

# WHITLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Dear Readers

June is the month for the Whitley Rose Queen fete. Everyone is invited to share the fun and excitement of the day and we wish Aisla Cairns and her retinue a wonderful day and a happy year.

Please submit news for **the July issue** anytime before the **deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> June** to –  
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## Whitley Rose Queen

Whitley Village Rose Queen is being held on **Saturday the 12th June** this year. The outgoing Blue Queen is Emily Spencer and the Red Queen elect is Aisla Cairns.

**The procession leaves Whitley School at 1.30pm** and travels around the village before finally arriving at the Village Hall and field where the Queen will be crowned at 2pm. After the Queens retire for tea, the stalls and games begin.

There are **fairground rides, donkeys, a bucking sheep, bouncy obstacle course** and **lots of other stalls and games.**

**Admission - £1 and children 11 and under are free**

### **Aisla Cairns is Whitley Village Rose Queen elect.**

Aisla was born in Whitley, was christened at St Lukes Church in Whitley and attended Whitley Village School until last year when she passed the entrance exam for the Queens School in Chester. Since her arrival at Queens she has enjoyed playing for both the netball and hockey teams and being a member of the choir.

She is also a member of Warrington Gymnastics and Little Stars Drama Group, and will be performing in their up coming production of Alice in Wonderland. Aisla is a keen conservationist and has supported the RSPB's Save the Albatross campaign with a bake sale after visiting their natural habitat in New Zealand. As her annual birthday present she sponsors an elephant and from her own pocket money, a polar bear, tracking its progress via the internet.

Aisla enjoys living in the village and has many friends young and old due to her participation in the school's Seed to Saucepan initiative with the WI and acting as the last Red Queen, Freya Lipkin-Connor's , Chief Attendant. She is looking forward to being the new Rose Queen, and as this year it is red, hopes this bodes well for England in the World Cup.

**Best Rose Queen moment to date** – when the pig got loose in the beer tent

**Only disappointment** – no pig racing this year.

**Top tip for the day** – ride the sheep.



**Aisla Cairns**

### **Whitley Village Rose Queen elect**

#### Special Birthday Greetings



Katie Warburton 6 yrs on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rosie Radcliffe 8 yrs on 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Olivia Monaghan 9 yrs on 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Haydn Cawley 11 yrs on 30 <sup>th</sup> June

Annie 'Nancy' Houghton  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday On 24<sup>th</sup> June

We Wish You All A Very Happy Birthday



#### Mobile Library

At Whitley Village Hall car park  
from 9.15 – 9.45 am

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

## **WORLD CUP – WATCH ENGLAND LIVE**

### **AT WHITLEY VILLAGE HALL**

QUARTER FINAL – FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY from 5.30 pm

**OR** QUARTER FINAL – SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY from 1.00 pm

### **And THE WORLD CUP FINAL**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 5.00 pm

Bar, cask ales, live football, soft drinks, face painting

Tickets: adult £5; children £3

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £12

First drink and hot dog included in ticket price.

**Contact Steve Moore 01925 730012**

## **Whitley W.I.**

I wonder how many of us know where the food we eat has come from? The fact is that we can't possibly know because we aren't given that information on the labels!

Following overwhelming national support from WI members, this year's AGM will debate the issue of food labelling. At their discussion in May, Whitley WI members were disturbed to hear that, under present legislation, food products (with a few exceptions including fresh beef, veal and fish) do not have to carry a country of origin label, unless not doing so would mislead customers.

As a pork pie made in Britain can currently be labelled "British", even if the pork came from pigs born, reared and slaughtered in another country, members felt that they were already being misled. They had assumed, if a label stated "British" or "Great British Classics", that the contents were produced in this country - but this is clearly not the case. Members voted in favour of the resolution, saying that accurate labeling should be mandatory to enable consumers to make informed choices.

During the evening members were given a fascinating talk and demonstration, by Willy Sarson, on crystal therapy. Even the most hardened sceptics were made to think twice when some of the crystal pendulums (or dowsers), which had been handed out, were seen to twirl madly for no reason, even though the hand of the member concerned was perfectly still. As Hamlet says "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy" and perhaps there are therapeutic qualities and abilities in crystals that defy scientific explanation. We certainly all went home full of energy and enthusiasm.

Members were encouraged to support the August car boot sale and the proposed cookery book due for publication in October. They were also asked if they would be interested in "Swishing"! Further details later. Future craft workshops will include crochet, felting, basic knitting and ribbon embroidery.

The next meeting is on June 3 and will be a talk given by "Calendar Girls", Tricia and Angela, about 'that' calendar and their experiences following its publication.

Visitors and potential members are always welcome at any of our meetings, workshops and events. 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.

## **Whitley Homewatch**

Residents can take a behind the scenes look into the work their local police are doing – via the internet.

At the beginning of the month, local officers ran a two week operation in Northwich to tackle anti-social behaviour, drug use and burglary.

As part of Operation Angola, five warrants were executed and nine people were arrested. During the fortnight, Police Officers and PCSOs from the teams carried out dedicated anti-social behaviour patrols, community work and drugs warrants. Now, a behind the scenes video of some of the team's work has been published on Cheshire Constabulary's YouTube pages.

Sgt Clare Fletcher said: "Most of the drugs or anti-social behaviour incidents we deal with are a direct result of calls from concerned residents. For that reason, we wanted to put this short video together to show people what happens when they give the police information. Sometimes it cannot be acted on straight away, but all calls received are logged and used as evidence in the future to allow us to apply for things like warrants or ASBOs."

To view the Operation Angola video visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/cheshirepolice#p/u/0/GTgx4g0NN3E>

Residents are asked to beware of traders cold calling over the telephone offering to apparently clear their home computer of an unwanted virus. Please do not engage with the caller over the telephone or through your computer as complaints have been made that following the initial contact repeated phone calls follow in an attempt to persuade the consumer to sign up to their services.

To stop unwanted telephone sales calls you can register with the Telephone Preference Service on 0800 398893 or go on line at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)

If you, or anyone you know receives a call of this nature please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

## **Local Thefts**

In early May there were two break-ins of what are thought to be out buildings on Pillmoss Lane. Items were taken.

## **Friends Of Whitley School**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to Bag2School - we raised an amazing £424. To date we have raised over £2500 which is truly outstanding!

As always there are several projects underway or being planned at school which need help with funding and the money will be allocated wisely to ensure all the children benefit from your efforts.

Thank you from all at Whitley Village School.

## **Bark Laying In Adventure Area**

It was all hands to the pump ( or shovels to the heap) on a bright Saturday morning last month when parents and children from the Village School joined forces and barrowed and raked **over 16 tonnes** of bark chippings from the school field to the adventure playground. It was fantastic to see so many teachers, parents, pupils, future pupils and neighbours joining in, and with amazing team work, made light work of what looked initially to be a very daunting task.

**A very big thank you to Karen and John Hood who sourced and delivered the bark** and a very sincere thank you to everyone who helped - now the children can enjoy the adventure playground again - safely.

**Annie ‘Nancy’ Houghton**  
**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday On 24<sup>th</sup> June**



Once again the Whitley Village News celebrates the birthday of another nonagenarian living in the village on Town Green. Mrs Annie Houghton, known locally as Nancy, celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Nancy was born in Little Budworth in 1920, after which she moved with her family to the village of Comberbach in 1924 where she went to the village primary school until she was 7 years old. Then she transferred to Winnington Park School, which she walked to on a daily basis. At the age of 10, the family moved into one of the houses on Street Lane, opposite what is now Pace’s Farm where her father worked on the Daresbury Estate farm. Annie attended Whitley Village School until she left at the age of 14. On leaving school, Annie left the village to go into service to a family in Stockton Heath. Living in with the family, she learnt to cook and became responsible for the daily chores, including housework and cleaning.

Her family gave up their home in Lower Whitley when her father retired and they moved into what is now Ashfield Cottages in Dark Lane, Higher Whitley. At that time, Ashfield Cottages was in fact two cottages.

Annie was still working in Stockton Heath where she met Jack Houghton who used to deliver the meat to the house for one of the local butchers. They eventually got married in 1940 and Annie returned to live with her family in Dark Lane.

At this time, Annie remembers the present cottage being two cottages; the one her family lived in had two bedrooms and the adjoining cottage had one bedroom - the family living there had six children. She remembers the floors were made of stone and were very uneven.

In 1941, Annie had her first child Jean whilst her husband Jack was serving in Scotland. He then joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in the Middle East as a Sapper and was involved in the D- Day landings in 1944. They had three more children, Robert, Sheila and Michael. After the war Annie and her family moved to Warrington for a short period before going to live in Dutton where her husband Jack became a farm worker. In the early 1950’s, they moved back to Lower Whitley, this time into a cottage on Street Lane - Annie worked for the local Vicar and his wife and for the Roberts family at Factors House – before finally moving to the present house on Town Green in the early 1960’s.

Annie’s memories of Whitley in the early days were predominately of the pace of life being much slower. Social life was the odd Whist Drive with the Chetwode Arms being the hub of social life at the weekends. There was no electricity until the 1930’s and although water was put on tap in the early years, it only had cold water. Her daughter Jean went to school in Dutton and transferred to Frodsham but all the other children went to Whitley School. Before cars came to Whitley, it was a day out to go to Warrington. Annie vividly remembers the Church organising outings to New Brighton with the Vicar, Rev Trampleasure, along with helpers who took the children onto the beach. Her early recollection was a village with no cars and when cars were introduced, the children’s pastime became taking down car numbers. Whitley, she remembers, was full of dairy farms. There was a wheelwright called Mr Saunders and a blacksmith, Mr Passmore. There were also two post offices, one on Bentley’s Farm Lane, and the other in Norcott Brook, which also had a small store.

Sadly, Annie lost her husband Jack on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Nancy belongs to the Whitley Friendly Club and takes trips out with her friends organised by the Over Sixties Club.

We hope that Annie has a wonderful day on the 24<sup>th</sup> June with her family as well as her friends.

**Planning Applications**

<b>Planning Application No. &amp; Date</b>	<b><u>Application</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Whitley Approve / Refuse</b>	<b>Date Cheshire West &amp; Chester Approve / Refuse</b>
<b>10/00032/ LDC 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010</b>	Lawful development certificate for existing use of land as domestic garden	Rouge Farm, Normans Lane	M Crook	Objection. Same reasons as previous application 07-0726-COU Minute 7 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 09	Granted 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
<b>10/00489/ LDC 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b>	Lawful development certificate for conversion of garage to habitable rooms	West Winds, Village Lane	I Merrell		Lawful Development Certificate Refused 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2010. Planning permission required.
<b>10/00742/FUL</b>	Planning Permission for 2 storey & single storey extensions	Cherry Orchard Lake Lane	Mr & Mrs Lawson	Awaiting Comments	

## Diary Dates

Whitley Parish Council 7.30 pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### Village Bowls

The next Village Bowls  
at the Chetwode Arms June 10<sup>th</sup>  
7.15 for a 7.30 prompt start.

The Village bowls needs your support.  
Please come along and enjoy some friendly games.

### Cheshire County Show

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Opening Times: 8am – 6pm**

**Tabley near Knutsford, on the A556  
1½ miles from Junction 19 of the M6.**

### Friendly Club

**17<sup>th</sup> June Beaumaris for lunch then on to Llandudno in the  
afternoon Leave Whitley Village Hall at 9am**

The Friendly Club set off on the 21<sup>st</sup> April for Skipton –  
the weather was sunny but a keen wind was blowing!!  
Skipton Market was in full swing in the sunshine and one  
or two bargains were found. We left Skipton at 3pm to  
travel to Worston where a delicious cream tea was served at  
the Calfs Head after which we enjoyed a stroll in the  
garden. Our first spring outing – the sun was still shining as  
we made our way home to Whitley – a very enjoyable day.

### Whitley Village News

If you are interested in becoming part of our lovely village  
perhaps you would consider editing the Whitley Village  
News. As you know this newsletter plays a vital role in  
keeping everyone informed of what is happening in the  
village. The role of editor is to collate the information which  
comes in mostly by email --- any person interested would  
need access to a computer. It would be sad if the WVN did  
not continue after over 30 years in existence.

Please contact Sue Critchley on 730440 if you are  
interested or would like more information

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## St Luke's Church



9.30 am	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion
9.30 am	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Service
9.30 am	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Holy Communion Baptism
9.30 am	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Prayer

### Mothers Union

**June 9th - 2 p.m. Village Hall**  
**Sheila Melton will be giving a talk on the**  
**'Mothers' Union in Capetown.'**

### St.Luke's Gift Day –Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May

We are delighted to say that we raised £1,101, on the day. A  
jolly time was held when many villagers came for coffee and  
listened to organ music.

This money will go towards repairing our beautiful  
stained glass windows. A very important part of a lovely  
church.

If you have not already contributed and would like  
to do so, the fund is still open. Just pop your envelope into  
The Vicarage. *Church Wardens*

## **ST LUKE'S GARDEN PARTY**

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15**  
**The Vicarage, Lower Whitley**

**Cakes Produce Tombola Raffle**  
**Hawks/Owls Display Children's Games**



**Tickets: Adult £1.50 Child 50p, under 5's free**

### Village Hall Lottery May Draw

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £125**  
**Sue Mitchell**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50**  
**Mrs M Graham**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25**  
**MA & CL Thompson**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize £10**  
**Beryl Medland**

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