Will be held in the Whitley Village Hall on every Wednesday at 1.30 pm. for a prompt start. Do come along if you would like to try carpet bowling which is suitable for most ages. Bring your own bowls if you have any. **Enquires to M. Laithwaite**  
**Tel. 01925 730482.**



### **Spooky Night Tuesday 4th November 5.30pm-7pm**

At Whitley Village School  
Entry £2 to include a hot dog and drink  
Dress spookily and bring a pumpkin  
Games, Disco, Hot Dogs  
Prizes for Most Spookily dressed, best decorated  
pumpkin plus more.....

## Whitley Village School

There will be another bag2school collection on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 0845 on the school playground. As usual details, extra bags or help with collection from me Kate Ledwith on 07968 842020

## **THE POLYJESTERS**



### **WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

Performance starts 7.30 p.m.  
Tickets £10 adult. £6.50 child including supper

Tickets from Clifford Straw 01925 730419,  
Cathy Ure, 01925 730199, June Smither, 01925 730478

### **Norm and Nick Heavey's Coast to Coast Bike Ride in Support of Leighton Hospital Intensive Care Unit.**

Thanks to all who kindly sponsored Nick and me on our Coast-to-Coast bike ride, which we managed to complete on Saturday after four days in the saddle. The trip took us from Whitehaven in Cumbria, to Tynemouth just beyond Newcastle on the east coast. The route we took is part of the National Cycle network and kept us on mainly disused rail routes and minor roads. The distance of 140 miles was mainly through picturesque countryside. There were enough uphill sections to make sure that we worked hard each day but the excitement of the downhill sections more than made up for this.

Once all sponsorship money is collected, this will amount to approximately £700 to be used by Leighton Hospital Intensive Care Unit. Whilst this may seem a small amount in terms of hospital budgets, it is our hope that this could be used to improve the facilities for families of people in intensive care who often spend days at a time at the hospital in a permanent state of emotional stress. **Thanks to you all. Norm and Nick.**

**Whitley Toddler Group** has changed to Thursday mornings 9.30am - 11.30am in the new part of the village hall. It is for all children from birth to pre school age. Come and have a brew and a chat for £1 per family. For more details contact Karen Hood on 07881 658810.

Whitley Community Pre-school and Toddler group are having an open morning on Thursday 6th November from 9.30 till 12.00. Everyone welcome,

### **Whitley W.I. – October**

Life is never dull in Whitley if you are prepared to join in and several members are signing up to the new Whitley Community Choir. Kate Madden, a teacher at Whitley Primary School told members about this new initiative, started by the school, which will be on Thursdays from 6 – 7. It is open to everyone – especially those who say, "Oh, I can't sing!" Sounds a great idea – not only is singing together very enjoyable but it's also healthy and it doesn't hurt!

The "Seeds to Saucepan" project is nearly finished and spring bulbs have been planted for next year. However we don't want to lose the enjoyable and valuable links we have begun with Whitley Primary School and a Christmas craft 'taster' day is planned for December. Dorothy Thompson and Hilary Durkin enjoyed an interesting day in Audlem with the Embroiderers Guild and brought back lots of ideas for the new WI cloth. The next stage is to decide which pictures to use for the design and then it's full steam ahead for the stitchers so that the cloth will be ready for use by January 2009. This will be the first new cloth for Whitley WI for nearly fifty years so will be an heirloom for the village.

Whitley WI Annual Meeting will be held on November 6 and will include a talk by two members about their very enjoyable visit to Denman College and what they learnt there about the Alexander Technique. Should be very interesting and especially helpful for people with back pain. The Alexander technique helps us to avoid doing things that are harmful to our general well being and unlike most systems, which tell us what to do and how to do it, it teaches us what not to do and how to prevent it.

A new dimension into multi-tasking was demonstrated in October when the speaker gave members an insight into her wide-ranging and strenuous 'open all hours' life, helping to run her husband's practice for "30 odd year's as a vet's wife".

For information about all Whitley WI events, activities, monthly rambles and book club details check out our website [www.whitleywi.org.uk](http://www.whitleywi.org.uk), email [president@whitleywi.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **CIRCUIT TRAINING**

Do you want to improve fitness,  
tone up and have fun?

Come along to Circuit Training at Whitley Village Hall on Monday evenings 6.45 – 7.45 pm  
Friday 1.45 – 2.45 pm  
Cost £3.00 per person.  
Suitable for all fitness levels  
Contact: Julie Clayton Tel. 730 618

**The Village News Committee** - would like to hear of any news or articles you would like to see in the Village News. If you have any ideas, please e-mail them to [patgaskell@whitley41.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:patgaskell@whitley41.orangehome.co.uk) or drop it in to Ashfield Mews, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley

### **Home Watch Co-Ordinators/Community Contacts Northwich Police Area** **Thefts from Vehicles - APPEAL**

We are still experiencing an increase of Thefts from Vehicles. I am dismayed that we are still finding that vehicles are being left insecure or openly displaying valuables. Yes we should be able to leave items in vehicles without the fear of being a victim, however the opportunistic thief does not think this way. Let's not make it easy for them  
**Regards Inspector Peter Minghella**

## Récipe Corner



Two recipes one from one a W.I. Recipe from their Recipe book, the other from Mike O'Connor who recently completed a weeks cooking course in Bologna as part of his 3 month sabbatical from his work as a solicitor. He has provided a recipe, which you might like to follow.

### Apple Chutney Recipe –W I Recipe

3 ½ lb Apples  
½ oz garlic  
1 pt vinegar  
4 oz crystallised ginger  
1 ½ lb brown sugar  
½ lb sultanas  
½ tsp cayenne pepper  
½ tsp mixed spice  
½ tsp salt

#### Method

Peel, core and slice the apple. Place in a pan with the finely chopped garlic and a small amount of water and cook covered until soft. Add half the vinegar, the chopped ginger and all other ingredients. Bring to the boil, stirring until the sugar is dissolved, then cook uncovered until beginning to thicken. Add the remaining vinegar and continue cooking until the desired consistency is reached. Pour into warm jars, cover and label

### WHITLEYS AUTUMN RECIPE – Mike O'Connor

#### Risotto Ai Porcini - Serves 5

4oz reconstituted porcini mushrooms  
675g thickly sliced medium flat mushrooms  
Extra virgin olive oil  
3 garlic cloves finely chopped  
Sea salt and ground black pepper  
Chopped fresh basil  
1 lemon  
1 litre of chicken stock  
Butter  
1 red onion  
350g risotto rice  
150g grated fresh Parmesan

#### Method

1. Reconstitute the porcini mushrooms by soaking in a jug of warm water for 15 minutes.
2. Fry the sliced mushrooms in the olive oil, stirring for 15 minutes remove and keep warm.
3. Strain the porcini mushrooms and dry with kitchen roll retaining the porcini juices. Gently fry the porcini and add garlic. Add half the strained porcini juices and simmer until reduced to 2 tablespoons.
4. Add the cooled mushrooms, salt and pepper and stir. Add the herbs and juice from the lemon. Put to one side and keep warm.
5. Heat the chicken stock.
6. Melt 75g of butter and some olive oil in a frying pan and fry the onion. Add the rice and stir so that the rice is coated in the butter/oil juice. Add the remaining porcini juice and enough chicken stock to cover the rice. Add the stock as and when required until the rice is cooked (20 mins) Keep stirring.
7. When the rice is cooked, add knobs of butter stirring the rice mix gently (always in the same direction). Then add the mushroom mix and the grated parmesan whilst gently stirring.
8. Serve immediately.

*I would like to say how much I enjoyed the Opening of the Annexe. I really think that Clifford should be congratulated on having the vision for the Annexe and then executing it. He has done a wonderful job and it is a credit to him. I would also like to congratulate Cathy Ure - she should be patted on the back for organising the afternoon/evening of celebration - an excellent job and it was enjoyed by all ages of the community. There was such a lot going on for the children and everyone seemed to 'enjoy' the creatures! The dancing and the hog roast rounded off the evening so well. The Village Hall committee and Trustees put in a great deal of time and effort and it has now all paid off well. Many congratulations and thanks to them all. I am sure the Annexe will be well used and will bring in much revenue. Celia Forsberg*

### Whitley Conservation Society



As many of you will remember in 2005, the village produced a 'Village Plan', which was a vision for the future. Of the top ten priorities, the first and foremost wish was to encourage local Wild Life and develop Woodland Projects. Earlier to this time, the Conservation Society was already working to these ends and had invited the Mersey Forest Trust to give a talk to members in the Village Hall. At this time, Whitley was not in the Mersey Forest area but the eventual outcome of this talk was that we managed to persuade the Trust to include our area within the Mersey Forest boundaries

The eventual rewards to those aspirations, we can now tell you is the planting of over 3000 trees in the Whitley area in two large schemes. The first of these projects was at "Fogg's Farm" on Birch Tree Lane which are the homes of brother and sister, Tom Lowe and Jennifer Connor. This scheme comprised the planting of over 1800 trees and was undertaken in March/April 2007 and is now over eighteen months down the line.

The second scheme has been completed this year in March 2008 and is part of a wildlife project, which is being undertaken at Greenwood's Nature Reserve & Fisheries by Arthur Greenwood and his son Julian. This scheme has netted a further 1200 trees. Both these schemes have been advised and qualified for grants through the 'Mersey Forest Trust'

The trees planted during these two schemes include: - Sessile and Common Oak, Rowen, Crab Apple, Hazel, Alder, Buckthorn, Aspen, Hawthorn, Black & White Poplar, Prunus, Wych Elm, Downie Birch, Elder, Guedler Rose, Dog Rose, European Honeysuckle, Goat Willow, Bird Cherry, along with common ivy for banking with Holly and Scotch Pine to act as wind-breaks. All this will, of course, encourage many forms of wildlife which will be the subject of future articles.

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#### Advance Notice

6<sup>th</sup> December Rose Queen Party - Whitley Village Hall 4.30pm. for 5 pm.

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#### MOBILE LIBRARY

Whitley Village Hall Field – Weds – 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15 – 9.45

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

The Northwich Charity Market will now be taking place on November 6<sup>th</sup> not November 13<sup>th</sup> as previously stated.

## 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	<a href="http://www.whitleyvillage.org.uk">www.whitleyvillage.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk">andy_cairns@tiscali.co.uk</a>
CHURCH COUNCIL	Mr Allan Taylor	01925 732765	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Sue Abbott	01928 581196
PLAYGROUP	Liz Williams	07932 730213		Email	<a href="mailto:Sue.abbott@ukonline">Sue.abbott@ukonline</a>
	Karen Hood	07881 658810			

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

### NOVEMBER 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	Meetings as usual in V. Hall 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month, 2.00pm Church Hall
PARISH COUNCIL	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December - V. Hall 8 pm
PLAY GROUP UNDER 5's	Tuesdays, 1.30 – 3.00pm 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	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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Village Hall at 8.p.m.
	Film – 27 <sup>th</sup> November - No title yet

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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)

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)

#### Village Hall Lottery OCTOBER Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125**  
Mildred Naylor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50**  
Nicky & Jeff Barker

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25**  
Mrs F.V. Kelly

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10**  
Jeremy Ure

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