

## The Hodcarrier

The Hodcarrier Public House was built in 1983. It comprises of a Lounge Bar with spacious and comfortable seating. There is a Big Screen and five televisions on which all major sporting events are shown. On occasions we have had 3 sporting events on at the same time. A Juke Box, 2 pool tables and a darts board. This bar caters for customers from 18 to 80.

The Lounge is ideal for a quiet drink in easy and comfortable surroundings. This room can be used during the day Monday to Thursday for private functions.

The Function Room can easily cater for 100 people, this room is ideal for any private functions such as weddings, birthday parties, children parties and anniversary functions. Patrons may provide their own catering.

A typical week in The Hodcarrier is as follows -

Monday night in the function room: Slimming World

Monday night in the bar: Gents Darts

Tuesday morning: Briar Hill Bunnies in the Function Room

Wednesday evening: Domino Night

Thursday evening: Pool Night and Ladies Darts

Friday evening: Pick the Packet Night. Money raised from this is given to Myton Hospice. £6000 has been raised so far.

Myton Hospice is our main charity. In the past 11 years £15000 has been raised through Raffles, Easter Egg draws, golf days and various other events.

Saturday is mainly a Sporting Day with occasional entertainment in the evening such as Quiz Night, Bingo Night and Discos.

Sunday is a football day in the Hod. During the past 11 years The Hodcarrier has had a very successful Sunday Football Team winning local honours and the prestigious Birmingham Vase in 2001.

On Sunday evenings we have a singles pool competition in which top class local players take part.

Since March 1993 the Hodcarrier has been run by Fred Hepburn and his family.



# *The Whitnash Tymes*

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elcome to issue five of the *Whitnash Tymes* from Whitnash Town Council. In this issue you can learn about the Hodcarrier pub, the latest Twinning Association trip to Germany and how to stay healthy this winter.



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## Whitnash Winter Watch

It may seem early to think of winter bugs, but now is the time to be prepared. Most cold, sore throat and "flu" symptoms can be dealt with by paracetamol, ibuprofen and rest. Antibiotics do nothing for these infections as they are caused by viruses. Antibiotics only kill bacterial infections, and so are used only if people have a chest infection. See your doctor only if you are continuing to be ill and are coughing up green sputum, so he or she can check if you have such a secondary infection.

It's also the time of year to think about influenza immunisation. Influenza is a serious illness that kills people. It comes in epidemics every few years. It is different from the more common flu-like illnesses mentioned above,

which should really be called something else. Immunisation of at-risk groups of people is recommended. This includes everyone over 65 years, those with diabetes, asthma, kidney failure, and those taking drugs that suppress immunity eg steroids, anti-cancer drugs and some drugs like methotrexate used for arthritis. So if you are in one of these groups, make sure you have your jab!

Have a happy & healthy winter!

Dr Peter Davis

Whitnash Medical Centre



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### Briar Bunnies Toddler Group

We are a small and friendly well established toddler group. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10-00 until 11-30am at the Hodcarrier Function Room by kind permission of Fred and Mark Hepburn.

We welcome Mums, Dads, Grans, Childminders and of course children 0-5 years. Some of the activities we do are Craft based and we teach how to play. Tea and Biscuits are included in our charge of 75p.

Come and join us !

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Supporting community initiatives in Whitnash

## Your local Police Team

Policing in Whitnash has just got better. Warwickshire police have created a new 'Team Beat' for the area. Whitnash has its designated officer PC Rob Garrison who works from *The Link* in Lammas Croft. PC Garrison is supported by a newly appointed Beat Manager PC Julian Reed and the Warwick Gates officer PC Gary Lee to give a greater more effective police presence in Whitnash Town.

Both officers have their individual responsibilities to their respective communities but will offer cover in response to incidents across the Whitnash and Warwick Gates area to ensure a positive response.

As well as the two designated officers for the area two Police Specials have selected to work within the communities and will be patrolling with their Warwickshire Police colleagues.

PC Julian Reed has transferred from the north of Warwickshire to work in the Whitnash and Warwick Gates area, he has previously worked as a Nuisance Youths Officer and brings with him some valuable experience in dealing with youth issues.

Later in 2004 Whitnash and Warwick Gates will see the introduction of a designated Police Community Support officer. The PCSO will work within the area to liaise with the community and provide reassurance to the people of Whitnash Town and Warwick Gates.

Initiatives that PC Garrison and his colleagues are currently working on are concentrating on tackling nuisance behaviour in the Acre Close and Washbourne Road areas of Whitnash, and the Cressenda Close area of Warwick Gates.

In the coming months the new team will be tackling crime and anti social behaviour working in partnership with Whitnash Town and Warwick District Councillors. They will be developing intelligence to target persistent perpetrators of damage and nuisance, utilising their powers under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

It is hoped that the community in both Whitnash and Warwick Gates will assist the officers in making the area a safer place to live.

We look forward to working for you.

Rob Garrison, Gary Lee and  
Julian Reed.

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## SUMMER HANGING BASKETS 2004

Whitnash Town Council is pleased to acknowledge the support of the following organisations and citizens:

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Whitnash Medical Centre  
Heathcote Fish Bar  
Whitnash Women's Institute  
David & Jenny Mason  
Whitnash Twinning  
Association  
St Margaret's School  
Darby & Joan Club

J A Mason  
Town Clerk

BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2004  
Please accept our apologies if  
we have omitted anyone



## Whitnash Rotary Tree of Light

Would you like to be part of the Whitnash Rotary Tree of Light supporting Myton Hamlet Hospice for their work in the community. The lights will be illuminated on the Rotary Tree of Light at a ceremony on Saturday 20th November at 5.30pm.

The names of those remembered will be displayed in the Church and a light will shine on the Rotary Tree of Light outside the Church during Christmas and New Year in memory of that special someone or cause dear to you.

[www.mytonhospice.org](http://www.mytonhospice.org)



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## Write Up Your Street



Palmer Road commemorates the name of a once important family in Whitnash, in particular Robert Palmer, better known to many as Tad. In the later nineteenth century the Palmer family of wealthy gentlemen-farmers were tenants of Home Farm, but by 1890 they had moved to a much smaller farmhouse nearby, perhaps because they lost money in the Warwick bank crash of 1887. Thus Tad Palmer lived most of his life in the house now known as

### WHITNASH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Last Christmas it was my great pleasure and privilege to be the first Councillor to switch on our Christmas Lights. This year I am the first to announce our Christmas Lights Competition. I've donated four annually awarded cups. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the winners of the best decorated domestic homes in Whitnash. The fourth cup is reserved for 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the best Commercial display. Shops, pubs and businesses operating in Whitnash. Certificates will

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*By Jean Field*

be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Our Christmas Lights Working Group, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor will judge the competition. Prizes will be awarded during the switch on ceremony on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. To have a chance you must have your premises ready by 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Whitnash Christmas Lights will be better than ever.

*Cllr. Richard Sparkes*

*Mayor*

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Any other information please do not hesitate to email me at :


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# CALENDAR

## Daily

Pre-School	Methodist Hall	9.15-11.45am
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*Every week unless otherwise stated*

## Mondays

Women's Fellowship	Methodist Hall	2.30pm
Ladies Keep Fit	Methodist Hall	8-9pm
Cubs	Methodist Hall	6pm
Yoga	Community Centre	6.45-8.45pm
Whitnash Society	St Margaret's Chapter House	7.45pm, 2nd Monday

## Tuesdays

Beavers	Methodist Hall	6pm
Briar Bunnies Toddler Group	The Hodcarrier	10-11.30am
Mothers Union	St Margaret's Chapter House	2pm, 3rd Tuesday
Scouts	Methodist Hall	7.45pm
Under 13 Youth Club	Community Centre	6.30-8pm

## Wednesdays

Brownies	Church Centre	5.30pm
Darby & Joan	Community Centre	2.00pm
Town Council Meeting	Community Centre	7.45pm, 3rd Wednesday (may vary)
Women's Institute	Methodist Hall	7.15pm 2nd Wednesday £1.50, visitors are very welcome.

## Thursdays

Brownies	Methodist Hall	6.15pm
Brownies	Church Centre	6pm
Pilates	Community Centre	9.20-10.30am
Senior Youth Club	Community Centre	7.30pm

## Fridays

Guides	Methodist Hall	6.30pm
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## Neighbourhood Watch

At 2-3pm and 7-9pm in the Community Centre:

27 September 2004,	31 January 2005	21 March 2005
23 May 2005,		26 September 2005

*Please contact the Council to have your organisation's event or activity group listed for free.*

## Twinning Visit to Weilerswist Germany 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004

Flew from Birmingham. It was a good uneventful flight to Dusseldorf. Met up with some of our hosts families and were driven by mini-coach to Weilerswist.

We spent the rest of the Afternoon gossiping and relaxing in beautiful sunshine with our hosts. After teatime we all went to a Civic Reception held in the open air outside the Rathaus. Burgermeister Armin Fuss made us feel very welcome with his speech. Our Mayor Cllr Richard Sparkes replied by thanking the people of Weilerswist for their wonderful welcome and then went on to stress the importance of Twinning in today's hostile terrorist environment. Everyone enjoyed pizza and drinks. All the Ladies from Whitnash were given a pink rose.

Later on in the evening we were all invited around to Marianne and Martin's garden party. The Leuchtfuer Choir sang "Happy Birthday" to Hazel, our Vice-Chairperson for German Twinning. Tee candles were lit in a tiered cake shape and brought to her. We all sat down to a good helping of roast pig, sauce and cabbage.

Next day, Friday, we visited Bruggen. We sheltered in the doorway of a beautiful 13<sup>th</sup> century castle and monastery during a heavy shower. We spent 2 hours having lunch beside the river. We were delighted with the view, especially as a wedding party were having their photographs taken across the other side of the bank.

After lunch we moved on to Edgar and Mickey's summer home, they were members of the German Twinning Association many years ago. They have a beautiful garden

with two large ponds, set in a forest beside a large natural inland lake. Cavin, one of our members stripped off down to his trunks and went for a swim to cool off, to the astonishment of the ladies. We participated in cake and drinks while listening to Edgar singing his 'Whitnash Song' accompanied by his guitar.

To a Sports Club Hall for an English/German evening. The Leuchtfuer Choir again sang to us and had us all in stitches performing a comical sketch with a Living Roman Statue. There was such a high volume of delicious food available from their Bring and Share Buffet that we didn't know where to start. Kolsh was positively coming out of our ears.

Saturday was spent chilling out recovering from the night before. Then up again to attend a fete at Swist Tower. This Tower was originally part of a church, which was in the centre of the old town of Weilerswist. A long time ago the old Weilerswist fell into disuse and was eventually demolished. The Tower was the only building left standing. It is now pictorially represented on the Town's coat of arms. We found ourselves standing in a small flat grassed field with all kinds of stalls around the perimeter. Wine, Coffee and Cakes, Steaks and Sausages, Potato Speciality, Handy Craft, Helium Balloon Race, Kolsh stalls to name but a few, and must importantly ours. The Whitnash Twinning Stall, selling typical English

produce such as fig biscuits, blackcurrant drinks and golden syrup. Entertainment was provided by a Scottish Bagpipe Band, German Sailor Choir, Irish Folk Group and of course our very own Leuchtfuer Choir.

That evening we joined in a Polteraberd, which is smashing crockery on the road party. This was to wish good luck to a young couple who was soon to get married. The more crocks that were smashed the more luck the couple had. We watched in amazement as a large lorry reversed into the road to disgorge yet more crocks. The down side was the young couple had to clear up the road without any help from anyone else.

Sunday was a day of rest. Went for a walk around Weilerswist and beside the river Swist. After lunch we visited Bonn with our host Edith and beheld a magnificent view of Bonne from a restaurant while consuming coffee and cake. On the way we stopped to watch some colourful marching Bands parading in front of various local clubs and organisations from their respective Towns. Edith's husband Karl-Heinz stayed at home watching the Grand Prix.

The next day Monday, we went off to see the famous grapevines at Mosel, where we sampled 5 different wines. We were shown around the Schlagkamp-Desoye vineyard in Senheim and observed a range of techniques for the production of fine wine. We ate sausage and a bread roll for lunch with some local dry white wine.

The small town of Beilstein was next on the list. We walked into the Centre and visited Hand Craft Stalls inside the Town Hall.

Tuesday we travelled from Weilerswist to Cologne by train. Just past the famous Cathedral we embarked on a little road train to the Chocolate Museum. There

were lots of very interesting displays, information and of course free chocolate samples. We watched a real modern chocolate production line in action. A good time to think about buying presents for the folk's back home. Not forgetting ourselves us too.

Lunch was spent in a street café, which specialised in delicious pork meat. My better half, Brenda spent the rest of the afternoon buying much of the stock of a large department store. Husbands beware! We all met at the station at 4.30pm to catch the train back to Weilerswist.

At 7.30 that evening we walked to a local pub to play skittles.

Set off on Wednesday at about 9.15am on the coach to Bergische Land. The scenery was breathtaking and we had a fantastic view of the highest steel Railway Bridge in Germany. At the end of the walk some of us who were more adventurous, used a cable chair lift to reach Bergische Castle high in the mountains. We were shown the Bergerscher Coffee meal, which consisted of rice, cheese, bacon, bread, cake and lashings of Coffee. When lunch was over an English-speaking guide showed us around the Castle rooms. Then up to the wooden ramparts to take in the spectacular views.

Part of the evening was spent being entertained by some of Jim Byrne's Irish jokes in Christa and Tony's large beautiful garden. They kept two noisy geese named Anna and Lisa at the bottom. Tony grows all his own vegetables and provided us with a very tasty barbecue. This made a nice finish to the trip.

So if you live in Whitnash why don't you come with us next time? You know it makes sense. For more information contact our Chairperson Alistair Macfarlane on 338945.



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