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Welcome to Whitley Bay, Newcastle's Coast...

by Heather Carr

Whichever way you approach Whitley Bay, be it by sea, by air, or travelling by road, on arrival to the area you are met with a wonderful vista, whether St. Mary's Island to the North or Tynemouth Priory and Cullercoats Bay to the South.

This seaside town has seen many changes since the holiday heydays of the 20th Century, but now in 2008 we should see a refurbishment of the iconic Dome Building and other areas which were integral to the world famous Spanish City fun park. Though

this fairground is no more, the town is looking forward to the rejuvenation of its sea front area which will complement what has always been the essence of Whitley Bay, the Promenade, the Links, our lovely beaches, a good town centre with a splendid mix of specialist shops, and a friendly welcome which will always await you.



Whitley Bay has everything for the visitor and resident alike. Bordered to the East by the North Sea with its ever-changing moods, it is a place for invigorating walks, award-winning ice cream and fish and chips, sea front amusements, bars and party street, good restaurants and the

celebrated Whitley Bay Playhouse which is being transformed into a 21st Century theatre, to welcome national stars and shows and be



home to the many amateur societies which are central to the ongoing community life of our coastal town.

Families come down to the Whitley Bay coast for its wide open spaces, magnificent views, the nature of the seashore and its beaches, walks, fresh air and relaxation. It is lovely to live by the sea and we deserve something special from the ongoing and forthcoming regeneration. The many generations of people who have been brought up here, or have moved away and then returned to settle here are a testament to why our town will always be special.

We LOVE Whitley Bay!



Heather, who should be no stranger to regular readers of our local News Guardian, has been a resident of Whitley Bay for many years. Her evident enthusiasm to the cause for improving our town and coastline prompted us to ask her to write this introduction.



Terror, Shock... and Exhilaration!

by Peter Mortimer

I grew up about as far from the coast as is possible in England – an 80 mile trip from Nottingham to the Lincolnshire resorts of Skegness or Mablethorpe. Childhood visits were rare, but still vivid is the sense of sick excitement as the family boneshaker grew near the sea, that mystical force which has lost none of its mysticism despite me living here for more than 30 years.

To have the restless, ever-changing energy source just round the corner still seems extraordinary – and not costing a penny. Plus the luxury of that vast skyscape helping release all our pent-up frustrations, and at night times offering up a pollution-free spread of glittering diamonds on black cloth.

Let's face it, to live at the coast is to be permanently on holiday. But unlike the Lincolnshire coast, where the sea goes out so far you often have to take it on trust, here it's never far from shore, insisting that you pay it heed.

You can see it, hear it, and smell it; come the Spring/Summer months, you can immerse yourself in it, which a few hardy souls do in all seasons. This cathartic activity combines terror, shock, exhilaration, and afterwards a high-octane sense of being alive that no artificial substances can match.

I arrived here by accident and stayed by design. As did many writers, painters and musicians. Once the North Sea is your neighbour, you don't want to lose it, and though the procrastinations of the local authority over the last two decades have messed around with our man-made structures, the natural coastline is more durable, our three great beaches, Tynemouth, Cullercoats and Whitley Bay (with



little cousins King Edward's, and Brown's Bay), all mainly impervious to political machinations.

Like everyone else, I enjoy clear sunny days at the coast, but a word too for our distinctive sea fret, a highly localised thin grey blanket that suddenly drops, followed quickly by the sonorous tones of the Miss Fenwick fog horn. This fret – spooky, ghostlike, enigmatic – plus the generally uncertain weather helps save our unique coastline from too many developers and rich playboys. I for one can happily live without either group.

We should celebrate this fluctuating weather; it is part of our coast's character, and what shapes it, and us. Thus the necessity in the mornings, to take the short walk down to the sea before starting to write. It never tires of me. Nor me of it.

Peter is a playwright, poet and editor who has been closely involved with the North East literary scene since the early '70s. His book, 'Mortimer at Large, Selected Columns from the News Guardian', has just been published by IRON Press/North Tyneside Libraries. Visit Peter's website at www.petermortimer.co.uk.



Say hello to a new Euro- and Krone-friendly Whitley Bay!

Many Whitley Bay town centre Shops, Cafés, Restaurants, Hotels and B&Bs are now



accepting **Euros** and **Norwegian Krone** as payment for goods and services.

Participating businesses are denoted in the following section with the $\frac{\text{EUR}}{\text{NOK}}$ symbol. Look out for the Euro-Friendly posters displayed in their windows!

If you are a business and require a currency converter, please e-mail us at info@whitleybayguide.com and we will mail one out.



Business Directory

The numbers in the colour-coded squares enable you to locate any business listed herein by referring to the fold-out map on the inside back cover of this guide. The 'EUR/NOK' symbol alongside a listing indicates that business will be happy to accept those currencies. If you do use any of the following please mention this guide!

Shopping

Fancy Goods, Gifts, Toys

- 1** **T. & G. Allan**
Stationery, pens, gifts, toys, books.
 275 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 1564
- 2** **The Celtic Path**
Celtic-inspired gifts, books, crystals.
 276 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 4530
www.thecelticpath.co.uk
- 3** **Jamboree**
"An Aladdin's cave of goodies!"
 71 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 9357
www.geocities.com/jamboreebay/
- 4** **Just To Say...**
Cards, gifts, balloons, party items.
 107 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 2755
- 5** **Made To Treasure**
Unusual and personalised gift ideas.
 224 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 1485
www.madetotreasure.co.uk
- 6** **F. E. MAUGHAN**
Houseware, giftware, fancy goods.
 See Advertisement right...

7 **Selling Smiles**
"Timeless toys for all ages!"

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152 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 7711
 Email contact@sellingsmiles.co.uk
www.sellingsmiles.co.uk



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40 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 252 1660
 (on the corner opposite the Park View Shopping Mall)
www.femaughan.co.uk

We accept the following:



Clothing, Footwear

- 1 Anne Thomas**
Speciality clothing, workwear.
 134 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 4379
www.anne-thomas.co.uk
- 2 Escape & Escape Too**
Designer shoes, accessories.
 187 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 5535
- 3 FRANCESCA**
Shoes, handbags, accessories.
 118 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 1888
See Advertisement right...
- 4 Gabrielle**
Ladies fashions.
 36 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 0963
- 5 Habit**
Gents fashions.
 235 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 1638
- 6 Lilian Bateman**
Ladies fashions.
 115-119 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 5098
www.lilianbateman.co.uk
- 7 Scotch House**
Highland regalia, kilts, dress tartans.
 154 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 7777
- 8 Sugar & A Passion for Shoes**
Ladies clothing, accessories, shoes.
 41 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 5528
- 9 Urban Myth**
Clothing, skatewear, footwear.
 38-40 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 7888

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FRANCESCA 118 Park View,
 Whitley Bay Tel 0191 2521888

Jewellery

The Celtic Path

See FANCY GOODS section, Page 11...

- 1 Chapman's The Jewellers**
Jewellery, watches, watch repairs, engraving, earpiercing.
 256 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 1094
- 2 Frisson Jewellers**
Jewellery, watches, giftware.
 Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 9910
- 3 Roger Russell Jewellers**
Jewellery, watches, clocks, repairs.
 131 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 0122



News, Confectionery

1 Newsforce

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News, magazines, confectionery, books, off licence, Whitley Bay rock!
261 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3610

2 Goodies

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Chocolates, confectionery, gifts.
248a Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 2609

3 G.M. & B. ROBINSON NEWS

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Newsagents, traditional sweet shop.
160 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3400
See Advertisement right...

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THORNTONS at Tea In The Park
See RESTAURANTS section, Page 18...

Food, Drink

1 Carters Bakery

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Cakes, confectionery, sandwiches, pies, pasties, gingerbread men!
30 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1468
See Advertisement on Page 24...

2 Deli @ Whitley Bay

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International fine foods and drink.
195 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 7914
www.deli-at.co.uk

3 Marks & Spencer Simply Food

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Food, groceries, wines & spirits.
Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3952

4 NICHOLSONS BUTCHERS

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Traditional butcher, pies, savouries.
140 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 5250
See Advertisement right...

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140 Park View, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 252 5250



Restaurants & Cafés (including Takeaways)

Miscellaneous

1 129 Coffee Shop
Elegant coffee shop and café.
 129 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 5963

2 The Arcade
Fish & chip restaurant and takeaway.
 The Arcade (between Whitley Road and York Road), Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 9140

3 BAYS BISTRO
"Imaginative food and fine wines."
 183 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 3567
www.baysbistro.co.uk
 See Advertisement below...

4 Basil Brasserie
Modern European restaurant.
 Windsor Hotel, South Parade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 8888

5 THE BOARDWALK
Beachfront café.
Watt's Slope, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 1988
 See Advertisement opposite...

6 Boulevards
Town centre continental café.
 242 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 8494

7 Caffe Europa
Stylish coffee shop and café.
 251 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 252 9021



bays bistro

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183 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 3567
enquiries@baysbistro.co.uk
www.baysbistro.co.uk

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www.dominiqueswhitleybay.co.uk



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7-8 Lower Promenade, Whitley Bay NE26 1AN
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(We're down the ramp opposite 42nd Street bar)

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"The best pizzas in town!"

9 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3814

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Charlotte Tea Rooms

Serving coffees, breakfasts, snacks, afternoon teas, Sunday lunches.

172 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 2607

10

Cottage Kitchen

"The best all-day breakfast in town!"

1-5 Countess Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0225

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DELAVAL ICES

Ice cream, see Café Mediterraneo above and Advertisement on Page 15...

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See Advertisement on Page 14...

12 DOWN UNDER

Licensed beachfront café, down the ramp opposite 42nd Street bar.
7-8 Lower Promenade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 3876
See Advertisement left above...

13 Grapes

Cosy and colourful English restaurant.
164 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3380

14 THE LAZY DOG DINER

American-style diner.
31 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 2772
Email thelazydogdiner@hotmail.co.uk
See Advertisement left...

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Imperiya 84

Healthy snacks to eat in or take away.
84 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3474
www.imperiya84.co.uk/cafe.html

16

Mange Tout

Café, eat in, take away, buffets arranged.
20 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 07786 574 771

17

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PANTRINI'S

Fish & chip restaurant and takeaway.
11-13 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3737
See Advertisement above...

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THE RENDEZVOUS CAFÉ

Wonderful coffee bar and ice cream parlour, serving up gorgeous coastline views and knickerbocker glories!
Dukes Walk, Northern Promenade
Tel 0191 252 5548
See Advertisement on Page 20...



19 RESTAURANT 7
 EUR Pizza, pasta, snacks, tapas and specials.
 NOK 5-7 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 9534
 See Advertisement below...

20 Roxburgh Coffee Shop
 Breakfasts, lunches, sandwiches, teas.
 2 Roxburgh House, Park Avenue
 Tel 0191 251 3562

21 RUNAMOKKA
 EUR Coffee bar, with children's soft-play.
 NOK 221 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0790 8565888
 Email enquiries@runamokka.co.uk
 www.runamokka.co.uk
 See Advertisement opposite above...

22 Sugarloaf
 "Sweet treats, brunch, lunch, coffee..."
 203 Park View, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 251 7482
 www.sugarloafcafe.co.uk

23 THORNTONS at Tea In The Park
 EUR Café, snacks, chocolate, confectionery.
 NOK Park View Shopping Centre
 Tel 0191 252 6160
 See Advertisement opposite below...

VENETIAN ICES
 EUR Traditional ice cream parlour.
 NOK See Restaurant 7...

Italian

1 Al Forno Italian Restaurant
 13-17 East Parade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 6846

2 Caffe Italia
 96 Oxford Street, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 289 1445

3 Pane-e-Vino
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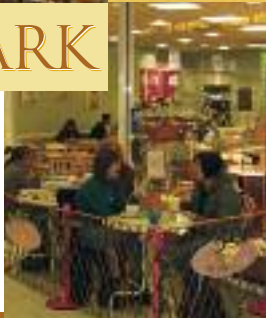
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Park View Shopping Centre, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 252 6160
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4 PICASSO'S
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www.picassorestaurant.co.uk
See Advertisement below left...

5 PIZZERIA LAZIO
236 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 1567
See Advertisement below...

6 San Carlos
54 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 7800
www.san-carlos.co.uk

7 Sorrento Ristorante Italiano
150 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3933

8 TUSCANY
10 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 3050
See Advertisement opposite...

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236 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay NE26 2TE
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Tuscany ristorante

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10 East Parade, Whitley Bay Tel 0191 253 3050 www.tuscany-restaurant.co.uk

Thai

- 1 Bangkok Palace/Thai Spices**
Wonderful Thai cuisine, great service!
12 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0379

Chinese

- 1 The Ming Cottage**
Peking and seafood restaurant.
165-167 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 0241
- 2 CHENG'S**
150-152 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 7788
See Advertisement right...

*For Italian, Chinese, Indian, etc,
Takeaway food, see also FAST FOOD,
TAKEAWAYS beginning on Page 23...*



Established for over 7 years, our family-run restaurant has a contemporary and relaxed ambience to ensure you have a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

CHENG'S 
CHINESE RESTAURANT

152 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay NE26 2NA
Tel 0191 253 7788
www.chengsrestaurant.co.uk

East African/Indian

1 KISII

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"A taste of East African Indian cuisine."
Whitley Bay Metro Station
Tel 0191 253 7077
See Advertisement below...

Indian

2 Ahar Original Indian Cuisine

238 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 297 1183

3 The Bay of Bengal

19 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 2090

4 THE HIMALAYA

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Indian Cuisine"

Whitley Bay Metro Station
Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 7077
Email kisii@hotmail.co.uk

5 Indian Ocean

2-8 Marine Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0091

6 KISMET

177 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3602 or 297 2028
See Advertisement opposite above...

7 Romna Tandoori

43 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 3583

8 Shahenshah Tandoori

187-189 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 3854

9 Takdir Indian Tandoori

11 East Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0236

10 WHITLEY BAY TANDOORI

40 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 9483
See Advertisement opposite below...

Fast Food, Takeaways

See also **FOOD, DRINK** on Page 13...

- 1 Beaches Fish Bar**
Fish & chips takeaway.
2 Duke Street, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 1492
- 2 Eliachi**
Tandoori takeaway.
32 Station Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 289 4110
- 3 The Filling Station**
Sandwiches, soup, jacket spuds, salads.
67 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 07885 984175 or 07879 426469
- 4 Harry G's**
Fish & chips, kebabs, burgers.
42-44 Park View, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 5777
- 5 Kebab King**
Kebabs, pizza, burgers.
222 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 280 2526
- 6 Ola Fast Food King**
Good value Chinese cuisine 'meal deals'.
163 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
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Tel 0191 297 0210

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Tel 0191 253 2690

21 Well On Chop Suey House

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Tel 0191 251 3877
See Advertisement on Page 25...
- 2 Aruba**
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- Banana Joe's**
Bar with occasional adult entertainment.
See HOTELS Section on Page 28...
- 4 Bar Vegas**
Lively bar.
Ambassador Hotel, South Parade
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- 5 The Beacon Hotel**
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Tel 0191 253 0664
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- 13 The Delaval Arms**
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- 14 EASY STREET**
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Tel 0191 252 1236
See Advertisement on Page 25...
- 15 Echo**
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Caprice Hotel, South Parade, Whitley Bay
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The award-winning 3 Star ETB-rated Avalon Hotel, a friendly family-run hotel, bar and restaurant, is situated right in the centre of the coastal town of Whitley Bay, ten miles to the east of Newcastle in the North East of England.

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**Eden**

*Nightclub on the seafront.
See New Royal Hotel, HOTELS, Page 32...*

16 ENVY

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42-46 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 8546
See Advertisement on Page 25...*

17 The Fat Ox

*Traditional pub with regular live music.
278 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
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www.thefatox.co.uk*

18 The Fire Station

*Good value drinks and food every day.
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Tel 0191 251 1255*

20 THE HAIRY LEMON

*Lively traditional-themed bar.
56-58 South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 251 8542
See Advertisement on Page 25...*

21 Havana

*Cuban-themed bar with dance floor.
South Parade, Whitley Bay*

22 JIMMYZ

*Stylish seafront bar.
Rex Hotel, South Parade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 252 3201
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23 The Kittiwake

*Popular out-of-town pub.
Claremont Crescent, Whitley Lodge
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24 Last Orders

*Just-out-of-town-centre pub.
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Tel 0191 253 2625*



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Pier 39

Bar with occasional adult entertainment.
60-68 South Parade, Whitley Bay
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26

The Quarry Inn

Just-out-of-town-centre pub.
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The Rockcliffe Arms

Laid-back pub, great atmosphere!
Algernon Place, Whitley Bay
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Style

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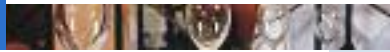
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14 **The Pines Guest House**
 41 North Parade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 5592
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 www.thepineswhitleybay.com

15 **Sandsides Guest House**
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 Tel 0191 253 0399

16 **SHANGRI-LA GUEST HOUSE**
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29 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 0230
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 www.shangrilaguesthouse.co.uk
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2 **Banana Joe's**
 South Parade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 7766

3 **Chedburgh Hotel**
 12 Esplanade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 0415
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 www.chedburgh-hotel.co.uk

4 **MARLBOROUGH HOTEL**
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20-21 East Parade, Whitley Bay
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 www.marlborough-hotel.com
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5 **The New Royal Hotel**
 13-17 East Parade, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 297 0199
 www.newroyalhotel.com

6 **NORTHUMBRIA HOTEL**
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51-52 Victoria Avenue, Whitley Bay
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 www.northumbria-hotel.co.uk

7 **Resthaven Hotel**
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8 **REX HOTEL**
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 www.rex-hotel.com
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9 **Seacrest Hotel**
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10 **Windsor Hotel**
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Whitley Bay Tourist Information Centre

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- 3** 154 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay
 Tel 0191 253 1864
- 4 Boots The Chemist**
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- 5 Hedley Pattinson Chemists**
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- 6 Henderson Chemists**
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- 2 Coast Congregational Church**
Cass Community Centre
Roxburgh Terrace, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 2157
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- 3 Oxford Street Methodist Church**
43 Oxford Street, Whitley Bay
Sunday Worship: 11.00am
- 4 St. Edward's—Roman Catholic**
1 Coquet Avenue, Whitley Bay
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www.sewb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk
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- 5 St. John's Methodist Church**
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Tuesday-Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist
(Book of Common Prayer on Tuesday)
- 7 St. Paul's—Church of England**
Park View, Whitley Bay
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Sunday Services: 8.00am Holy
Communion, 10.00am Sung Eucharist,
6.00pm Evening Prayer
- 8 Whitley Bay Baptist Church**
Park Avenue, Whitley Bay
Tel 0191 253 7561
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- 9 Whitley Bay Christian Fellowship**
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Tel 0191 251 5858
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Street Life

by Sid Smith

Since 1999 I've been keeping an online blog filled with the detritus of my personal and professional life. In amongst tales of family life and commentary on the arts there's a long-running thread called '*Street Life*'.

Usually consisting of approximately half a dozen photographs, they're taken early in the morning often just before dawn. They document the view from my front door, to the bottom of my street, and then across to the promenade, taking in St. Mary's Lighthouse and back to the rising sun over Brown's Point towards Cullercoats.



This is a magical part of the day providing me with a chance to reflect on the day before and to map out what lies ahead. Mostly though, it's an opportunity to stand back and soak up the stunning sea and sky 'scapes embracing our town.

I know by the numbers of hits the blog receives that it's not just me that appreciates the view. Admiring comments come in from places



as glamorous sounding as Tokyo, San Francisco, Venice, Sydney and Barcelona. I often get emails from a distant part of the world telling me how lucky I am to live somewhere so beautiful.

A neighbour who reads the blog once told me that it took her a couple of minutes to realise that the gorgeous view she was enjoying on her computer screen was actually at the end of her street. “It looks so exotic,” she laughed. “Well, that’s because it is,” I told her.

We’re often so taken up with the business of our daily routine that where we live is just another stopping-off point in a busy schedule. We take so many things for granted, and can be so quick to be critical about our area, that we can fail to appreciate and celebrate the simple, natural beauty that exists on our doorstep. I count myself very lucky indeed to see such inspirational views on a regular basis. See you there?

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What's On In and Around Whitley Bay

June

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Waggonways Cycle Ride

8 mile bike ride starting at 10am from Cobalt Business Park to South Beach, Blyth, along the Waggonways of North Tyneside, to sample some of the recently transformed local cycle routes.

28

Stride Out to The Lighthouse

A 10k walk from the Parks Sports Centre in North Shields to St. Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley Bay.

July

11-13

Whitley Bay 18th International Jazz Festival

The very best in classic jazz, from Ragtime to Swing, with 25 hot bands, more than 130 musicians from no less than 10 different countries.

www.whitleybayjazzfest.org

12-13

Mouth of the Tyne Festival

Tynemouth and South Shields. A spectacular weekend of world-class street theatre and live music on both sides of the Tyne, including a special evening concert at Tynemouth Priory by soul singer Beverley Knight.

19

RNLI Day and Motorcycle Rally

North Shields Fish Quay.

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Whitley Bay Vintage Bus Rally

Bournemouth Gardens Car Park. Free bus service and connection to the Stephenson Railway Museum.
www.nebpt.co.uk

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Touch Rugby Tournament

Tynemouth Longsands. One-off tournament, with music, fun and sunshine guaranteed!
www.newcastle-falcons.co.uk

30 July-3 August

North Tyneside International Youth Football Tournament

Over 3,000 young people from around the world compete in this annual festival of football.
www.northtyneside.gov.uk/youthsoccer/

August

8-10

Whitley Bay Festival of Motorcycles

Beaconsfield, Cullercoats. Featuring Extreme Globe Riders, Starboyz UK, Live Bands and Entertainment, Motorcycle Cavalcade, Motorcycle Show, Beer Tent, Traders Stalls, Food.
www.whitleybayfestivalofmotorcycles.co.uk

**9-10****Whitley Bay International Kite Festival**

Spectacular display at the coast of weird and wonderful kites from all around the world.

16**Cullercoats Harbour Day**

www.cullercoatslifeboat.co.uk

24**Great North Bike Ride**

Starts at 9am at Seahouses Tourist Information Car Park, to end at Tynemouth, outside the Priory.

Approximately 54 miles of beautiful Northumberland scenic coastline.

www.greatnorthbikeride.com

September

11-14**Heritage Open Days**

October

25-26**Xperience '08**

Beaconsfield and Longsands Beach, Tynemouth. A weekend of extreme sports activities at the coast with snowboarding, BMX, surfing and more.

November

2**North Tyneside Fireworks Display**

The Links, Whitley Bay. The annual favourite returns with a spectacular display near St. Mary's Lighthouse.

December

5-6**Whitley Bay St. Nicholas Festival**

French traders and Northumbrian food sellers market in the town centre.

13-14**North Shields Victorian Christmas Market**

Northumberland Square. Festive entertainment, fairground rides and over 100 stalls, gifts, crafts and food.

26**Pudding Fun Run**

The Links, Whitley Bay.

January

1**New Year's Day Dip**

Panama Swimming Club, Promenade, Whitley Bay.

All event details subject to change. For latest info please contact: NT Tourist Information, Whitley Bay Library, Park Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE26 1EJ Tel 0191 200 8535
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The History of Whitley Bay

by Morag Horseman & Charlie Steel

Some 2000 years ago, Angles crossed the sea to live on these shores, naming their settlement Whitley, meaning white lea or pasture land. The village has been recorded variously as Witelei, Whitlawe, Whitlathe (according to John Speede's map of 1610), and Wytheleye. By the early 12th Century, it was a tiny hamlet owned by the Prior of Tynemouth. The name of the village may also be attributed to the deWhitley family, local landowners who held a manor house in the area up to 1538. In 1539 the Crown granted possession of the village to the Percy family (the Dukes of Northumberland remained major landlords until the 1950s, hence the naming of streets Duke, Duchess, Alnwick, Hotspur, etc.). The 'Bay' was added to Whitley in 1902, after considerable confusion with Whitby.

By 1674, following the dissolution of the monasteries, the Priory lands and estate were enclosed and divided up, except for Whitley Links which to this day remains as open land. In the 17th century Whitley had a population of about 750 people whose main sources of employment were farming, coal and ironstone mining, limestone quarrying and lime burning, but after Whitley Colliery closed in 1848, the population dropped to 430.

The straggling village street had a blacksmith's forge at one end, St. Paul's Church (built in 1864) at the other, a group of cottages, a dairy farm, a post office and grocery, and three public houses – the Queen Victoria (now the Bedroom), the Ship (now the Townhouse) and the Fat Ox (an animal bred in Whitley, made famous by Thomas Bewick's woodcut). The Prudhoe Convalescent Homes, on the site of the current Leisure Pool, followed in 1866, and the Northumberland Village Homes on Norham Road, now tastefully converted into a residential close, were opened in 1880. Two prominent builders in the area at this time were Richard Heckels Nesbitt and Alfred Styan, both



The top of South Parade and Oxford Street, c.1902. The building in the centre of the photo is now Fitzgeralds public house.

responsible for laying out many of the streets and much of the housing towards the south side of Whitley.

There were three substantial houses – Whitley House which became The Coliseum Theatre in 1910, and was given a ‘marble’ frontage in 1924 when it became a cinema, Whitley Hall, demolished in 1902, on the site of the current Police Station, and Whitley Park Hall, replaced by the library on Park Avenue.

In 1862 a railway line from Blyth to Tynemouth was opened, to connect with the line to Newcastle. Whitley’s station opened at Hillheads, and there was a sudden rush to build houses, both for visitors and for Newcastle businessmen who could now commute into work. In 1882 the railway was moved nearer to the coast and a station built on the

colliery site. Station Road and neighbouring streets were soon established, and by 1900 the population was almost 7,000. There was a mix of both pride and regret at the speed at which the town was growing and, over the following years, the town boundary soon extended north towards Brier Dene, south to Cullercoats, and to the west to encompass Monkseaton Village. In 1898 St. Mary's Lighthouse was built and it became a magnet for the day trippers and holiday makers who poured into the town at the weekends.

In 1904 the Toreadors Concert Party entertained visitors in an open-air theatre in Whitley Park and, as the area was decorated in the Spanish style, it became known as the Spanish City. The Whitley Pleasure Gardens Company Ltd. was formed in 1909 and established a large fairground on the site. In 1910 the famous Dome was built, with the Empress Theatre and Ballroom. The Spanish City became Whitley Bay's main attraction for many years.



Whitley Road and the Ship Inn, c.1904, with the grounds of Whitley Hall to the right shortly before the Co-Op was built

Station Road, c.1901



To accommodate the increased holiday traffic the present large station was opened in 1910. Hotels, boarding houses and tea-rooms sprang up. The promenades, the splendid Rendezvous Café, and beach chalets were built between 1919 and 1936, and there were bathing machines and pony rides on the sands. Whitley Bay continued to grow and became the principal holiday resort for the workers from Glasgow, reaching the peak of its popularity in the 1950s.

Today Whitley Bay is still a much loved seaside resort and, with its excellent shops, lively nightlife, and miles of curving golden sands, remains a hive of activity all year round.

Visit Morag's 'Friends of St. Mary's Island' website, dedicated to safeguarding the future of the lighthouse and its nature reserve: www.friendsofstmarysland.co.uk

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Walk the Historic Whitley Bay Discovery Trail...

by Geoff Holland

At the height of its popularity Whitley Bay was a busy seaside resort attracting visitors from far and wide. Here generations of families enjoyed everything that the traditional British seaside holiday had to offer. However, as air travel became more accessible in the 1960s, holidaymakers began to seek out ever more exotic destinations where sunshine could be guaranteed. Holiday patterns would change forever. As you step out on this walk you will discover for yourself some of the fragments of Whitley Bay's rich and varied past.

Distance 3 miles

Start Whitley Bay Railway Station

Finish New Coliseum, Town Centre

1 **The walk begins** where most visitors to the town first arrived at the beginning of their fortnight holiday, the railway station. Opened in 1910, and replacing the original 1882 station, the renaissance style building was designed for the North Eastern Railway Company by W. Bell. Having as its central feature an impressive clock tower, the station's symmetrical façade looks directly towards the sea, the town's *raison d'être*. Inside the station, on the wall facing the former ticket office, is the mosaic triptych, 'Passing' by the artist Ian Patience. The central panel features a nocturnal seascape whilst the two outer panels show a young family enjoying a day on the beach. (Inside, on either side of the archway adjacent to the ticket machines, there are four display panels full of information on the station and its surroundings.)

Outside the station, to your right at the head of Clarence Crescent, stands a very rare combination of a telephone box/post office kiosk. Introduced in 1928, less than 50 of this 'K4' type kiosk were installed throughout the country. Proving unpopular with customers, the majority were withdrawn in 1935 but somehow this one managed to stay, eventually becoming Grade II listed in October 1986.

2 **Leaving the station behind**, head eastwards along Station Road keeping to the right hand side. Within 100 metres, on the corner of Albany Gardens, stands





18 Station Road, the former studio of reknowned photographer Gladstone Adams. In 1908 Adams drove his motor car to Crystal Palace to watch his beloved Newcastle United Football Club play Wolverhampton Wanderers in the FA Cup Final. On his way home, having endured the 3-1 defeat of his team, snow kept obscuring the car windscreen and he regularly had to stop to manually clean it. This frustrating experience inspired him to invent the windscreen wiper, the design of which he eventually patented in 1911. In the early 1970s this building was home to Spectro Arts Workshop, a flourishing centre of artistic activity.

Continue to the junction with Whitley Road, one of the town's main shopping streets. Over the zebra crossing, turn left past the Station Hotel and down into the Esplanade. Take a moment to look above eye level to see some of the interesting features of the buildings that make up the four corners of this junction.

3 **Head down the B&B-dotted Esplanade**, a clear sign that tourism still plays a vital role in the town, until you reach the Promenade. On the right hand corner stands the former Sylvesters night club, which has had, since it was built in 1910, many reincarnations; the Alletsa Ballroom, the Gaumont Cinema and the Empire Theatre. The Esplanade is, in essence, a continuation of Station Road, therefore providing an easy and direct link between the railway station and the seafront, a fact not lost on proposals to site from this point a pier which would have projected straight out into the sea. First planned in 1908, the scheme was abandoned as it was felt that the cast iron columns, which were to support the 270 metre platform and concert pavilion, would not withstand the forces of nature. A much grander scheme was drawn up in 1935 but, once again, sadly failed to get off the ground.

4 **Cross over to the seaward side** of the promenade and turn left past the Rex Hotel, once home to a popular folk club. A host of well known musicians played here in the early days of their careers, including Gerry Rafferty, Billy Connolly, Ralph McTell and local legends Lindisfarne, who 'came home' for the club's 1970 Christmas Party following the release of their first album, *Nicely Out of Tune*. You are now at the centre of Whitley Bay's lively nightlife which attracts revellers from throughout the country and the continent. It is not, therefore, without a touch of irony that the artist who produced some of the most famous Guinness posters, John Gilroy, was born in the town in 1898. Working for the Irish brewery between 1925 and 1960, he is perhaps best remembered for his illustrations featuring the girder carrier and wood cutter from the 'Guinness for Strength' campaign and for the Guinness animals, including a lion, toucan and kangaroo, which appeared with their long-suffering zookeeper on posters, ads and waiter trays from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Gilroy would produce more than 100 press ads and nearly 50 poster designs.

- 5 Follow the main promenade**, officially opened on the 25th May 1911, passing on your right Grant's Clock, described on unveiling in 1933 as "*a little sister to the lighthouse*", the 1924 Central Lower Promenade below you, and the Victorian Marlborough Hotel on your left. Soon you will arrive at 'The Sandcastles' by the artist Richard Broderick, a wonderfully functional work of art which acts as a wind-protecting seating area for walkers. Continue straight ahead crossing Watt's Slope before climbing slightly uphill to join the large grassed area known as the Links. This ever-popular recreation area was, during the early part of the 19th century, strewn with ironstone workings and colliery spoil heaps. Eventually work to totally transform this area was begun and in 1890 it was used by Whitley Bay Golf Club.



Follow the main path across the Links and on descending to the Panama Dip, with the circular gardens to your left, turn right towards the sea and the Northern Lower Promenade. The gardens were laid out by the local council in the 1930s and the Dip was named after a café which had occupied the site since the end of the 19th century.

- 6 In Whitley Bay's heyday**, this unspoilt stretch of golden sand would be teeming with holidaymakers. Continue northwards, passing first the Panama Swimming Club and then the *art déco*-style drinking fountain which was erected to commemorate the coronation of King George VI. Within 200 metres you will arrive at one of the town's real gems, the Rendezvous Café. This delightful ice cream parlour has provided refreshments to generations of holidaymakers. It was a



favourite haunt of the poet Julia Darling whose poem 'Rendezvous Café: Whitley Bay' perfectly captures the flavour with lines such as "*Rendez Vous with the sea, and the sugary breeze, Come eat strawberry flan, while we can, while we can.*"

7 **Now it is time to part company** with the sea and sand, turning left through either one of the two archways adjacent to the café and across the car park to join the main road along the coast. Cross over and turn left past the 1970s Leisure Pool, which stands on the site of the former Prudhoe Memorial Convalescent Homes, opened in 1866 in memory of Lord Prudhoe, the 4th Duke of Northumberland.

A short walk brings you to the junction with Marine Avenue and the site of the former Spanish City fairground. Founded in 1908, the fairground was for many years the entertainment complex around which the seaside resort revolved. In 1980, the rock group Dire Straits thrust the Spanish City into the international music spotlight with their song 'Tunnel of Love' with the line "*Like the Spanish City to me, when we were kids...*", conjuring up the thrills and spills of a trip to the fairground. The unmistakable white dome of the Grade II Listed Empress Ballroom rises to your left and, currently undergoing major renovation, is very much a major symbol of Whitley Bay.

8 **Turn right into Marine Avenue**, passing on your left the Playhouse, formerly the Essoldo and once one of four cinemas in the town. In 1897 Marine Avenue was still known as Seaside Lane and linked the village of Monkseaton with the coast. Continue along this pleasant tree-lined avenue, crossing over to the left hand side as you reach the tennis courts and bowling greens of Souter Park. In 1859/60 the Blyth & Tyne passenger railway line was constructed and the first station to serve the surrounding area, Whitley Junction, was erected where Souter Park now stands. The line by-passed Whitley Village, as it was then known, as it made its way to the docks at North Shields. The track was realigned in 1882 and a new station was built in Whitley Village.

9 **On reaching the westerly corner** of Souter Park turn left into Norham Road and cross over to Monkseaton Station, which replaced the old Whitley Junction station in 1915. Inside the station, at both ends of the curved canopy, are the stained glass artworks, 'Beach' and 'Shipyards' by Mike Davis. The 'Beach' artwork refers to its immediate locality and holidays by the sea, whilst the more abstract 'Shipyards' echoes the business of the River Tyne. On the platform there are two sets of five seats, terracotta in colour, by the artist Colin Rose and these are the only seats of this unusual design on the Metro System.



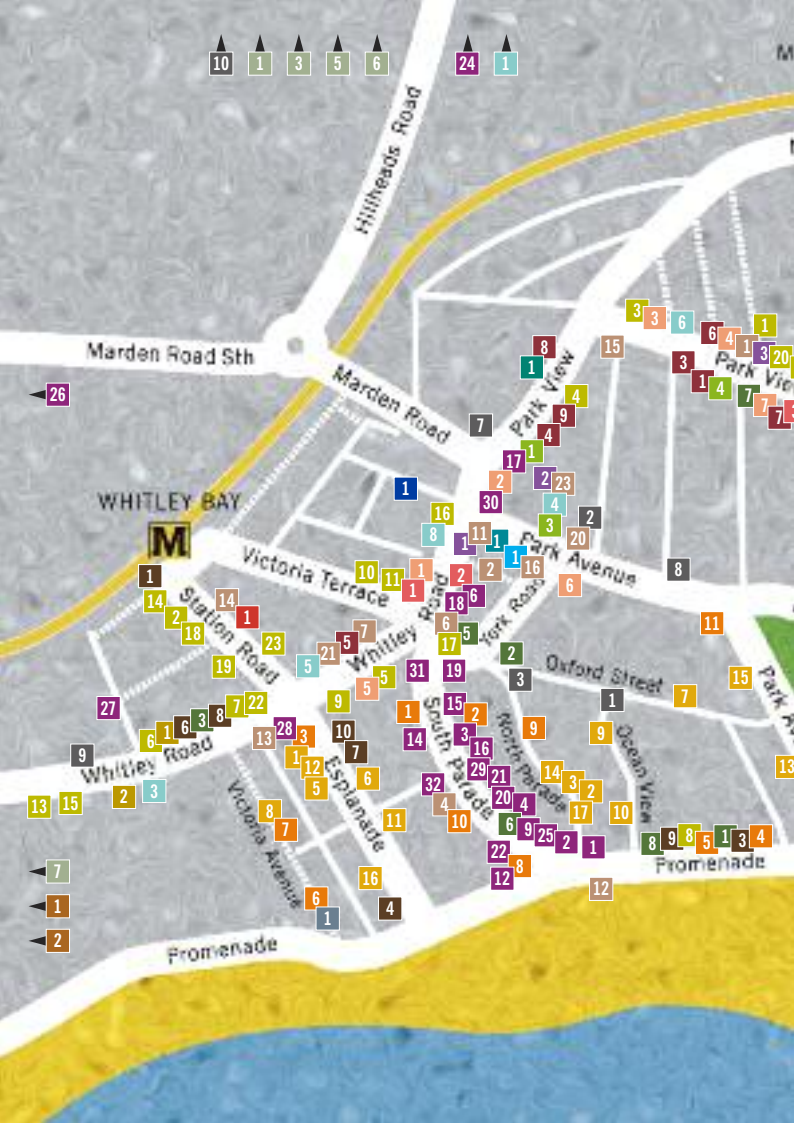
Outside the station again, cross back to the other side of Norham Road and turn right towards Whitley Bay town centre. Within little more than 100 metres, on your left at the end of the park, stood the former Northumberland Village Homes. Opened in the 1880s, the Homes were occupied by up to 150 girls, kitted out in a distinctive uniform of a blue serge dress and red cape, and were given instruction in household duties. The Homes closed in March 1985 and have now been tastefully converted for housing. When you reach the bottom of Norham Road you will join Park View, another of the town's main shopping streets. Head to the right.

10 **Soon you will pass**, on your right, the 1864 St.Paul's Church, designed by London architect A. Salvin. The first vicar of the church was the Rev. R.F. Wheeler who was a founder member of the Cullercoats Volunteer Life Brigade. In his 1957 book 'The Buildings of England', Nikolaus Pevsner thought, rather oddly, that this was "*not a church of much architectural merit.*" On your left stands the Fat Ox public house which derived its name from the famous, locally-reared animal which, when killed in March 1789, weighed an astounding 216st 8lbs (1375 kg). A large copperplate engraving of the animal by Thomas Bewick was published the following month. Follow the road as it curves to your left and, where it turns sharp left at the traffic lights, cross straight ahead into Whitley Road.

11 **You are now in the centre of the town** and you have reached the end of the walk. Before you leave, take time to look around you. The 'Whitley Bay Clock' was commissioned from Cumbrian-based artist Chris Brammall by the town's Rotary Club to celebrate their 75th anniversary. The work was inspired by the coastal location and reflects, in its materials and structure, the engineering traditions of the area. The clock was installed in October 1998 and was formally presented to the people of the town. Look upwards and see the light coloured façade of the New Coliseum which was opened in 1910 and provided live entertainment until the advent of the 'silent movies' in 1919, when the building was extensively altered. The ABC Company introduced the first 'talkies' to the cinema in 1929 and these continued to be shown until the very last film was screened on the 1st May 1971.

Not far from this spot, for a short while in the 1960s at the top of South Parade, the Club A Go-Go reverberated to the music of the day and on the 9th November 1963 a fledgling band played at the club. They were called The Rolling Stones and as they say.....the rest is history!

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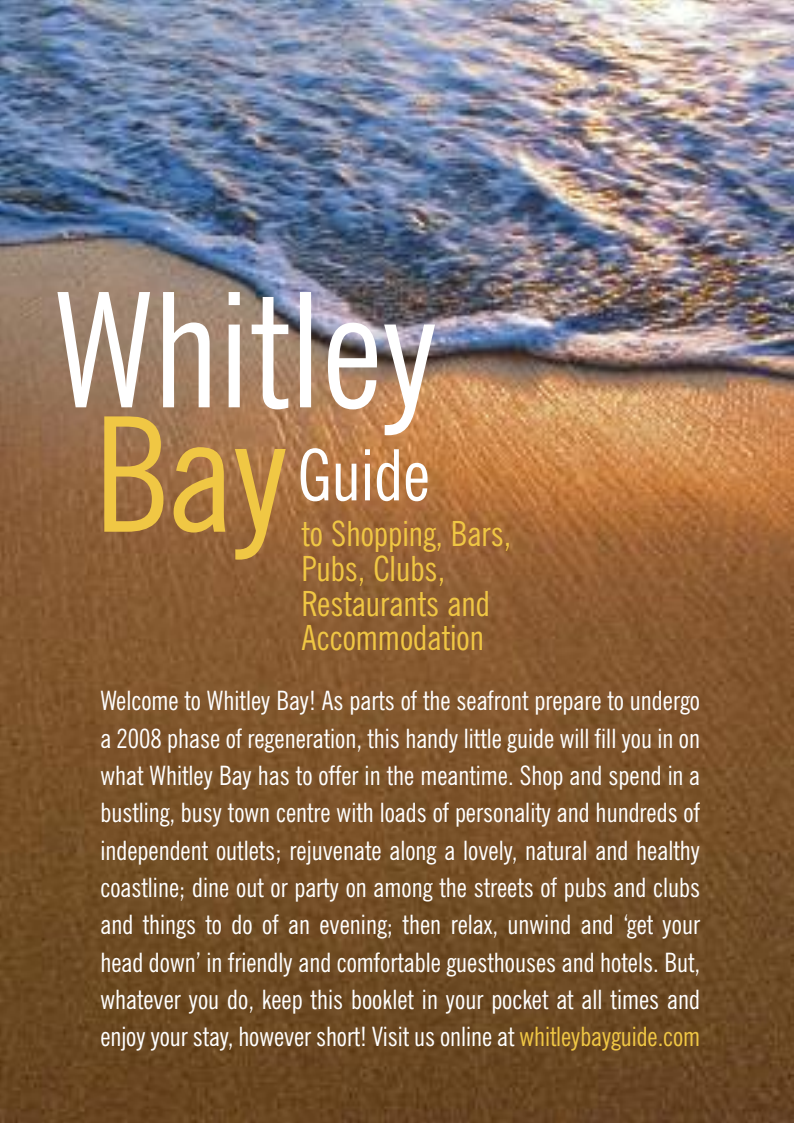
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Welcome to Whitley Bay! As parts of the seafront prepare to undergo a 2008 phase of regeneration, this handy little guide will fill you in on what Whitley Bay has to offer in the meantime. Shop and spend in a bustling, busy town centre with loads of personality and hundreds of independent outlets; rejuvenate along a lovely, natural and healthy coastline; dine out or party on among the streets of pubs and clubs and things to do of an evening; then relax, unwind and 'get your head down' in friendly and comfortable guesthouses and hotels. But, whatever you do, keep this booklet in your pocket at all times and enjoy your stay, however short! Visit us online at whitleybayguide.com