

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2004

WHILTON NEWSLETTER TEN YEARS AGO

- * 1st Whilton Flower Festival in June 1994
- * Qi-gong & Tai-Chi-Chuan exercise classes in village hall.
- * Rumble strips laid at Whilton Locks then removed due to complaints
- * Report of Village Outings to Stamford Brewery Museum Belton House & Syon House and Park
- * Work in progress on church bells refurbishment
- * W/country walk and Wine & Cheese evening at Orchard House.



2004 Whilton Flower

Festival & Open Gardens was again successful—see report inside. It is now held on one day. Ten years ago it was held on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee met on 24th June 2004 primarily to discuss the progress of the refurbishment of the toilets incorporating the forming of disabled persons facilities. Also included in the project is the matter of access to the hall. Quotations were presented for all the necessary work totalling approximately £9,200.

An application has now and the maximum £5,000. We do have a Reserve Account but fund-raising for the bal-
proposed that we hold a
mation will be announced



been sent to Awards for All amount of any one award is reasonable amount in our there will be a shortfall and ance will be necessary. It is Village Draw; further infor-
shortly.

The result of our application should be known in the next three months.

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- East Midlands in Bloom
- New equipment for the spinney
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- Unusual 'natural' récipé



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY

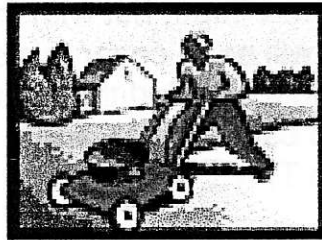


There has been vigorous growth of the undercover since the last issue of the newsletter and with the limited number of volunteers, it has been difficult to keep this under control.

Our main objective during the spring and summer months is to keep the path round the spinney clear so that parishioners can easily walk round and enjoy the peace and quiet there and observe wild life and flowers.

An offer by someone outside the village to help was readily accepted and they brought in their small rotary mower which did an excellent job to the major part of the pathway and the boardwalk area was strimmed by one of our own volunteers.

This small rotary mower was obviously not sufficiently robust to do the job on a regular basis. We have had the opportunity of purchasing a large second hand rotary mower this has been used very recently and proved a successful piece of equipment.



Hopefully if next year we help from spring onwards, maintaining the pathways with the aid of this machine will be much easier. This mower will also be very useful for keeping the undergrowth down in the picnic / play area.

can find sufficient the task of

The Working Party we are planning in the autumn will be concentrating on maintenance work to the pond and also improving the pathways where there are small tree stumps which are not exactly friendly towards the rotary mower.

Management Committee

LIBRARY SERVICE – THE COUNTY LIBRARY VAN CALLS IN THE VILLAGE EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE ‘OLD PLOUGH’. THE DATES FOR AUGUST ARE 10TH AND 24TH AND FOR SEPTEMBER THEY ARE 7TH AND 21ST.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITIONS

DON'T FORGET THAT THE ABOVE ARE STILL ONGOING UNTIL SEPTEMBER AND THE JUDGES DO MAKE SEVERAL VISITS.



TIDYING WHILTON

On Thursday 3rd June a willing band of litter pickers set out from the Green, wearing our "Keep Whilton Tidy" tabards and protective gloves and carrying our plastic sacks.

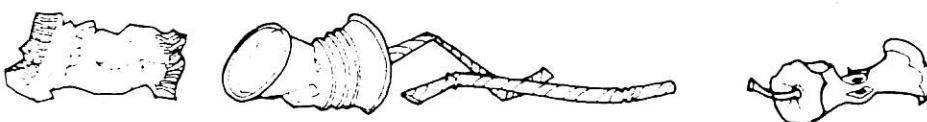
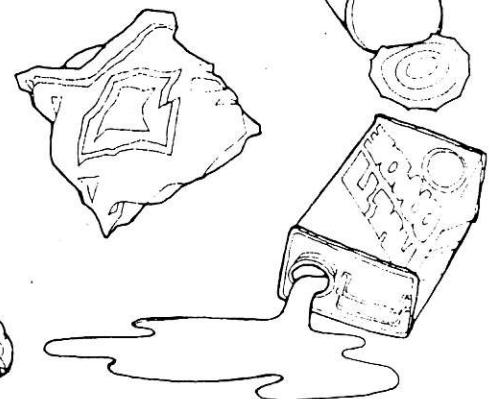
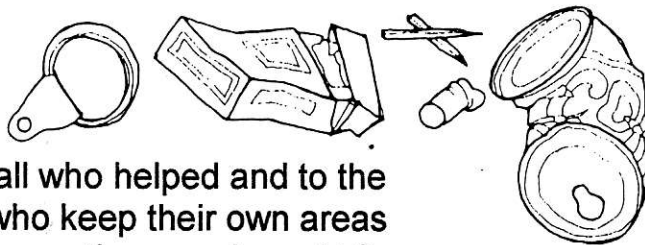
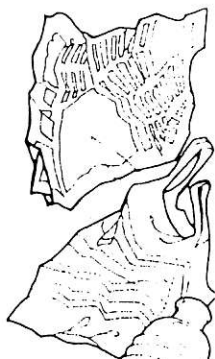
As usual the main village was very tidy, making disappointing pickings and leaving almost empty sacks for those searching there. Outside the village, however, and on the main road it was a different story. There were still some remains of the burnt out car at the top of the village, but with the removal of these we think the new growth will soon cover this eyesore. The men who worked down the main road filled their sacks with no trouble, their findings including two car batteries and a Waitrose cake box labelled "Keep Britain Tidy"!

At the end of the pick we gathered in the Village Hall for refreshments provided by members of the WI.

There was much lush growth in the hedgerows at the time of this litter pick, and as a result we may not have been able to find all the rubbish. If it becomes apparent that another pick is needed, details will be posted on the notice board later in the summer.

Meanwhile thank you to all who helped and to the residents of the village, who keep their own areas free of rubbish, which is more than can be said for this page.

Anthea Hiscock, Whilton WI



PARISH MATTERS!
From Keith Hiscock, Clerk to the Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held 21st June, later than usual, as it followed the elections on 10th June. Apathy could be the word that comes to mind over village attendance at these meetings. Only three members of the public were present! It would be generous to think this was because of nationalistic fervour grabbing you all in support for our football fortunes!

However the headline of apathy would devalue the commitment of those producing or mentioned in the reports below whose often unsung efforts make this one of the best villages in the county in which to live. It would also perhaps kill off the increasing response to consultations launched in this Newsletter which speaks to me of future health! So I would ask you to read these brief summaries of whole year efforts undertaken on your behalf and ask you to increase your comments and sometimes support to the tireless individuals involved.

**THE REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 2003-4:**

Mr Lewis gave a brief report of the year's activities of the Parish Council. The precept had been reduced for the coming year as healthy balances had been maintained and he held out the prospect of further reductions.

During the year the public had participated in a number of issues, including the village confines, where our recommendations allowing for limited expansion conflicted with those of the District Council. However this and other issues were now on hold while the S.E. Midlands/Milton Keynes Expansion was debated. There was concern about the size of this and we had joined the Daventry Villages Together as we were unsure of the effects of this on Daventry and villages when the more powerful but less representative Urban Development Corporation was formed to create this.

Village issues had included a small number of planning applications, the most contentious being at the Old Cottage, treatment of trees on the Green, its registration and changing postcodes. Positive movement on these would be in the coming year.

This year had seen the erection of the new notice board from the Horace Clements bequest. This was made by Roy Haynes, who also maintained the churchyard as a volunteer. Some minor repairs were carried out through the Highways Partnership with the appointment of our Highways Representative, Phil Waights. These two were among a small band of volunteers who kept the Parish in such good shape. Thanks were also extended to our retiring Tree Warden, Snow Warden, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and Footpath Warden. The work of the editors of the Newsletter and the Spinney Management Committee were equally valued. Finally thanks were due to our Parish, District and County Councillors and Parish Clerk for their time and efforts in what sometimes appears a thankless occupation.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk took the meeting through copies of the receipts and payments and the summary with an explanation of the differences from last year. These had been posted on the notice boards since 27th May and had been approved by the internal auditor. They would go to the National Auditor for July 12th.

Basically reserves were now back to usual levels of £5800, as income at £3149 had been only from allotments, interest and the precept this year, while payments at £3653 from the increases in insurance premium, purchase of the new strimmer, and the payment for the notice board had reduced the reserves. The increase in assets was because the mower, Flymo, and new strimmer, used in the churchyard, were now our responsibility.

The question of depreciation was raised, which the clerk would clarify. The meeting approved the accounts as presented.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES:

As Parish Council Trustee, the Clerk presented the report. He was pleased to note that the value of the Trust had risen by £250 to £4997, and for the first time since 1996 a payment for £300 had been paid as well. This had secured accommodation.

The increased value was due to the rise in share values, and the successful application was as a result of wider publicity with statutory agencies. However this was a very limited success and he hoped others would continue to consider who else might benefit from the generosity of our forbears.

REPORT OF BRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

There was no official report, but Mr Paul Mitchell had sent information to be shared with the meeting. The accident to the Headmistress, Miss Lomas, has left Mrs Masters as acting Head. Miss Lomas is healing slowly. There has been an appointment of a new teacher for class 2 for September- Mrs Nash. The target of £10,000, to help replace the temporary classrooms, has almost been reached. More efforts are needed in the coming year and other events were listed. A full diary of events for the term attached showed no slack in activities offered. There are 68 on role; 70 is the desired number.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Mr Lewis presented the report as chairman of the Management Committee. The Hall continues to be used regularly by village groups and for some private functions. However the major work on remodelling the toilets for disabled people is proving problematical. Initial quotes are for £10,000. Although finances are sound thanks to Mr Brown and the volunteers who collect for the 200 Club they cannot cover this. The Hall is too small to hold large events, yet needs the same facilities, especially to ensure the Pre-school can continue to operate. Grant aid has been and is sought but against stiff competition. New ideas are needed to meet this challenge, but it was very encouraging to find both innovations for the year the treasure hunt and cricket match well supported.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

District Councillor Mrs Amos was congratulated on her re-election and thanked for attendance at our meetings. She reported on the year for the DDC, including work on Tourism, Daventry Vision and the proposed Urban Development Corporation (UDC) and its implications. Some planning decisions had returned to DDC however and she would again head the Planning Committee in the Council at this interesting time.

However, many decisions remained on hold until the UDC was up and running. The appointment of the Chair was expected at the end of July. There was a discussion on the purposes of Daventry Villages Together, which Mr Lewis assured all was there not to stop the development but to try to govern it.

Cllr Mrs Amos continues to be committed to preserving village life and remains available if people need to contact her.

County Councillor Richard Amos reported on the year for the **County Council**.

The South Midlands/Milton Keynes Strategic Plan, as outlined by Mrs Amos, continued to concern him and the Council.

He served on the Police Authority and was concerned about the withdrawal of some Police from the rural area to Northampton and the same effect from the necessary community task force approach from time to time in Daventry. He had been very impressed spending an evening with the Community Policeman and Parish Constable in Long Buckby, seeing how well they were known and knew people there. The dramatic rise in Police rates had come about from reduced grant and the numbers the Chief Constable saw as vital to be effective.

He had taken a great interest in roads and hoped we would attempt to get some of the extra £10m given by the NCC this year to get a proper resurfacing of an area. He finally mentioned the deterioration in rail services southwards from Long Buckby Station. This was in part to do with a new fast line being built through Rugby Station, which could improve again after four years when it was finished.

Otherwise he remained available to help and indicated his willingness to come on the annual Parish Highways Inspection.

REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR AND HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr Phil Waights, who fulfils both these important roles, had provided summary reports for the meeting. There had been one break-in in the village. It had been unsuccessful but appeared related to finding keys to steal a specific vehicle. Police are now advising keys to be taken to bed!

During the year he had posted 8 notices warning of local criminal activity and put articles in the Newsletter. Again he was grateful for the assistance provided by Mr Brown during the year.

The relationship with Messrs. Atkins on Highway matters had started well and positive responses had been received to the Parish Council's list from walkabouts. However so far little action has resulted and the informal joint walkabout promised and actual inspection has not materialised. More money has been allocated by NCC and he felt (as did Cllr R. Amos) we should make a case for resurfacing the whole of the main road through the village. At this point the Clerk confirmed that, having spoken with Mr Waights, he had responded to a quality audit conducted by NCC on the Atkins Partnership in the same terms as this report.

REPORT FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT

Mr Brown presented his Committee's report. The Spinney had been named **Roughmoor Spinney**. Although during the hot summer last year little work was undertaken, plant and wildlife surveys have been regularly carried out showing regeneration of native species all over the Spinney in place of the poplars and a variety in wild life. This has been helped by gifts of trees from Mr Rupert Gardner and the sponsoring of 28 new trees by residents, with five more to replace casualties from last year. A highlight had been the special award from the Judges of the Midlands in Bloom 2003.

He outlined some major concerns –

- The small group of volunteers has **not** grown despite appeals in the Newsletter. The stream continues to need to be regularly cleared of debris, and water channels cleaned to drain the wet areas. Help is needed to keep paths cut especially in the growing season. **Where are the Volunteers?**
- There has been a total lack of any public response/comment to the Spinney's existence. **What do you think?**
- While a lot of good quality play happens in the **play area** of the Spinney, most importantly there has been a failure of parents to heed or enforce the warning given about the use of a poor conditioned rope, which has been put up **again** on a tree in the **conservation area**, so that unsafe swinging across a ditch could be done.

There is no insurance for this and **the possibility of a serious accident to a child must be accepted as the parents' not the committee's responsibility.**

The response of the meeting was:

PARENTS THIS IS SERIOUS: DEAL WITH IT.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

This followed the Parish Meeting and was the first meeting of your new Parish Council. However, you will be aware we have seven councillors but only six offered themselves for election. The one vacancy can be filled by co-option.

There is still room for you! If you wish to be considered please speak with me or your re-elected Chairman Mike Lewis.

Important business was enacted, including the finalising of the papers going for Audit. However of most importance for the village were the three issues put out for consultation in the last *Parish Matters*, as follows:

The area to be registered as Whilton Village Green

There had been one response. The Council decided, given the evidence collected and the advice of the Clerk, to pursue the registration of the Green for both sides of the road, but excluding the pathway into the Church and that area in front of Church Gate. The affidavit for the application to be sworn by the Chairman and Clerk for this chosen area matched the evidence of activities in the 18 responses, although most had not strictly delineated the area used. This avoided any legal issues about access to the Church and to Churchgate.

Trees on the Green

The Clerk reported three submissions concerning action by the Parish Council in relation to the two horse chestnuts and the sycamore. All supported the retention of the two chestnuts, despite the potential cost and liability. The sycamore was seen as dispensable.

The Clerk then read out again the opinion of Mr Coates our own expert. He indicated it was a decision that could have been taken for future benefits, but was not imperative for safety or other reasons. He had detailed work needed now to trim and maintain the horse chestnuts. There was concern expressed at the AGM that the bark of the chestnut outside Stone House was splitting and this could mean much disease and rot. Mr Coates had noted some disease on it but had seen it as remediable.

It was agreed to ask for a second opinion on the health of this tree while seeking quotes for the work. This work was to involve the removal of the sycamore and the pruning as recommended by Mr Coates in his advice to the Council.

Change of Postcodes and Street Names including adoption of "The Green".

The clerk reported that this was going ahead. He had had six positive replies to his second survey and in addition, when given the option with Church Gate, Stone House had also had decided they wanted to be included. The other streets were being separated and he daily expected details from Sue Martin at DDC who was responsible to the PO. Time was tight however for the three week consultation now needed on The Green change.

These issues are going forward in line with responses, why not contribute further to this increasing dialogue at our meetings? Our next meetings are 5th July and 6th September!

REPORT ON THE WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES 2003-4

Prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on June 21st 2004

This has proved to be a year of progress in many respects. The value of the Charity's assets has increased by £250 because of share price rises. There has been one application for its funds from 'poor' people in the Parish for which a payment of £300 was made to secure accommodation. This is still disappointing given the introduction of a fresh definition of being 'poor' published again in the Newsletter.

To remind you we made the following decisions:

- i) The Trustees are prepared to give up to £750 in grants in sums usually not exceeding £250 and limited to one application per financial year.
- ii) These would be given on receipt of a written application in confidence, explaining the need and difficulty in financially meeting it, or if preferred, an interview with one of the trustees which they would record.
- iii) The need may be for a piece of equipment or experience that anyone with reasonable means could be expected to acquire. eg. A replacement mattress, TV licence, small house repair, musical instrument, evening class/skill giving course, playgroup fee, taxi fare to visit relative/friend in hospital, holiday break or significant school trip/D of E expedition that would fulfil potential.
- iv) Poverty is to be defined for an older or disabled person as living solely on a basic state pension or benefit, for a family living on an income half the national average wage, and for young people in their own right in a situation where it would not be expected a parent would fund the expense required. The payment may be requested to avoid consequences of a loan or the incurring of further debt.

The Trustees have written to the District Council, Health and Social Care Services, local surgeries, CAB and Welfare Rights to indicate to them the existence of this fund for anyone normally resident in the Parish Boundaries. It was pleasing to receive the one application via this letter from a combined health and social service agency. In the letter we make the offer to discuss any 'What If' situation before any name is mentioned and this equally applies in the parish. We review this approach each year and as in the case of this past years application can make changes to the above criteria. It remains of real concern that the value of the asset needs to assist individuals before, in real terms if not in actual cash, it goes down.

We remind you that the three Trustees to be approached are the Rev. Chris Goble, Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage, and myself as the third trustee. We invite anyone to discuss any potential situation with any one of us, and would urge you to mention the possibility to those who should benefit from the forethought of previous wealthier generous parishioners. Any observations or further suggestions for getting help to the right people would be welcome.

Accounts:	2003-4	2002-3
Income from Coif Shares	£151.47	£151.47
Interest from Bank Account	£4.80	£4.96
Payments made	£300.00	nil
Total Bank Balance 30.4.04	£1069.44	£1213.17
Capital Account Share Value	£1259.15	£1133.32
Subsequent Share Purchases	£2668.82	£2402.11
Both at 31.12.03 value		
Total Value of Trust Assets	£4997.41	£4748.60

K.Hiscock

**Extract from 'Food for Free' by
Richard Mabey (kindly lent by Joan Davies)**

Ground Ivy

The dried leaves of ground ivy make one of the more agreeable herbal teas, cooling with a sharp, slight fragrance.

Before hops became widely accepted, ground ivy (known then as alehoof) was one of the chief agents for flavouring and clarifying ale.

Water Mint

Widespread and common by the edges of streams and in damp meadows and woods, it has a flavour reminiscent of peppermint.

A recipe for a real mint folly – mint and marshmallow custard.:

- Beat together three eggs and a tablespoon of sugar in a casserole. Gradually stir in one pint of milk. Float on the surface three teaspoons of chopped water mint and on top of this about 24 marshmallows. Stand the dish in a shallow tray of hot water and bake in a moderate oven until set.

If you cannot face this, try adding mint to your cooked egg and cheese dishes as well as to peas and potatoes.

Stinging Nettle

Nettles should not be picked for eating after the beginning of June. In high summer the leaves become coarse in texture and unpleasantly bitter in taste and decidedly laxative. The best time is when the young shoots are no more than a few inches high. Pick the whole of these shoots, or, if you are gathering later in the year, just the tops and the young pale green leaves. It is as well to use gloves.

Before cooking your nettles remove the tougher stems and wash well. As a straight vegetable they should be boiled gently in a closed pan for about fifteen minutes, in no more water than adheres to the leaves after washing. Strain off the water well, add a large knob of butter and plenty of seasoning (and perhaps some chopped onion) and simmer for a further five minutes turning and mashing all the while. The resulting purée is interestingly fluffy in texture, but rather insipid in taste and nettles are better used as additions to other dishes than as vegetables in their own right.

Nettle soup is one such dish. Boil the nettles as above and press through a hair sieve or reduce to a fine purée in a blender. Melt an ounce of butter in a pan and stir in an ounce of flour and salt and pepper.

Young nettle leaves have also been made into beer and used as a basis of herbal tea.

ALL THE PLANTS MENTIONED ABOVE GROW IN YOUR VERY OWN SPINNEY IN THE VILLAGE



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



I regret to report that since the last newsletter three incidents have occurred.

Between 10.15 pm and 6 am on the 2nd June two statues of stone lions were taken from the garden of Oaklea. They were heavy and a vehicle must have been used.

Early in the morning of 8th July a Land Rover was stolen from outside Stone House but has now been located minus wheels. There are also reports that items were stolen from those displayed for sale by Mr. Townley.

If anyone saw suspicious activity in these vicinities please tell the police or me.

Police warn that Gypsies are holding a large Horse Fair off the A46 near Newark from 17th July which is an occasion for the disposal of stolen goods. Beware!

Instructions by the Area Commander to ask you all to keep in mind the following information, and pass it on to as many people as you can.

Do not leave your keys in your vehicle. Do not leave your keys in your house where they can easily be found.

This year so far, 63 vehicles have been stolen using the keys. About half of these vehicles are less than 3 years old, and are high value executive or performance cars that have very good security systems, so the thieves now find it easier to get the keys and drive the vehicle away, than to try to break in to them. Less than half of the stolen vehicles have been found and returned to the owners. Any vehicle is vulnerable if you leave the keys where they can be found, it makes a thief's task so much easier!

Insurance companies are aware that cars are taken with the keys, and they are increasingly looking at how vehicles are stolen.

Philip Waights.
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Crossroads Coffee Morning.

I am very pleased to report that the coffee morning held at Kunda Cottage on the 17th July raised £343. Many, many thanks to the helpers and all who came to support it, those who provided cakes, raffle prizes and other items. Thanks also to those unable to attend but nevertheless sent donations. I hope those who came enjoyed themselves.

Philip Waights.



Day Lilies – “Beauty for a Day”

Our meeting in June saw Gerald Sinclair talk to the WGA members about his passion, Day Lilies. Gerald is the curator of the National Collection of Day Lilies, based at nearby Brackley. Their name does not truly describe them, since they are not actually lilies, being related instead to hostas. Also, their scientific name, *Hemerocallis*, which comes from Greek: “Beauty for a Day”, is again a misnomer, as they will flower for up to 6 weeks.

Day Lilies are very popular in Europe and America, but they originate from Asia, where there are 20 wild species. Over the last 200 years that small number has grown exponentially as growers around the world have created approximately 60,000 varieties.

The National Plant Collection at Brackley is one of seven collections in the. Gerald Sinclair has spent many years collecting examples of the varieties that were created by three of the UK’s greatest propagators of Day Lilies: Messrs Coe, Randall and Brummitt. This has involved him travelling around Europe in search of these plants and his collection now exceeds 500 varieties.

The evening ended with a sale of some of his young plants; so expect to see them being displayed around the gardens of Whilton at future Open Garden Days.

The WGA visit the Naked Gardener

Abbey House Gardens cover 5 acres of the centre of the historic town of Malmesbury in Wiltshire. They have been created by Barbara and Ian Pollard who purchased the house and gardens in 1994. Barbara and Ian have appeared on television many times and are famous, or infamous, for gardening au naturel. I am not sure whether this fact influenced the WGA members who visited the gardens on 12th June, but it did result in a good turnout!!



The gardens are set in the shadow of the abbey and were originally tended by Benedictine Monks. It was this fact that influenced the current owners’ decision to incorporate ideas from the past into the garden.

The site is unique as it encompasses a wide range of microclimates, offering the potential for a great diversity of planting. The house and formal gardens sit on the crest of a hilltop, whilst the remainder of the garden is accessed by a walkway down to the lower section, which incorporates a section of the River Ingelbourne flowing on its way to the Avon.

In re-creating a garden here to reflect the huge history of the site, the Pollards began the design by first finding out what was already here and clearing parts of the site littered with dead or decaying growth, pernicious weeds, brambles, ivy and the like. Paths were then cut down the slope to access the river and dandelions dug up by hand. Permission was sought to remove or pollard certain trees and a resistively survey undertaken to try to make sure nothing beneath the ground of historical value would be disturbed. Hedges were then planted to break up the larger areas into more manageable size and create different ‘rooms’.

Since buying the house, they have planted over 10,000 varieties of plants, a collection worthy of many a major botanical garden.

The formal gardens next to the house were beautiful when we visited, with over 2,000 species of roses, a Celtic Cross Knot Garden and a herb garden based on a clock shape. The slope down to the river has recently been planted with a large variety of plants, including hostas and tree ferns, whilst by the river there are conifers, rhododendrons, magnolias and hydrangeas.

We finished our trip to Malmesbury with a visit to the Abbey, which has stood for over a thousand years; although an abbey was first built on the site in the 7th century. The present building, now about a third of its original size, was consecrated in 1180 AD, is still the town's parish church.

Cheese & Wine Party

Our second annual Cheese and Wine Party was held at Woodview, courtesy of Theresa and Ian – a big thank you to them from everyone who attended. This event is fast becoming the main social event on the WGA's calendar and we are now starting to think how we can outdo ourselves in 2005!

Coming Soon...

Next Meeting

Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm in Whilton Village Hall

Although we are going to start our next meeting at the Village Hall, we will be setting off promptly at 7.30 for a visit to three gardens in Whilton: Cottam, The Coach House and Westcombe House, where light refreshments will be available.

Next Garden Visit

12th September 2004 – The Botanical Gardens, Birmingham

This will be an excellent trip with opportunities to see the various hothouses containing many unusual varieties of plants, including tropical, sub-tropical and Mediterranean species.

The trip will depart at 10.00am from Whilton Village Green and return mid-afternoon.

Admission: Adults: £6.00, Family: £16.00, Children over 5, Senior Citizens, Students, Disabled and Helpers: £3.00, Children under 5: Free,

If you want to join us, please contact **Christine Phillips on 844182** for more details.

Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA



**Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory
and can be contacted on 01604 774042
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SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

AUGUST 2004

1ST	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT WHILTON</u>
8th	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
15th	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist
22nd	11.00 am	Family Service
	6.00 pm	Evensong
29TH	11.00 am	Join our friends at <u>NORTON</u>

SEPTEMBER 2004

5th	10.00 am	<u>Benefice sung Eucharist at Harlestone</u>
12th	11.00 am	Family Service
19th UNBLNC	11.00 am Weekend away	<u>Benefice sung Eucharist at East Haddon</u>
26th	9.15 am	Harvest Family Service
3rd Oct	8.00 am	Holy Communion 1662
	2.30 pm	Pet Blessing Service

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year our Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday 26th September at 9.15 am when it is also hoped to have the Harvest Supper and auction of gifts at 6.00 pm

OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2004,

The Garden and Flower Festival was once again a successful and enjoyable occasion, raising £794.25 for the General Fund of St Andrews Church.

Sincere thanks are given to Fiona and Alan Smith for allowing the teas on the terrace of their lovely garden with its superb views across the countryside. We are also grateful to Gordon Emery for the use of Wadd Close field for parking and to all those who opened their gardens, organised and ran stalls, oversaw the parking and collecting of fees, acted as stewards in the church or helped in anyway so that this event could take place.

PETS



On Sunday 3rd October 2004 it is planned to hold a Pet blessing Service at 2.30 pm.

Unlike last year, when the visiting preacher did a general blessing of animals, this year our Rector, Chris Goble, will bless each pet individually - making it much more personal. Do come along and bring your pet to this service.

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - 9TH JUNE 2004

It was agreed that we would go ahead with our plan for a 'Healthy Heart Supper' in September in the village hall: the menu would be based upon fruit & vegetables. Details would be available at a later date.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Sue Sturgess of Welton who gave us a very interesting talk on Aromatherapy.

Sue began by explaining the history of Aromatherapy and the various massage techniques that can be used with or without oils and how intensive the training is and also how necessary it is to have as much knowledge of the human body as the average nurse in training.

She then passed around samples of some essential oils for us to identify by smell - Geranium, Sandalwood, Lavender, Peppermint & Rosemary were the most

recognisable. Lavender and Tea Tree essential oils are the only ones that can be applied direct to the skin, all the others need to be diluted. This was good news as Lavender has wonderful healing properties for burns and insect bites and is used in Aromatherapy to ease tension, tiredness and feelings of depression.

Dianna Scott volunteered to have a neck and shoulder massage. This she found very relaxing.

A very enjoyable and relaxing evening which left us very keen to try an Aromatherapy treatment for ourselves.

Whilton WI enjoyed their annual summer dinner on Wednesday, 14th July at Peggottys when we were joined by husbands and partners.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MARCH

1st Prize	110	G Tilston	£40
2nd Prize	165	R Houghton	£20
3rd Prize	175	P Webster	£10

APRIL

1st Prize	037	R Patching	£40
2nd Prize	009	G Denbigh	£20
3rd Prize	153	S Bennett	£10

MAY

1st Prize	035	P Waights	£40
2nd Prize	110	G Tilston	£20
3rd Prize	062	P Waights	£10

JUNE

1st Prize	089	J Fallows	£40
2nd Prize	051	M Emery	£20
3rd Prize	078	G Tilston	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

On Thursday 25th July, judges Mr George Slinger and Mr Dick Symmonds visited Whilton and accompanied by Janet Bowers (Co-ordinator) and Gill Denbigh (Chairperson of Whilton Gardeners' Association) made a tour of the village. Now we just have to wait for the results.

In conjunction with appraising the village, the judges kindly chose **the best hanging basket, window box and planter**. Both Gill & I remarked on the large number of hanging baskets, all very good and making colourful displays. The results were as follows:

- **HANGING BASKET** - **MRS ANTHEA BARTRAM OF CHERRY HOUSE**
- **PLANTER / TUBS** - **MR MAURICE CLEMENTS OF HIGH GLEN**
- **WINDOW BOX (ES)** - **MR & MRS TOWNLEY OF HOME FARM**

The winners will each receive an award from Whilton Gardeners' Association of a £10 Garden Voucher.

WELL DONE, not only to these winners but to all who helped make Whilton colourful and attractive.

Janet Bowers

Rolling Along



Well, believe it or not it is five years since we launched the 'Copper Mile' at the flower festival in June 1999. Donations have ebbed and flowed after the initial deluge at the launch. The mile has surged and meandered past notable markers on its journey from the main road at the top of the village to its present position outside 'Woodview' on Brington Lane. To date the coppers would stretch 0.6 of a mile and the amount raised is over £600. It is heartening to know that many of you are still collecting your coppers and generously donating them to help us achieve our target of a mile of copper coins. All proceeds are in aid of St Andrew's church and are most gratefully received. Thank you to all who have donated so far, your efforts are much appreciated. Please continue to save your spare coppers and they can be handed in at any time to Janet Bowers, Gill Denbigh or left in St Andrew's church. Being an optimist I feel sure we will reach our goal at some point, hopefully sooner rather than later, so let's see if we can give the mile a bit of a boost by the next newsletter report!

Gill Denbigh

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

Another year has gone by so quickly, we have ten of our children starting at school this year and we wish them well and trust they settle in quickly.

During this term we have been very busy.

Early on in the term we held our tabletop sale and were pleased with all the clothes and toys we received. We had quite a few people attend and sold a good bit of stuff, the rest we gave to a Charity shop. Thanks go to those who supported us.

Then we had our visits to the school on Friday morning, these went well and the children all settled well and enjoyed playing with the 'big' children in the playground, joining in crafts, playing outside in the sand and water, and listening to stories.

We then had our outing when we went to Rookery Farm near Stoke Bruene, the weather was not too kind to us, but the children found the Bouncy Castle fun to be on and that was inside, in a large barn!

During this term we have been looking at Feelings, what friends and family mean to us and are at present looking at Summer, sunshine? Holidays, sea, sand and Ice creams. On the last Friday we shall have our leavers party when we shall say bye-bye to those leaving us.

We shall be back in September with a full house, 18 children in all and some on waiting list! The staff are looking forward to a well-deserved rest, ready for another busy term in September. We trust you all have a good summer holiday.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us please do not hesitate to contact me, Jenny Holman on 01604 770083 as we would be happy to show you around.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Sun	1st	Aug	10.00 am	United Benefice Service in St Andrews Whilton
Mon	2nd	Aug	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association – Visit three gardens in Whilton
Tues	10th	Aug	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Wed	11th	Aug	7.30 pm	WI Meeting re 'Healthy Supper'
Tues	24th	Aug	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Mon	6 th	Sept	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Fri	10th	Sept	7.30 pm	Proposed WI 'Healthy Supper'
Sat	11th	Sept	10.00 am	Northamptonshire Historic Churches sponsored bicycle / walk
Sun	12th	Sept	10.00 am	WGA trip to Botanical Gardens Birmingham
Mon	21 st	Sept		Newsletter Deadline – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Tues	21st	Sept	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Sun	26th	Sept	9.15 am	Family Harvest Service in St Andrews Church
			6.00 pm	Harvest Supper and Auction in village hall

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**Any contributions to the newsletter
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