

# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

NOVEMBER 2010 Vol 32 No.6

[www.whitleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.whitleyvillage.org.uk)

Dear Readers

As the end of the year quickly approaches so do the Christmas events. As well as the ever-popular annual **Rose Queen Christmas Party** (still open to only those over 60!), Whitley Village School are hosting a **Christmas Fair**. Finally don't forget the **Charity Market** a must for early Christmas presents, cards and wrap as well scrumptious jams.

Please submit items for the next issue, which covers both **December and January**, anytime before the **deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> November**

to the editor Theodora Critchley (tel 01925 730569) or email [JamesTCritchley@aol.com](mailto:JamesTCritchley@aol.com)

or Maple Cottage, Dark Lane, Higher Whitley.

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

## The Rose Queen Shoots To Kill

Whitley Rose Queen committee  
have a licence to thrill

Over 60's For your eyes only

*Christmas Party*

*Whitley Village Hall*

*Saturday 4th December*

*4:30pm til late..you only live twice*

RSVP promptly by 20<sup>th</sup> November  
or die another day

RSVP: [katielavender@virgin.net](mailto:katielavender@virgin.net) or  
Willow Cottage, Old Mill Lane,  
Higher Whitley, WA4 4PP

## Whitley Village School

### **Christmas Fair**

**6.00 –8.00 pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Children's games, new toys, cake and produce stall,  
various craft stalls, including "Crafts from the Dungeon" -  
handmade jewellery, glass and felt items  
- and of course the ever popular tombola.

Please come along and perhaps bag yourself some  
unusual Christmas presents, whilst enjoying a glass of  
wine and a mince pie.

Entrance fee £1 (children and pensioners 50p)

## Friends of Whitley School

Friends of Whitley School are again having a Bag2school  
collection. This will take place on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at  
8.45am on the school playground.

Any items of clothing, linens, shoes, bags etc are more than  
welcome, in fact anything except bric-a-brac and toys.

For further details, bags to fill or help with collection please  
call Kate Turnbull on 07968 842020.

Your generosity is much appreciated by the teachers, pupils  
and parents of Whitley Village School.

## Special Birthday Mentions



**Megan Hood**  
**5 yrs on 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**We Wish You A Very Happy Birthday**

Special Birthday Mentions is not just for children aged 11  
years or under – it's for any resident of Whitley with a  
special birthday such as an 18<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>! Kindly contact the  
editor with the details of any birthdays which you would  
like mentioned.



## **Whitley Village Hall Film Show**

*Presents*  
*"The Young Victoria"*

A dramatisation of the turbulent first years of Queen  
Victoria's rule, and her enduring romance with Prince Albert.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**

Tickets Available at the Door - £4 including refreshments

Advance Notice December Film

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.00pm**

**Toy Story 3**

Tickets Available at the Door - £2 for Adults & Children

## Northwich Annual Charity Market Day

St Luke's will have it's famous  
produce stall with jams, pickles,  
chutneys, fruit, vegetables and  
much more.



There will be a number of other  
stalls on the day selling a variety  
of items with all proceeds going  
to a charitable cause.

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**9am to 4pm**  
**In the**  
**Open Market**

## Whitley Community Pre-School.

**Open Day** - Will take place on  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 - 12pm.**

Please come along and join in the fun!

If you cannot make the open day but would like to arrange a visit call Trish Mills 07702836675

## Whitley W.I.

“What interests me most is what you can’t see rather than what you can see” declared speaker Dr Margaret Emsley, civil engineer and senior lecturer at Manchester University. “Life in Wellingtons” gave members an introduction to life in the construction industry as one of a very few women working in a predominately man’s world. As a young girl, Dr Emsley was fascinated in buildings. Her uncle and cousin were civil engineers and she wanted to know how buildings worked. How, for example, does a bridge stand up?

Her experiences ranged from work experience in Newcastle – when she was issued with the first of many pairs of wellingtons – to work on a nuclear power site, a construction job on the M1 and finally to her current university career. Not a job for the faint-hearted as it is obviously far removed from any ‘comfort zone’, however her evident enthusiasm for being “part of a building”, her wealth of practical knowledge and her sense of humour in tackling the unknown made for a very informative, interesting and entertaining evening.

Members were delighted to welcome five new members and two visitors. Whitley WI’s new cookbook *A Taste of Whitley* was launched and copies, price £6, are available from Paula Priestner (01925 730564) and make a great Christmas present.

Future events include a theatre trip to the Garrick Theatre, Altrincham, the Village Group meeting on October 26 and the WI Christmas party on December 2. The *Craft and Chat* group meets every fortnight, on a Thursday afternoon, in the Village Hall and everyone is welcome. Bring along your craft (finished or unfinished) and swap skills and experiences and if you need it, seek advice from tutor Karen Sandiford.

Ann Brock was congratulated on winning the Adelaide Hough Bowls Shield. Whitley Bowls Teams 1 and 2 were congratulated on coming 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the Group Bowls competition.

Whitley Village School is once again collecting *Bags for School* and members were encouraged to fill bin bags with their unwanted clothes and leave them at the school early on November 9 for collection.

Visitors and potential members are always welcome at any of our meetings, workshops and events and for full details and information about all Whitley WI activities, monthly rambles and book club email [president@whitleywi.org.uk](mailto:president@whitleywi.org.uk), check Whitley WI website or ring Paula on 01925 730564 or Dorothy on 01925 730744. Meetings are usually on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in Whitley Village Hall.

## Mobile Library



**At Whitley Village Hall car park  
from 9.15 – 9.45 am**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November**

## Whitley Village School News

**Open Day** - The school will be holding its Open Day on **Weds 17<sup>th</sup> November from 9am until 7pm.** We would like to encourage friends and neighbours with pre-school children, and people from the wider community to come along. Visitors will get the opportunity to see the excellent work that the children are doing and get a taste of life at the school. There will be activities for pre-school children and the older visitors will be asked to make a decoration that will be placed on our Christmas tree at the Arley Hall Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December.

Arabian Nights - FOWS held its annual party night fundraiser – this year Arabian Nights – on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The village hall was decorated as a Bedouin tent with camels and palm trees, there was even a cushion corner with a hukka pipe. The fantastic sum of £543 was raised and thanks to Lynn Fry and Barclays this has been doubled due to Matched Funding. (If you are in a position to help the school raise funds via matched funding please let us know.) The date for next year has been provisionally booked for Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September, so put the date in your diary now.

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, the Friendly Club will be joining the children for **lunch.** We would like to extend this lunch to all, so **if you are not a member of the Friendly Club and would like to join us** please book your place with Mrs Gerrard in the school office, 01606 288255.

Lunch costs £2.50 and bookings need to be made by 8<sup>th</sup> November in order to allow our Award Winning chef, Paula, to place her meat order.

## Whitley Home Watch

There has been an increase in possible rabbiting/ hare coursing incidents around the Northwood Lane, Golborne Lane and Moss Lane areas of High Legh, during the early hours of the morning. This has led to crop and gate damage, as well as animal welfare issues. We are appealing for information about three vehicles which have been seen acting suspiciously near these areas:- a red Ford Fiesta, a red Toyota Hilux Pick-up and a silver Nissan Navara.

If you do have any information please 0845 458 6380 all information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. We are also asking farmers to be extra vigilant - if you see anything suspicious report it on 0845 458 0000 or in an emergency 999.

**Trading Standards** report yet another potential loan scam. A lady was telephoned by a man calling himself Rob Tudor claiming to be from Black Horse Finance and offering the opportunity to take out a loan. As the lady was in the process of actually looking for a loan she agreed and transferred £91.00 via Western Union, a money transfer service. When the loan did not appear in her bank account she rang the international number she had been given 02081337872 and was told a further £102 was required for tax reasons before the money could be released. Fortunately at this point the lady became suspicious and realised that it was a scam. The Police are now investigating this incident.

Do not under any circumstances send money through the Western Union to anyone you do not know. Sending money by Western Union is a cash transaction; it is not possible to retrieve this money once it has been sent and there is no way of finding out who collected it.

For information or to report an incident contact Consumer Direct 08454 04 05 06 or [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

**A Day In The Life Of  
An Antique's Road Show [ARS] Steward**

I volunteered to be a steward at the ARS at Tatton Park last May. This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> series and they like to record 60 items. These are then shown in 2 separate shows. Tatton will be on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

We were asked to attend a training instruction the day before where we were introduced to the Event Manager "Tiggy" a little lady with a big personality. She welcomed us with "You are now part of the ARS family and we would like you to stay for the BBQ this evening". Our duties were explained to us including what to do in case of rain-- stop the stampede, issue pac-a-macs, and ensure the books and paintings are under cover first.

Tatton was ours at the evening BBQ only people involved with ARS were there. A glorious evening with Tatton at its best. We were served a superb BBQ which included venison sausages and burgers courtesy of Tatton. Salmon, chicken, salads lovely bread, fresh strawberries and cream and, of course, wine. We mixed with the antique experts, head of BBC and of course Fiona Bruce--- It was magical.

On the day with we had another pep talk from Tiggy as customers were already queuing outside the gates and this was 8.15 am. We were given badges and lilac sashes to wear [felt like a Beauty Queen pity I did not look like one].

We each were allocated to look after one of the experts, mine was Richard Price, the clock expert, lovely man.

My job was to control the queue and refer people to him as required. Sounds easy but what you have to consider is that these people could have been queuing for 2 hours to get in only to have to join another queue to see the expert they want. In the distance you can see the camera man in action on the various items of interest plus Fiona Bruce doing the introduction. The planes became a problem as they were filming so they contacted Manchester Airport who re-routed them for the rest of the day--- Well it is the BBC! Everything was going smoothly until Richard finds a clock of interest then he calls the BBC girl over. Next he has to go to make up, even the owner of the clock has the opportunity to go to make up! The antique owners are not aware of their value until they are filming so that any reaction is genuine. All the while your queue is growing until eventually Richard returns. This happens throughout the day. Queue controlling becomes quite an art. I must say that these experts, many who have travelled to Tatton that morning, work very hard they never stop all day. Filming does not stop until 7pm in the evening.

As I reflect on all the excitement of this marvellous day, it is a day I will never forget, being part of the ARS family, a beauty queen and going home feeling rather like a treasured antique.

*Sue Critchley*

**Planning Applications 2010/11**

Full details of the Planning Applications can be found on the following website  
[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) in the Planning section.

Application No. and Date	Application	Address	Name	Date Whitley Approve / Refuse	Date Cheshire West & Chester Approve / Refuse
10/01303/OUT 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Agricultural worker's dwelling	Yew Tree Nurseries, Normans Lane	Mr Glen Whittaker	Refuse	Sept 2010 Refused Gone to appeal 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 comments by 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2010
10/1457/FUL (Resubmission of 10/01053/FUL 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010) 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	Two storey side extension.	Five Oaks, Raddel Lane	Mr J Bryan		Refused 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
10/01649/CAT 22 July 2010	Felling of Ash and Sycamore Trees	Manor Farm Barn, Bentley's Farm Lane	Mr D Bryan	No objection	
10/01548/FUL	Removal of condition 7 – to allow storage of caravans and boats	Greenbank Farm, Limes Lane	Mr D Billington	Objection due as contrary to planning policies, unsafe access on private road and increase in traffic to neighbours	Refused 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2010
10/01851/FUL 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2010	Agricultural Worker's Dwelling	Greenhills Farm, Greenhill Lane	Mr D Johnson	No objection	
10/01871/FUL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2010	Construction of earth bank slurry lagoon	Greenhills Farm, Greenhill Lane	Mr D Johnson	No objection	Permission granted 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010
09/00400/FUL Resubmission 15th Sept 2010	Single storey extension to side and extension to front porch	Mount Pleasant, Goosebrook Lane	Mr & Mrs Philipps		
10/02257/FUL 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2010	Two storey extension to rear	Whitley Edge, Village Lane	Mr C Wilson		

## Diary Dates

### Whitley Parish Council

Next Meeting 7.30 pm Monday  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### Friendly Club

Meetings as usual in Village Hall 2 – 4 pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

Whitley Friendly Club's annual visit to Blackpool when members enjoyed the hospitality of the Queen's Hotel for lunch and evening dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The weather was perfect and freedom during the afternoon enabled us to do as we wished, many using bus passes to visit surrounding areas.

A drive both ways along the front to view the illuminations ended for us with a safe journey home and we extend our thanks for all the arrangements made from this occasion on our behalf.

### Whitley Village News - Youth Corner

We would love for future WVN issues to include articles and items of interest to the younger residents of Whitley. Have you got anything you would like to share or see in print? What about writing a piece on what interests you? Or if the following item inspires you then why not let us know what or where *you* hope to be when you're 21 years old.

#### When I'm 21

It is a hot summers day. I stand at the base line and take a quick glance around me. At the eager faces of the spectators, the face of my tennis coach, Roger Federer, 6 times winner of Wimbledon, and finally at the face of my opponent.

I throw the ball high into the air and serve at over 90 miles per hour. It's in and it's an ace!

Next serve, my opponent hits the ball to my backhand. The rest passes very quickly. My favourite memory is the last volley; the ball flies from my forehand and my opponent hits the ball out. It's all over. I have just won Wimbledon!

So, where will I be when I'm 21? Maybe I will be participating in Wimbledon, but if that's what I really want, then I had better go and practice.

*By Jellybean aged 11 years*



### St Luke's Church

#### Services in November

All services take place at 9.30am  
except where indicated otherwise

7<sup>th</sup> November Holy Communion  
14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service  
/Family Services  
21<sup>st</sup> November Holy Communion  
28<sup>th</sup> November Morning Prayer

#### Mothers Union

10<sup>th</sup> November - 2 pm. Whitley Village Hall.  
Pat Brunt will be giving a talk on  
"What the Mother's Union means to me".

---

The P.C.C. would like to thank Chris Spittle and her flower arranging ladies for decorating the church so beautifully for Harvest.

The Harvest lunch was a huge success and very enjoyable. Thank you to everyone for their help in preparing the room and serving on the day and of course for the hot pot and puddings contributions, which certainly helped to make this event so successful.

---

#### Enjoy Bonfire Night!

Q: What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks?

A: DINO-MITE!

---

#### Whitley Village News Committee 2010

Mrs A Brock  
01925 730571

Mrs J Leicester  
01925 601864

Mrs S Critchley  
01925 730440

Mrs J Smither  
01925 730478

Editor:-  
Mrs T Critchley  
01925 730569

Contacts Officer:-  
Mrs A Tolson  
01925 730910

Mrs P Gaskell  
01925 730573

Mrs L Wright  
01606 892402

#### Village Hall Lottery October Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125  
Vicky Coulhurst

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50  
Brian Holbrook

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25  
J & M Astill

4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10  
June Smither

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