



# THE WHITNASH TYMES

*Summer 2011*

## ***Some Foul Dog Owners***



Once again it's the minority spoiling it for the majority. Most dog owners are responsible, caring & considerate and clean up after their dogs.

Yet again it's those few irresponsible dog owners, leaving the mess on the floor for others to step in and take into their homes. Sadly I have noticed it all over the town.

Mothers walking their children to & from school have to dodge the muck on the pathways and worse still the little children tread in it. This is not only a disgusting problem for our community, but it is also a health hazard.

I wonder how the offending dog owners would feel if they or any members of their family trod in the filth, then took the stinking mess into their home and then caught some disease from it? Just a thought!

As a caring and considerate community, we must do something to stop this unacceptable behaviour by a small minority of residents and report the culprits if they are seen leaving the mess behind them.

**“The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Warwick District Council) Order 2011”** states that if a dog defecates on land and the person who is in charge of the dog fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence and may be prosecuted through the courts, with a fine of up to £1000.

**Report dog fouling -  
call 01926 456735 or email:  
[contactus@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@warwickdc.gov.uk).**

**You can also report this on the  
WDC website:**

[www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk)

*Simon Button*

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*For further information please visit - [www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk)*

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***distribution September 1st***

**• Important •**

**Adverts and Copy can only be  
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basis, so it is essential to first advise  
your intention so that space can be  
allocated and then submit your  
entries as early as possible.**

### **HELP NEEDED!**

Do you need more exercise?  
Do you have some spare time?

We need volunteers to deliver the  
Whitnash Tymes just 4 times a  
year specifically in the **Warwick Gates**  
area,  
[help in other areas would also be  
welcome.](#)

**If you can help please contact**

*Don Samways on 778164*

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# Our new Mayor Councillor Mrs Judy Falp



*Mayor Cllr. Mrs Judy Falp*



Receiving the Chain of Office from  
Cllr. Ian Colls, outgoing Mayor

I am very proud to have been chosen to be the town Mayor of Whitnash for the second time, the last term of office being in 1999/2000.

Along with my husband, Steve, we are looking forward to representing the town locally and across the district.

These are challenging times for all of us. Cuts in services, limited funding and an ever increasing need for support from many will mean your council having to fight hard to maintain the quality of life we have. We have a dedicated group of councillors, many experienced, some new faces, all willing to work on your behalf.

I am hoping during my Mayoral year to say thank you to the many people in the town who do so much for others. Information will be given in future editions of the Tymes on how you can help me do this.

I shall be raising funds for two charities in memory of two people who lived in Whitnash.

WO2 Gary O'Donnell GM and Bar, of the Royal Logistic Corps made the ultimate sacrifice for his town and country. In his memory and to recognise the sacrifice of many in the armed forces I will be supporting The Forces Children's Trust who help families of services personnel. This is also the charity the town council are supporting during the Poppy weekend.

The other charity I want to support is in memory of Ria Hickerton. Two days before her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday Ria died while at work in Leamington Library. Her family have raised funds for the past ten years to raise awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome and ways of preventing it and to support the charity S.A.D.S. who have supported them. A defibrillator bought with funds raised by the family saved a life at Leamington Swimming baths.

*Mayor Cllr. Mrs Judy Falp*

# Farewell to a successful year from outgoing Mayor Cllr Ian Colls



It has been an honour to represent Whitnash as Mayor this past year, promoting the name of Whitnash at every opportunity.

I have carried out over 160 Mayoral Duties, including my Civic Dinner & Civic Service and organised fund raising events, including Line Dances, a Brass Band Concert, Ladies lunch, New Year's Eve Party & Rock & Roll Dance, which raised over £5000 for my three charities.

With the aid of grants from WDC, I have been instrumental in introducing Short Mat Bowling in the Community Hall and giving the kitchen a facelift, whilst new oak flower tubs will be introduced in the summer.

A remembrance plaque and tree provided by the family has been planted at the Millennium Garden in memory of Mick Morris, a Councillor and Freeman of the town.

I visited the schools in Whitnash and explained the Mayor's duties to them and all our schools are a credit to Whitnash.

I have agreed to be Treasurer of the Friends of Acre Close playing fields, which looks set to get additional activities and facilities for the Park.

I have chaired the Council Finance and General Purpose committee and we have a healthy balance to carry forward, which has enabled us

to have a zero increase in rates this year, it has also enabled us to resurface part of Church Close in front of the St Margaret's church.

Don't forget Whitnash Town Councillors do not get any payment, as they are voluntary positions and I thank all Councillors for their support and service to the Town throughout the past year.

I would like to thank PCSO Sharron Underwood for organising the big graffiti clean-up at Acre Close and PCSO Steve Sample for the on-going speed checks around the town.

The Christmas Lights event was yet again a success and thanks to all who took part in the event. I have made the lights fund one of my fund raising benefactors this year, to safeguard funding for this year. Sadly the extreme weather caused the lights judging to be aborted this year, but it will be back next year.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour continues to be a major issue in the town, especially Acre Close Field and the Community Hall. Even their own Teen Shelter was damaged and repaired at a cost in excess of £600.

Two big tidy ups, organised by Cllr Judy Falp, were carried out this year at Acre Close and Washbourne Fields.

Housing development is also starting to become another issue with yet another survey being carried out.

Cuts in services and facilities are raising their ugly heads, with proposed changes at the Lawns Care Home, the Library and the Police Station. We have been in talks with WCC to fight for these facilities for the Whitnash community.

To cut a long story short, we have been in a battle to prevent WDC from seizing assets that are ours and belong to Whitnash and then charging for them, which would have meant an increase in rates. We vehemently opposed this, Solicitors were instructed and eventually WDC withdrew their notice.

I would like to thank all involved with the Council, for their help throughout the year, with special thanks to Town Clerk Mrs. Jenny Mason.

Finally I welcome our new Mayor, Cllr Judy Falp and I wish her all the best for her year of office.

*Cllr Ian Colls - Outgoing Mayor of Whitnash*

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# Town Notices /Information



## WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL **IMPORTANT NOTICE** NEW LOCAL PLAN WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL **PUBLIC MEETING** Whitnash Community Hall

**WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2011 - 7.00 pm**

*Whitnash Town Council has arranged this meeting to enable you to have your say in how your community will change over the next 15 years.*

The coalition Government is making a number of changes to the planning system which affects the Core Strategy, including the intention to remove the housing targets for the district imposed through the Regional Spatial Strategy. The Council is now no longer required to deliver a specified level of growth, but want to establish through consultation with its local communities the right level of growth for the area based on local needs and aspirations. As this is a change to the process, this consultation will contribute towards preparing a new Local Plan for the district.

***The consultation about these plans closes on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011.  
Please attend this meeting.***

### **To: Residents, Businesses and Local Organisations Hanging Baskets Sponsorship 2011**

Preparations are underway for the 2011  
Hanging Baskets for Whitnash.

Once again we are appealing to you for sponsorship so that we can enhance the appearance of Whitnash by making it more environmentally welcoming to both visitors and residents.

Please help by sponsoring a hanging basket at **£72.45** or alternatively by donating a small amount towards the baskets and tubs.

A list of all sponsors and donors will be advertised in the Whitnash Library as well as the Whitnash Tymes.

Please support this worthwhile initiative, which makes a real difference to the way people view our town.

### **Thanks to Ian and Jen**

The Whitnash Tymes is produced in conjunction with Whitnash Town Council and we would like to thank our Outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ian Colls and his wife Jen, not only for their service to the community and the town of Whitnash, but also their valuable contributions to this publication over the past year.

*Simon Button*

### **Off to Pastures New**

We have been informed that the local Methodist Minister, Reverend Iain Rennie, is set to leave his post at the Murcott Road East Church at the end of July. Iain has been a great servant to his congregation and we will honour him with a suitable tribute in the next edition of the Tymes.

*Simon Button*

**More Sockets Required? - Call Linleigh Electrical**

## ***Whitnash Community***

### ***Volunteers***

It has been well publicised that the Funday Committee has been disbanded and in the aftermath, we decided to attempt to pull the community together to set up a new group for the benefit of the public of Whitnash.

It grieves me to say that we failed, owing to the lack of interest from the community. However all was not lost, as the attendees of the committee all agreed to form a group of volunteers who would make themselves available to help with events taking place in the town. There would also be a database of organisations & an email forum to keep up to date with everything going on.

Organisers of events can also apply for start up sponsorship event money (if necessary) from the officers of the old Funday Committee, who will have complete discretion on how these monies are distributed and will require an undertaking that this money will be paid back in full after the event.

If you are interested in either joining the volunteer group, or utilising the services of the volunteers, please contact me on [sbuttonhole@ntlworld.com](mailto:sbuttonhole@ntlworld.com).

We will have to see whether or not this will work, therefore watch this space.

*Simon Button*

## **Community Hall Improvements**

Special thanks go to outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ian Colls and his team for their valuable work in undertaking some essential refurbishments at the Community Hall in Acre Close. Ian has been personally carrying out the work, along with his son, David, and Cllr Brian Smart. This time has been given completely free of charge.

The Kitchen at the hall is receiving a major facelift. New work tops with matching back stands have been installed, new cupboard doors fitted and it is proposed to replace the ceiling and floor. A brand new range cooker, which has been kindly donated by Aga Rangemaster, will also feature in the new plan.

Alterations have also been carried out in other areas of the hall to create storage space, which has made room available for a proposed Disabled Toilet. This is still on the drawing board, but will be progressed in the near future.

Thanks again to Ian for his tireless work.

*Simon Button*

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## **Council Changes**

Whitnash Town Council would like to bid a fond farewell to 3 Councillors who have served the Town in many different ways and welcome 3 new faces to the Council.

David Stocks is retiring following 32 years of loyal service to the town. His achievements have included past Mayor, Chair of Planning and Chair of Whitnash Society. He also grows his own plants and has looked after the flower beds for many years, on a purely voluntary basis.

Clive Taylor, Chair of Hall & Playing Fields, has moved out of the area so therefore cannot stand for re-election, but has been influential during his short term in office.

James Nutt, the power behind the Town Plan, has unfortunately had to stand down for family reasons. He has also been a great servant to the town in his short term.

We are sorry to lose these great people from our team as their experience will be missed, but we wish all of them good luck for the future.

However change is never a bad thing and we welcome aboard our new Councillors Mrs Sioban Mulherin & Mr Simon Rowberry. We wish them well in their new posts and know that they will serve the residents of Whitnash with great enthusiasm.

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## **Town Council Meetings**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ACRE  
CLOSE, WHITNASH, CV31 2ND**

**MEETINGS START AT 7.00PM**

***DATES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER***

***June - 16th***

***July - 21st***

***September - 15th***

**THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT**

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# Town Gossip/Organisation News and Events

## Dedication to Cllr Morris



### UNVEILING THE MEMORIAL

to former Whitnash town councillor Michael Morris in the Millennium Garden.

The ceremony was held to dedicate a tree and plinth donated by Mr Morris's family.

Mr Morris died in February aged 89 having served on the Parish and Town Councils from 1950 to 2007.

He was twice Mayor and made a freeman of Whitnash.

## WHITNASH TOWN TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING.

If you have spare time on a Tuesday why not pay a visit to our coffee morning. We meet at the New Hall at the Sports and Social Club on every other Tuesday morning. Coffee or tea and biscuit for £1, we have a bookstall and handmade cards for all occasions on sale. Neighbourhood Watch is held at the coffee morning every 2 months. We have the friends from the Lawns come and they really enjoy themselves. We hope you will come and see us one week when you are free. The dates are as follows

**June 7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Margaret Clough*

## SUMMER FETE

@ Leamington Football Club,  
Harbury Lane, Whitnash

on

**Sunday 3 July 2011**

12 noon – 4 pm

Come and join in - Fun for all the family

Live acts on the main stage plus:

- Black Belt Kung Fu Demo
- Jaykays Dance Troupe
- Childrens Treasure Hunt
- Ladies Pamper Zone
- Clearys Boxing Gym Demo
- Vintage Motorcycles
- Games and competitions
- Tombolas
- Raffle (£500 cash prize)
- Wii competition
- 6-a-side football competitions
- Cake competition (entries welcome)
- Table-top sellers welcome
- Fairground games
- Skittles
- Petanque
- Plus lots more

*Also available:*

*Barbecue, 'Coffee Shop' and Licensed Bar*

# Organisation News

## Whitnash Nursery School Grows

Children at Whitnash Nursery School recently enjoyed a front row view of building work which was happening right in their garden! It caused great excitement and wonder amongst the children:

“They’re going to build the biggest tower”

Liam – 3 years

“They were making a wall. They used bricks”

Morgan – 4 years

“The mixer mixes the sand”

Erin – 4 years

“I think they’re making a house”

Larissa – 3 years

“They’re caterpillar wheels...it can move that way and that way, look Morgan”

Freddie – 3 years

The building work has created an extra space to be used as a dining area for the Nursery Lane School and for some Children’s Centre activities.

For more information about Whitnash Nursery School, please phone 335312 or email [whitnashnursery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:whitnashnursery@yahoo.co.uk)

*Claire Jones*



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## Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club

This club is well and truly established now and is well supported.

It is a facility that gives a friendly welcome; we are running it throughout the summer months due to demand.

It’s an easy indoor activity and all equipment is supplied to start you off, except for footwear, a clean pair of flat soled shoes or slippers is all that’s needed to start you off.

Membership is £10 per year and each game £2, come and join us in the Community Hall Wednesday 2 till 4.

*Ian Colls – Chairman*

## Whitnash Residents Association

The Association exists to promote and protect the interests of all Whitnash Residents.

We are governed by a committee of 16 Independent Whitnash Councillors and one former Councillor.

The Organisation is totally non-political, but cultivates close links with our MP and other Councillors, in the hope they can support our town at county and national levels.

### **The Primary objectives of the Association:**

- Safeguard and promote our residents’ interests on matters concerning the environment, housing & policing.
- Foster good public relations and along with other local organisations encourage social activities in the community.
- Help to improve services, community facilities and living standards for the benefit of Whitnash residents.

We aim to protect and maintain our pleasant surroundings and the strong community spirit that are constantly under threat as a result of extensive and insensitive housing developments, car speedsters, anti-social behaviour and other issues that can detract from our area.

The Association will continually endeavour to control and minimise these threats, by working with both the community and local councils, to find solutions to the problems affecting our area. Please remember, we are here for all Residents of Whitnash and we are working for you.

If you have any suggestions or issues that you would like to bring to our attention, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Committee Members.

Contact details for Councillors can be found at:

[www.Whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.Whitnashtowncouncil.gov.uk)

and in The Whitnash Tymes.

*Terry Shepherd - Chairman*

## Whitnash Community Forum.

The next meeting of the Whitnash Community Forum will be taking place on Wednesday 20th July from 7pm. The venue is the Acre Close community centre. Ideas and local issues are invited for the agenda. **Please contact Jane Coates to register a suggestion, on 01926 456103 or [jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk)**

## Community Services Consultation.

You are invited to take part in a consultation to tell Warwick District Council what local services and activities should be provided in community settings. The short questionnaire can be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTH7S6S>, or a paper copy can be obtained by ringing *Jane Coates on 01926 456103.*

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## Join the League of Friends

The League of Friends (LOF) Charity at The Royal Leamington Spa Rehabilitation Hospital in Heathcote Lane is a group of people who raise money through various events throughout the year, so that equipment not available from the NHS can be purchased to aid in the rehabilitation of the patients being treated at the Hospital. Items purchased previously include beds, mattresses and specialised equipment for Therapists to help with Rehabilitation work.

The hospital has 78 beds plus outpatient facilities, treating people who have had strokes, neurological brain injuries, multiple sclerosis, falls & fractures.

The LOF holds two main events at the hospital each year, the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fete. There are also many other events at various local venues, where members and supporters raise money, such as Whitnash Christmas Lights, Warwick Carnival & Victorian Evening and tombola stalls in the Royal Priors & at The Stoneleigh Bonfire Night. The LOF always gratefully accepts unwanted items such as toiletries & soft toys, plus any unwanted bottles of wine/spirits for bottle stalls.

Many local businesses have our collecting tins and LOF Christmas & Greetings cards are sold locally and at the Hospital. A 'trolley' shop is available once a week for patients to purchase toiletries & sweets etc. Daily newspapers are freely distributed to the wards for patients' extra comfort.

***The LOF is always seeking additional volunteers, so anyone interested in joining and helping with these activities, who lives in the Whitnash /Warwick Gates area, would be more than welcome.***

Presently there is a vacancy for a volunteer Treasurer.

Monthly meetings are held at the Hospital on a Tuesday night.

If you would like more information on our activities, please contact Miss R Kirk on 01926 311380.

The next date for your diary is the Summer Fete on June 5th at 2pm. Star attractions at this year's fete will be Birds of Prey, Irish Dancers & a bouncy castle, plus many other displays. Raffle tickets for the Fete are available from the tea/coffee shop within the Hospital.

Again volunteers who can help set up and help run the Fete would be greatly appreciated.

*Hazel Airey - Temporary Treasurer LOF*  
07974662102 or 01926 70711

## **Goodbye Mr Jones**

On behalf of the community of Whitnash, I would like to wish Alan Jones all the best for the future, following 21 successful years at St Margaret's School. Mr Jones will be leaving his post as Head Teacher at the end of this term to take up a new role at Warwick University. I am sure that everyone concerned with the school would like to thank Alan for the tremendous job that he has done and wish him well.

We welcome Mrs Barbara Williams-Cooke, who takes over as the new Head on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

*Simon Button*

## St Margaret's Choir – Singing for the Community

A new adult Community Choir has been formed in the last year at St Margaret's school.

The Choir has been masterminded by a very enthusiastic young teacher Lucy Smith and they recently performed brilliantly at the Mayor's Civic Service.

Lucy is also the Maestro behind the School Choir, which is going from strength to strength and is the Community Choir of the future.

If you enjoy singing, would like to meet new people and would like to try something new, join in at the rehearsals and no previous singing experience is needed.

***Give Lucy a call on 01926 426216.***

*Simon Button*

## **Whitnash Charitable trust**

It has been a good year for the Trust, we have been able to help another new group to try to make Whitnash a better place to live.

Our fund raising events have again been boosted by one of the trustees employers doubling the first £200 we make which makes it all the more gratifying for the trust.

We hope to have more events during the year to help our efforts in helping Whitnash.

*David Clough*

## **Least We Forget**

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> May two Directors of the Whitnash Charitable Trust travelled to London with Warwick British Legion to the Poppy Factory. After a very un-eventful drive down the M40 and through the west of London to Richmond, we arrived at the factory. After a very welcome cup of coffee we were shown a film of the conditions of battle in the First World War, this gave us insight to the need for a fund to look after the survivors of four years of war. If you like me thought the poppy was Britain's idea I found out I was wrong. It was all started by a Canadian Captain writing a poem, an American Lady writing the last verse and eventually a British Major George Hawson MC receiving a cheque for £2000 to make poppies.

The rest is history; you can read all about it on [www.poppyfactory.org](http://www.poppyfactory.org) so please support the Events being arranged by Cllr Adrian Barton and the Town Council on June 11<sup>th</sup> around the town.

*David Clough*

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# Whitnash Medical Centre

## Hay Fever

What a silly name. It has nothing to do with hay, and doesn't cause a fever. It happens during the haymaking time, from mid-May to mid-July, but that's the only connection. The correct medical name for it is allergic rhinitis, as it is an allergic reaction to grass pollen.

The same symptoms are caused by many other types of pollen. As I write, the tree pollens are everywhere, beginning to cause the familiar sneezing, itchy eyes & runny nose. There are many things that cause allergic reactions at different times of year. We all vary in the timing of our reactions as we may be allergic to one thing & not another. Some folk are fine all the way through summer until the autumn, when harvesting stirs up molds which travel in the air.

If you are a sufferer, it's best to stay indoors on hot sunny days when the pollen counts are high, and keep the windows closed at night. Turn off the airflow in your car if driving through country areas. This can be dreadful for sun worshippers and fresh air addicts, but you do have a choice in the matter. You cannot prevent exposure totally, however, wherever you are.

There are several drug treatments to treat and prevent these allergic reactions. There has been little progress in treatments for over 20 years. The now well tried triad of antihistamine tablets, steroid nose spray and cromoglycate eye drops are effective. All are cheaper to buy at a pharmacy than to have on prescription, unless you are exempt from prescription payments.

Much has been claimed for allergy therapies. Most are unfounded. Whilst it is true that the NHS in the UK does not have many specialist allergy clinics, treatments that were used in the past have been discredited. Desensitisation injections did work, but then it was found that a few people died as a result of them, so they were stopped. No new treatments seem to be developed yet.

So, plod on with doing what you can to alleviate your symptoms. Why do we British have to moan about something?

*Enjoy your summer!*

*Dr Peter Davis  
Whitnash Medical Centre*

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## Pets Corner

As summer approaches we see more and more unwelcome visitors on our cats and dogs coats.

There have been huge improvements in the quality of flea products over the last twenty years. Flea products used to be less effective and more difficult to apply. Most people now use good quality spot on flea products-easy to put on and generally very effective. An increasing number of people use spot on flea products on a regular basis as part of a preventative program. Prevention is generally better than cure! Fleas regularly cause scratching in dogs and cats. If you find fleas on your dog or cat prompt treatment is necessary. Although fleas are very small they are not always easy to get rid of. All cats and dogs in the household will require treatment. Fleas often live in carpets, soft furniture and other areas of the house. Household flea treatment is often necessary to resolve significant flea problems. If you need some advice with managing a flea problem your own veterinary practice should be your first port of call.

We also see a significant number of ticks in this area. Ticks are normally a shiny grey colour and up to a centimetre in length. They normally originate from long damp vegetation. We see peaks of ticks in the Spring and Autumn but they can be seen all year round. They typically anchor to a dog or cat's skin around the face and neck. Ticks can cause significant irritation and discomfort. The best treatment for ticks is careful removal. Many owners do this themselves and some even have a special tick removal device for the job. If you are unsure how to remove a tick speak with your own vet.

Summer is a great time for cats and dogs-but keep an eye out for fleas and ticks on their coats.

*John Hutchinson  
Heathcote Vets*

## Whitnash Reunited

The Whitnash Tymes has been contacted by an 83 year old lady, Dorothy (Dottie) Gravell Wallingford, who lives in Boise, Idaho, USA.

She has been researching Whitnash for a few years and is trying to trace her ancestry for her great grand children before, as she says, she leaves this life here on Earth.

Dottie's maternal ancestors were from Whitnash (Barford & Radford Semele) in the 1800's and their name was Edginton (or maybe Edgington).

John (2nd great grandfather) was married to Hannah Hortin & they had children born between 1828 & 1841. Their children were Esther, Charles, John, Hannah, Harriet & William Walter (her great grandfather, who went to America and married Ruth Emma Clift, from Birmingham).

If you have any information about these people, please can you contact the Tymes or email Dottie direct on [wdottiew@aol.com](mailto:wdottiew@aol.com).

*Simon Button*

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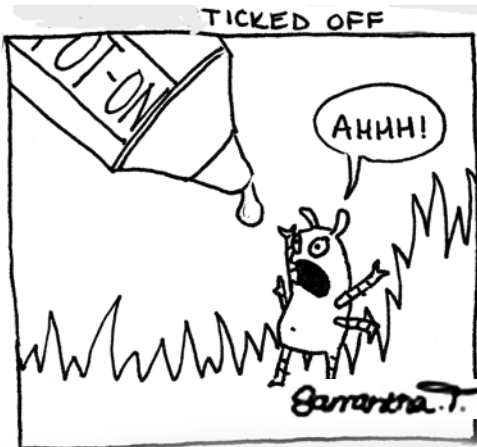
It is advisable to book in advance for the service, which is charged at £20 per hour.

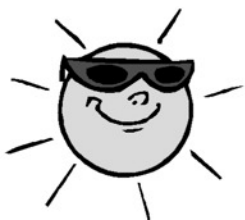
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**name of a business, which can be costly and time wasting if you don't check them out thoroughly – right from the very start.**

All details on how to register a trading name are included on the “National Business Register” website, which also includes all registered names.

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[http://www.start.biz/business\\_names/registration\\_information.php#restrictions](http://www.start.biz/business_names/registration_information.php#restrictions)

**Remember – Protect your business name!**

*Simon Button*

## **Variety is the spice of Life at The Lawns**

Recently I was tasked with finding a selection of “Different” entertainment for our residents. We are very lucky to have a regular list of singers that come in to entertain us but something a bit more unusual was needed for our “What’s on” board. So, with this in mind, I set to and am pleased to say that my mission was accomplished.

Zoolab came in, bringing with them various creatures including giant land snails, snakes, millipedes, rabbits, rats and a tarantula. Residents were able to handle the creatures and get a close up look.

Local florist “Bluebell” came in to spend a couple of hours with residents doing a demonstration and then helping them to produce their own arrangement for their rooms and around the Home.

We have had a baking demonstration, where we all got to see how it’s done and sample the delicious items as they came out of the oven.

The Leamington Belly dancers came in, much to the delight of many, showing us how to shimmy!

We were also treated to the talent of Andrew Watson, a resident’s great grandson, who has recently returned from training in China in the art of Kung Fu. Andy encouraged residents to join in some Thai Chi and then gave a display of the moves that he has learnt. Being one grade above black belt, Andy was able to break bricks with his bare hands, much to the astonishment of us all as we watched.

A trip out to the local 10 pin bowling alley was also a new treat, where, with the help of special ramps, residents were able to enjoy something new.

What will the future hold? Well, coming up we have a museum visit planned, the annual residents’ holiday to Brean sands, we have been invited to go along to Campion School to meet even more animals including meercats and not forgetting a certain Wedding for which we have hired a big screen so that we can all enjoy the day together with a glass or two of fizz.

We are always looking for something new so if you or anyone you know has a hobby, talent or interest that they would like to share with our residents, please contact me on 01926-425072 Tracy-Ann

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## Prickly news

Hedgehogs are welcome visitors to most gardens and are commonly known as the gardener's friend. Unfortunately their numbers are declining fast and they need all the help they can get. A large number get killed on our roads each year, but they can also get easily caught up in things such as wire, string, or elastic bands which can lead to infection or possibly even death.

To encourage hedgehogs into your garden, leave



out a saucer of meat-based pet food and a dish of water - especially during summer months or in extreme weather conditions - but do not give them milk or bread as this makes them poorly.

Providing a wildlife area in your garden will attract a diverse number of insects which the hedgehogs will love. This area could include a wood pile, compost heap, bog garden, rockery or pond. Hedgehogs can swim but if they fall into a pond and can't get out, they tire easily and will drown, so make garden ponds hedgehog friendly.

If you have to use slug pellets, place them in a pipe or under a slate so they are inaccessible to hedgehogs. Dead slugs must be removed immediately and use other garden pesticides sparingly as they can make hedgehogs sick.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals but if you see one out and about in the middle of the day this sometimes means it needs help. Observe it for a few minutes and see if it is walking easily or if it has any obvious injuries. Hedgehogs occasionally leave the nest for a drink or snack during the day but they may have baby hogs back home, so removing them could compromise the safety of their babies.

I am trained to care for poorly or injured hedgehogs so if you find a hedgehog that needs help, place it in a box and ring

Louise on 01926 741255

## **Know Your Rights! ... Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service Don't be conned - beat the scammers!**

February was scams awareness month when Trading Standards Service highlighted the problems of scam mail e.g. prize draws, fake lotteries, clairvoyant predictions, get rich quick schemes and miracle health cures. The one thing they have in common is that they ask you to send money up front in order to claim your fabulous prize. However, you are unlikely to ever hear from them again and any "prize" you do receive will be worthless.

If you send money you are likely to be bombarded with further scams because your name has been added to a "sucker" list. We discovered one Warwickshire resident who had received 63 such letters in just a few months.

Many letters look very professional and are very persuasive - the recipient is often addressed by their first name, making it sound as though it is a personal offer just for them.

To reduce unwanted mail register, free, with the

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0845 703 4599 or [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk).

Registering will make it easier to spot a scam in your mail.

**Most importantly, if something  
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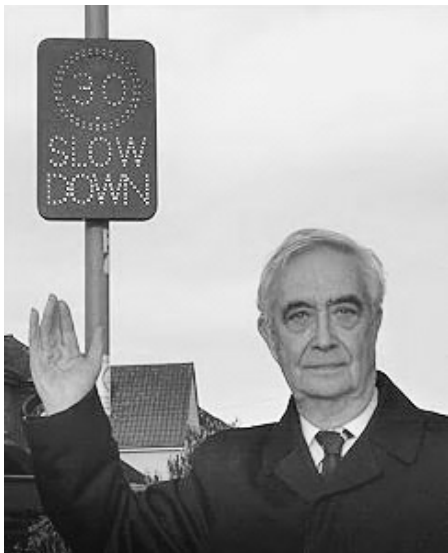
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Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

### *Cartoons*

Many thanks to Samantha Townsend  
for her Cartoon contributions.

We hope they will bring a smile to a  
few faces as well help to emphasize  
particular subjects

# The Big Interview - Bernard Kirton



We have recently chosen unsung heroes for the Big Interview, but for this edition we have selected a Champion, who really needs no introduction. He is affectionately known by the County Council as the “Whitnash Rottweiler”.

For many years now Whitnash, as a town, has been a shining example in our district of how a town should be run and how your Councillors work for and on behalf of you, the residents. One of the major influences behind this success is our very own County & District Councillor, Bernard Kirton, who comes under the spotlight and tells us his life story, from his early beginnings in the North East of England, to the present day, where he is at the forefront of the community in “Kirton’s Independent State of Whitnash”.

## **Born a Yorkshire Terrier**

“I was actually born in York, but when I was a small child in 1939, my family moved to Whitley Bay in Northumberland, which is where I developed my North Eastern accent.

I have always been active and joined the Air Training Corps when I was fifteen, where I enjoyed the opportunity of gliding and at this time it was my ambition to join the RAF.

## **All at Sea**

However my Father, who was a great influence in my early life and worked as an Engineer building & repairing both Naval & Merchant Ships, strongly advised me to undertake training as an Engineer and put off any decisions until finishing my Apprenticeship. It was sound advice.

At the age of 21 I joined the Merchant Navy as a very Junior Engineer Officer, travelling to Australia & New Zealand with the Shaw Saville Line. Following that I continued my naval career and joined the Blue Star Line, who sailed to North & South America.

## **Migrating down South**

When I left the life on the ocean wave, there was sadly very little employment in the North East of England, therefore I was forced to look for work in other areas. In looking further afield I applied for a vacancy at Warwick Power Station, which is now the Site of Tesco in Warwick. I was successful and moved to my new home at Avon Road in Whitnash in 1963. My wife Sheila & I have lived here ever since and we have 3 children. Elaine now lives in Somerset, Suzanne in Toronto, Canada & Mark in Leamington.

## **At the Heart of the Community**

At this stage I became involved in the Community and with others founded the Whitnash Labour Party and we were determined to improve Community Facilities. We started by repairing a footpath and then the rotten floorboards at the Mother & Baby Clinic, located in the old WI hut between Seekings Nursery & the Plough.

## **A Life in Politics**

Whitnash was then part of Warwick Rural District Council and I stood for Election & took one of the two Whitnash Seats, the other was won by Michael Morris.

One of our first tasks was to find a home for a Doctor’s Surgery in Whitnash and requested the Rural District allocate a Flat in Lammas Croft. This subsequently became the home of the Parish Council and the first Police office in Whitnash.

In 1973 we started the arrangements for the new Warwick District Council, which was set up in 1974 and 2 years later I became Chairman of the WDC. I am currently Leader of the Independent Group.

In 1981 I was elected to Warwickshire County Council as an Independent and became Chairman in 1996. I am proud to continue to represent Whitnash at this level, where I am the only Independent Councillor and Serve on the Scrutiny Board. I am also Chairman of South Warwickshire Crime Reduction Partnership, Whitnash Community Forum and the Allotments for the Labouring Poor, the Oldest Charity in Whitnash.

For many years I have been a Governor of St Margaret’s and St Joseph’s Schools.

I intend to continue working to preserve the wonderful community spirit in Whitnash and ensure that the services in Whitnash are maintained, particularly for the Elderly & Children.”

*Interviewed by Simon Button*

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## News From Neighbourhood Watch

A well attended meeting was held at the Whitnash Coffee Morning, held at the New Hall of the Sports and Social Club.

We were disappointed and angry to learn that the Police Office in the Library has closed. This means that there is no longer a central point where we, as residents of Whitnash, can go to speak to our Police team.

Compared with other areas, Whitnash has a low crime rate, which is a compliment to our Townsfolk. However in policing terms it is not a high priority area, it seems we are to be linked with Warwick!

We have been very well served by the Police personnel over the last number of years and we are concerned about the future. In view of this change we will be holding our meetings every two months in future.

*Veronica Jessamine*

### ALLOTMENT WATCH

Would you like to coordinate or be part of an Allotment Watch scheme in your area.

Supported by Warwickshire Police and Councils in a bid to reduce allotment crime.  
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**Warwick Justice Centre, Newbold Terrace,**  
**CV32 4EL**

*For more details.*

## Police News

### ALWAYS LEAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Once again, the Emergency Services have advised us that vehicles are parked in such a way that there is barely enough space to drive a small car down the street.

It is impossible for emergency vehicles to pass, which seriously raises the risk of lives being lost. This is also a problem at Acre Close, where the service vehicles cannot get through, which could mean that the grass cutter inadvertently scratches your car, because he needs to fulfil his contract.

Please ensure when you park on the street, there is sufficient space for an emergency vehicle to drive through, this will not only avoid lives being endangered, but also avoid your vehicle being shunted out of the way.

We have informed the Police about this issue and they will be targeting the known problem areas.

*Simon Button AIIRSM*

### Young Drivers Learn Safe Driving

Police Community Support Officer, Sharron Underwood, visited the Trident centre, giving teenage students information about how to stay safe on the roads, discussing the possible consequences of speeding, drinking, dangerous overtaking and not wearing seatbelts.

Sharron Underwood said: "One in five young drivers crash within the first year of passing their test, so the message 'belt up, sober up, slow down' is a very important one. I have delivered this presentation to 250 students at the college over the last two years and we have evidence to show that the number of young drivers involved in road traffic collisions has gone down."

## **NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING**

*Tuesday 19th JULY 2011*

*11am coffee morning in the New Hall*

**The Sports and Social Club, Heathcote Road**

**There will be no Evening Meeting**

**Linleigh Electrical on 01926 335909**

## **Police News Continued:-**

### **Criminal Damage**

1 x play area matting - Acre Park  
1 x Car windows smashed - Langley Road  
1 x windscreen chipped - Heathcote Road

### **Attempt Burglary**

1 x nothing taken

### **Theft**

1x mobile phone unattended handbag on School field.

### **Theft from motor vehicle**

1x CD player Verdun Close

### **TWOC of vehicle** - Heathcote Road

(Taking a vehicle without the owner's consent)

### **Drugs**

One male cautioned with 2 small bags of cannabis in his vehicle in Acre Park.

### **Community Speed watch**

Community speed watch has now started their sessions again and will be visible over the coming months. We will be extending the hours now the lighter nights are on us and not just monitoring the school runs.

### **Traffic Issues**

The team have been out patrolling during School opening/closing times and have given words of advice about parking on the pavements and the wearing of seatbelts whilst driving.

### **Police Post**

Current plans have been approved which include the introduction of a new policing model designed to deliver the maximum protection possible to communities and significant changes to our estate to ensure the effective delivery of the new policing model.

**The Police Post will cease operating as from the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The team will still provide reassurance and hi-vis patrols to members of the community. The Whitnash team will be staying the same the model being 1x Sgt Alison Wiggin, 1 x beat Manager Pc Sidhu 2 x PCSO's Underwood, Sample.**

### **Summer crime prevention.**

Please don't give the burglar a chance to enter your home when you're in your garden, leaving your downstairs windows or patio doors open gives the burglar the opportunity to take your property. Remember just like your car the burglar can see items left in full view of your windows in your home and could come back later to take these items.

## **Rogue Traders**

Don't become victims of a rogue trader. If work needs doing on your house/garden get a local supplier to complete the task it may be a little more expensive but you can check the work and get references.

Always - always get 3 quotes, don't say yes to the first one because it's cheap, cheap is not always best!

**Bike coding** Any resident wishing to have their bike coded can they please call PCSO Steve Sample or email and he will arrange to come to your property and complete the task.

## **Pavement Parking**

Police have received a number of complaints from Whitnash residents because they are frequently finding vehicles parked either half on/half off the pavement or completely on the pavement causing obstruction.

As you can surely appreciate this can be very dangerous for pedestrians, especially wheelchair users and people pushing prams/pushchairs.

Whilst there is often a safety issue on the highways and it is advisable for a car to park with one wheel on the path, in order to allow the traffic to flow, drivers must also ensure that there is sufficient room for people to pass on the footpath, especially those in wheelchairs or with buggies.

**Please show consideration for pedestrians when parking.**

*Simon Button*

### **Your Local Police Officers**

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**Leamington Police Station - 451111  
Police Office - 684248**

P.C 1657, Manjit Sidhu - 684248  
*email - manjit.sidhu@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk*

PCSO 6104 Steven Sample - 684248  
*email - steven.sample@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk*

P.C.S.O. 6178, Sharron Underwood - 684248 or  
*email - sharron.underwood@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk*

### **IMPORTANT**

**You MUST obtain an Incident Number and Crime Report Number when using this number to report a crime**

Emergency calls - 999  
Safer Neighbourhood Team - 684248  
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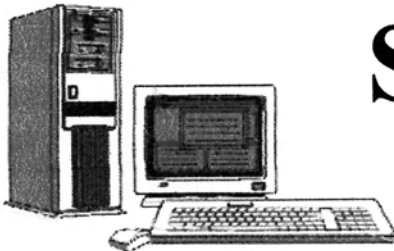
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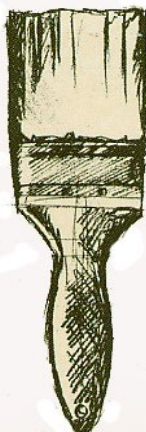
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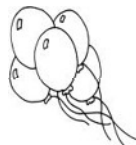
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# CALENDAR

## Daily

- Pre-School - Methodist Hall, 9.15 - 11.45am - Tel:- 079577 26253

## Mondays

- Mother & Toddler Group - Whitnash Community Centre, Acre Close, 9.30 - 11.15 am
- Women's Fellowship - Methodist Hall, Fortnightly, 2.30pm
- Cubs - Methodist Hall, 6pm
- Whitnash Society - New Hall, Whitnash Sports & Social Club, 7.45pm, (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)
- Zumba - St Margaret's School, 7 - 8pm
- Bingo, Whitnash Sports and Social Club 8pm. - Tel:- 01926 314595 or 07740 645313
- Whitnash Windmill Petanque Club - Whitnash Sports & Social Club, 7.00pm - Tel:- 01926 770373

## Tuesdays

- Beavers - Methodist Hall, 6pm - Tel:- 0777347 4386
- Briar Bunnies Toddlers - The Hodcarrier, 10 - 11.30am
- Mothers Union - contact: Eileen Roberts - Tel:- 01926 356153, St Margaret's Chapter House, 2pm, (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues)
- Scouts - Methodist Hall, 7.45pm
- Yoga - St Margaret's School - 7.00pm - 8.00pm
- Junior Youth Club, age 8 to 11 years: 6.15pm to 7.30pm.- Whitnash Community Centre.
- Line Dancing, Whitnash Sports & Social Club 8pm. ( Every 2 weeks )
- Senior Youth Club, age 11+: 7.30pm to 8.45pm - Whitnash Community Centre.
- League of Friends – Room 14, Heathcote Hospital, 7.30 – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month)
- 'Tuesday Club' - St Joseph's Parish Centre, 10 - 11.30am
- Neighbourhood Watch - Whitnash Sports & Social Club,  
(Tuesdays every three months - see posters and notice boards)

## Wednesdays

- Rainbows - St Margaret's Church Centre, 5 - 6pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brownies – St Margaret's Church Centre, 6pm
- Women's Institute - Methodist Hall, 7.15 – 10pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed) – Non-members £3.00, visitors always welcome - Tel:- 01926 315674
- Whist Drive - St Joseph's Parish Centre, 8pm
- Shortmat Bowls - Community Centre 2.00pm - 4.00pm - Tel: 332918

## Thursdays

- Town Council Meetings - Whitnash Community Centre, Acre Close, (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) 7.00pm
- Town Council Committee Meetings - Whitnash Community Centre, Acre Close, times vary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownies - Methodist Hall, 6.15pm
- Zumba - St Margaret's School - 7.00pm - 8.00pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Whitnash Brownies - New Hall, Whitnash Sports & Social Club, 6pm - Tel:- 01926 338458 or 01926 334564
- Weight Watchers - St Joseph's Parish Centre, 7pm - Tel:- 01926 420762
- Slimming World Group – St. Margarets Centre, 5.30pm - 7.15pm.103 Whitnash Rd. Tel:- 07775678772
- Ballroom Dancing, Whitnash Sports & Social Club 8pm - Tel:- 01926 338844

## Fridays

- Guides - Methodist Hall, 6.30pm - Tel:- 01926 770361
- Bingo - St Joseph's Parish Centre, 8pm
- Whitnash Windmill Petanque Club - Whitnash Sports & Social Club - 2pm

## Saturdays

- Saturday Club (5 to 9 year olds) - Methodist Hall, (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) 10 - 11.30am - Tel:- 01926 424418 or 01926 633691
- Irish Dancing, Whitnash Sports & Social Club (New Hall) 10.30am