

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2006

Guide Dogs – Puppy Walker Update



good sign for a potential Guide Dog, but alarming sometimes when she attempts something that she is not quite capable of when exploring the garden.

I think I shall have my work cut out with this one as she is very strong willed already, but also very quick to learn, I will keep you informed of her progress.

I have a new puppy named Bebe, she arrived on the 5th July, eight weeks old. She is a golden Labrador/ retriever cross and as you can see from the pictures, is very pretty !

Questa our last puppy qualified in February 2006 and is



Penny, our black Labrador had mixed feelings for the first few days after Bebe's arrival, probably remembering her previous encounters with our last puppy Questa. She has now accepted Bebe into the family and they are becoming good friends.

working with a lady on the Isle of Wight who has informed me that she has settled down very well.

Bebe doesn't seem scared of anything so far which is a very

Jean Davies

NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

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Congratulations to Philip Townley and Donna Kelly who were joined in matrimony at St Andrew's Whilton on Saturday 22nd July at 2.30 pm..

Several members of the family formed part of the band for ringing the bells.

We wish them a long and happy life together

NEW INTERESTS ??????

Since Whilton Women's Institute went into suspension in December 2005, perhaps there has been some good arising from their demise. As a result a group of the residents of the parish met and a number of ideas were forthcoming some of which are now up and running.

Although the Photographic Club was not the result of the WI ceasing, this is a new activity which started in April this year. For more information see article in this newsletter.

A Book Club also began in April and now has seven members who meet on the last Thursday of the month. Please see noticeboard on village green or contact France Drake on 843801.

In June we had our first meeting of Whilton Local History Society. This attracted about 18 members who brought along photos and information about buildings in the village. There will be future meetings on various aspects of the village and parish, these will cover several centuries. Whilton could be hiding some surprises!! Please watch village noticeboard for further meetings. Contact person - Anthea Hiscock 843319.

Other suggestions were Quiz Evening, Beetle Drives, Pub Games, Wine and Cheese and a Themed Meal. Another plan was to hold a light lunch in the village hall, the object being to make it a social get-together.

These ideas are all in the discussion stage at the moment.

Anyone who has any ideas whereby we can make greater use of our very valuable asset of the village hall, please contact the Editors.



Daventry Police state that they are experiencing an increase in the number of "insecurity" burglaries. These are where doors and windows are left open and thieves take the opportunity to commit crime with ease of access.

When you are not in sight of your doors and windows, always keep them shut and where possible locked. For example, lock and shut your front windows and doors if you are in your rear garden during hot weather. Always keep downstairs windows and doors shut and locked at night. Keep sheds and other outbuildings locked and shut when not in sight.

Always ensure you have keys available and a means of escape in case of emergency.

In addition, always keep your car doors and windows closed and locked when not with your vehicle. However, with increasing temperatures, always consider the welfare of animals and pets travelling with you.

GOOD NEWS – four persons have been arrested regarding the previous crime in the village

Phil Waights
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

Another year has gone by and we have nine children leaving for school and we wish them all the best in their new surroundings.

During the last term we have had OFSTED visit us, who have given us a good report. We have been looking at Weather and Colours, been walking in the Spinney, playing in 'the Bakers' garden and just enjoying playing together.

We had a very enjoyable day at Salcey Forest, lovely weather for playing in the play area and going for a walk along the treetop walkway. Afterwards we enjoyed a picnic together.

In September we start back with lower numbers, but children will join us at Christmas and Easter so we will build up again during the year.

If anyone has Pre-School children aged, 2 years 6 months up to school age, we meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whilton Village Hall. As the group is small, we are able to provide a friendly, caring environment where the children can learn through play, learn to socialise with other children of their own age and have fun learning about the world around them. Children who are aged three and over are able to receive an Early Years Grant that helps with childcare costs.

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

PARISH MATTERS: SUMMER 2006

The last meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 5th June. All Parish Councillors were present apart from Mrs Williams, who sent her apologies.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, as were payments to the Clerk, ABB Ltd for street lighting maintenance, Orchard Print for printing the Newsletter and Cutting Edge Tree Services for the removal of the diseased chestnut trees by the Green. The report of the internal auditor was accepted with his recommendations for some improvements in our systems.

IMPROVING PARISH COUNCIL SERVICES

News of the Parish Council is published in our regular Whilton Newsletter and all meetings are announced on the notice boards. It has now been agreed that this system will be supplemented by including the "Parish Matters" article and the agenda in the new Whilton Website set up by Marcus Roskill.

The decision was made to support the Clerk on a training course, which is expected to be of benefit to the whole parish.

PLANNING

One new planning application was considered. This was DA/2006/0674, for the demolition of the existing garages and outbuildings at 8 Southview with an outline application for a two storey dwelling there.

Both Mr Lye and Miss Swinford declared an interest and took no part in this discussion. The Councillors decided they could not support this proposal in view of the extra traffic it would generate in an already congested parking area.

Since the last meeting, planning permission has been granted for 2 new units and 4 log cabins at Whilton Locks Garden Centre, for a new pitched garage roof at Woodview and Foxhill, and for a conservatory at the rear of 7 Langton Rise. It was also reported that the planning appeal against the refusal of permission to build two dwellings on land off Brington Lane had been dismissed.

The Parish Council had been asked to contribute to the DDC's annual monitoring of planning permissions. It was agreed that the Parish Council is satisfied with the new bungalow by the Old Cottage, and that the bungalow at the Old Coach House has not yet begun. There was some discussion about activities at Whilton Mill. Permission was granted there for the re-use of an agricultural building for B1 (light industrial/office use), and following this the building has been advertised to let. Nothing in the permission stated that the use of this building was for the applicant only, and so Whilton Mill is within its rights in advertising the building. Councillors, however, are not happy with this situation and it was agreed that the Council will continue to monitor developments there and keep a file of how decisions are made.

There was also a long discussion concerning the possible impact on Whilton of proposals for the development of Daventry. Mike Lewis reminded Councillors that studies are being carried out, but that they are not yet completed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the DDC and the West Northants Development Corporation, expressing concern and opposition to the possible growth of Daventry, without more investigation and awareness of the impact on the villages around.



ROADS AND SAFETY

Following our request for a weight limit through the village, the Parish Council has been asked to carry out a survey of heavy vehicles passing through. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to come forward to do this.

The Red Route from Whilton Locks to Nobottle is to receive attention soon. New anti-skid surfaces will be provided at Gypsy Spinney and Whilton bends, together with improved signing between Whilton and Nobottle. This will involve periods when the road will be closed for this safety work, probably in August. Parish Councillors are grateful that action is being taken so quickly, but they are still concerned about the poor road surface on the hill down towards the Locks, which also needs attention.

Dates for the parish walks to inspect the roads, monitor planning permissions, consider risk assessment issues and general parish improvements were arranged for 31st August and 2nd September. If you see the Parish Councillors walking round on those days, that is what they will be doing.

THE NEXT MEETING

Little progress has been made in finding a source of funding for the repair of the dry stone wall at the beginning of Brington Lane. It was agreed to re-address this matter at the next meeting.

This will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 4th September. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY
SERVICE VISITS WHILTON EVERY THIRD TUESDAY
AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE OLD PLOUGH, MAIN
STREET AT 9.15 AM UNTIL 9.30 PM.

THE DATES FOR AUGUST 2006 ARE 1ST AND 22ND
AND FOR SEPTEMBER - 12TH.

ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th May 2006 and the following officers were appointed:-

Chairman – Derek Brown
Vice- Chairman – Anthea Hiscock
Secretary – Shirley Brown
Treasurer – Richard Bunce
Auditor – Jon Brierley

Other members of the Management Group elected as follows:-

Whilton Parish Council – Greg Lye
Whilton Parochial Church Council – Janet Bowers
Whilton Village Hall – Shirley Brown
Whilton Gardeners' Association – Jonathan Hanslip
Whilton Social Club – Anthea Hiscock
Brington & Whilton Pre-School – Jenny Holman

Elected members – Whilton / Whilton Locks-

Jo Grant: Maurice Clements: Justin Baker: Marcus Roskill

A Working Party was held on 4th June 2006 which was well supported by ten volunteers. Good progress was made in bringing some of the growth under control and the pond was cleared. During the growing months it is necessary to give fairly regular attention to keeping the paths open and the play area mown.

We are indebted to Roy Haynes, who is not a resident of the parish (his mother Trudy lives at the Old Plough), for his regular help

in keeping the grass areas mown between working parties.

There are further areas requiring attention which we hope to address when the next working party is arranged some time in the autumn. Anyone who would like to come and help, please watch the noticeboard on the Village Green or the one in the spinney.

Management Committee

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The floor has now been down almost nine years and is in need of sanding and re-sealing and the work is to take place on 5th & 6th August 2006. This is quite an expensive item and hirers of the village hall are requested to take extra care of the cleaning at the end of the period of hire.

The handrail from the road to the entrance door to the village hall is well in hand and it is hoped will be installed in the very near future.

Our funds are now quite low and it is hoped that the take-up of membership for the 200 Club 2007 will exceed the existing numbers.

Whilton Photographic Club



Meetings

We are taking a break from meetings during August, but we will be back in business in the autumn with a programme of meetings to help improve your photography and learn more about how to use your PC to improve your images.

Tuesday 12th September 2006

- Image Manipulation 3 - Presenting your images

Tuesday 10th October 2006

- Still Life Workshop

Tuesday 7th November 2006

- Black and white photography

All meetings are held in Whilton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Photographic Outings:

We have scheduled a number of outings to help you practice your photographic technique. Meet at Whilton village green at the time shown.

Sunday 30th July 2006 – Whilton Mill - Karting (9.30am start)

Sunday 6th August 2006 – Stoke Bruerne – Canal Life (9.30am start).

Sunday 20th August 2006 – Northampton Balloon Festival (5.00am start)

We are always looking for new budding photographers to join the club. If you want to join or know more about the club, contact **Neil Phillips** on **01327 844182**.



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



Coming soon:

August 7th – Pick of the Best

Yet again, we will be taking a stroll around three of the best gardens in Whilton to see how our very own gardening experts have made a garden to be proud of. (Meet at the Village Hall at 7.30pm)

October 2nd – Grow your Own

If you are fed up with paying a fortune for plants at the local garden centres, this talk will show you how to grow your own plants from seeds or cuttings. What's more, October is a great time for propagation, so come along and learn the tricks of the trade.

Why not come along and see for yourself why the WGA is so well supported by people in Whilton. Even if you don't want to become a full member, you can still come to one of our meetings, join us on a garden visit, or just enjoy on of our social events.

Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA

For more details contact me on: neiljphillips@hotmail.com or 01327 844182

The Parish Plan has changed, it is now the Parish Design Statement.

We still need your thoughts and comments on a variety of issues regarding the Parish now and how we may retain and enhance its distinctiveness in the future.

There will be an Open Forum between 10am and 1pm on 23rd Sept 2006 in the Village Hall. Please come along to find out what *we can all do* to plan *our* future and protect *our* heritage.

Progress/development is inevitable but *we can* have some say in what happens.

Parish Design Statement Team

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Judging took place on Wednesday 12th July during a hot sunny afternoon when three judges toured the village. It looked in excellent condition with verges cut, hanging baskets, tubs and window boxes displaying colourful arrangements and everywhere looked tidy. The churchyard was stated to be **immaculate** and favourable comments were made about the conservation area within it and the lack of any litter.

The judges also visited the allotments, the church and the village hall and inspected the portfolio that is required to be produced showing photographs of the village at various times of the year, the work progress in the spinney and posters of events which give an indication of social life. Two of the judges have been to us before and they commented the village was the best they had seen it.

Hopefully all the favourable comments will lead to an Award but we will not know for a few weeks.

Janet Bowers (Coordinator for WGA)
Anthea Hiscock (Parish Representative)

Editor Tony Doyle

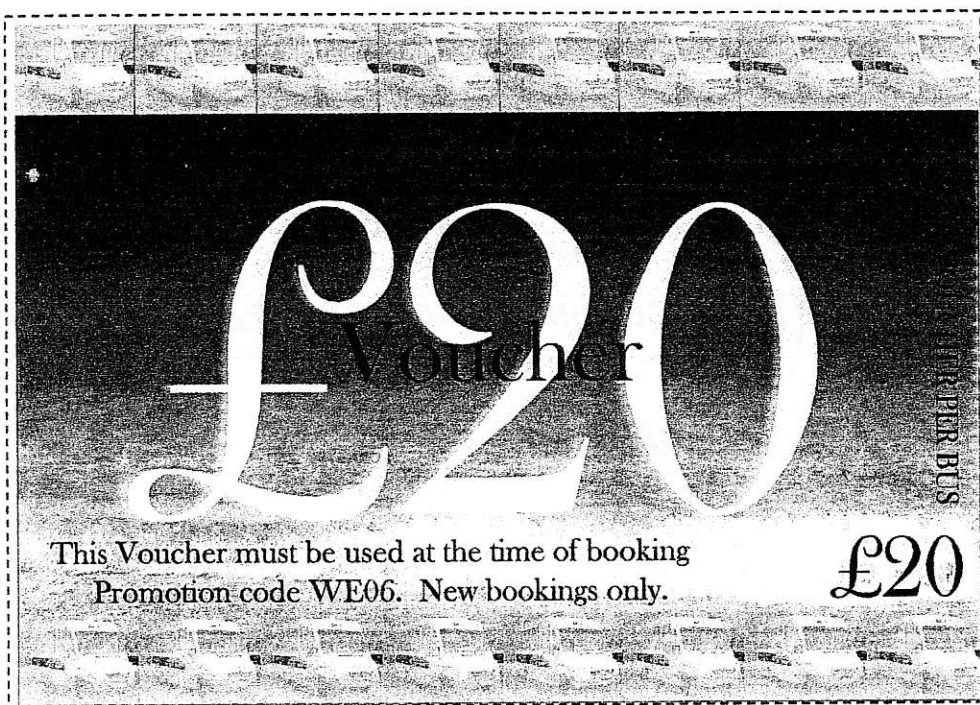
Week-ender Plus Voucher

Two days or more anytime of the week

Have you ever thought of getting away for the weekend? Now's your chance. There will never be a better chance of getting away from it all at such a good price. We have already lowered our longer journey prices, now we are sending out an introductory voucher so you can seriously think about getting away for 2 days or more. Your transport costs would start at £104 Plus fuel for a week-end trip even with £45 of fuel costs this would be **£9.94 a person** transport costs. That is a round trip of 175 miles with 15 people travelling for the week-end.

If you are an affiliated group you can use your **£20 Voucher** on any trip of 2 days or more.

We want our affiliated groups to get as much use out of the DACT minibuses as they can. We hope that this introduction to longer trips will encourage groups to get out and about for longer periods. Any trip from 2 days to 2 weeks could be done using DACT transport.



Car Drivers

We are looking for volunteers in your area. We need volunteer car drivers to take people to medical appointments around the district.

There is no pressure put on to the volunteers; you can do as much or as little as you want. It's a simple process of us phoning the volunteer, and the volunteer saying yes or no. We pay 40p a mile to offset your driving expenses. So if you would like to join the DACT team please call us on 01327 701665, or visit us at: -

The Abbey
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Daventry

Minibus prices fall for longer journeys

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2 days	£124
3 days	£171
4 days	£208
5 days	£235
6 days	£265
7 days	£300
8 days	£335

Our 1 session
rate is still £28

Prices for longer hire periods can be quoted on application

Retired Ladies

Retirement often means too much husband and not enough money. You could get 40p a mile helping others get to their medical appointments. Thus curing both problems.
01327 701665



Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042 or E-mail chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk

If your family and friends are anything like mine you will find the prospect of buying some gift for them somewhat daunting, they either have everything that they need/want or it feels that their years have clocked up good possessions and you need new ideas. Yes I know it's only August – but some people are so organised that they will have already decided upon Christmas gifts by the next edition of the magazine. Last year we were given some fruit trees and gave a herd of goats to my parents. For my birthday I was given a cooking stove, but in our house you will not find a stove, nor in our garden will you find new fruit trees. My parents don't have a herd of goats wandering about in their

garden. These were presents which are to help the poorest communities of the world, and can be a wonderful gift. I would suggest you try websites www.presentaid.org or www.greatgifts.org which are reputable charities (Christian Aid and World Vision) and give nice gift cards for you to pass onto your family or friends. It means that Christmas giving is different, instead of adding to possessions we offer something that transforms. Needless to say the gifts on these websites aren't just for Christmas; there are possibilities here for birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions.

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON
AUGUST 2006

6TH	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>
13TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
20TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
27TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY COMMUNION
3rd SEPTEMBER	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>EAST HADDON</u>

MORE CHURCH NEWS

RECENT FUND RAISING

St Andrew's Church Flower Festival was again a colourful and successful event; "outstanding" has been the term used by both villagers and visitors. Certainly the theme "Children's Books" produced some thoughtful interpretations of flower arranging.

Eight village gardens were open and received very favourable comments. . The stalls on the green attracted a lot of interest and custom and hopefully the Balloon Race will result in at least one balloon beating last year's distance of HOLLAND.

The Festival closed with a Thanksgiving Service in St Andrew's Church. There were appropriate readings from the bible and children's stories.

The event raised £1091 for church funds and the PCC of Whilton Parish wish to thank EVERYONE who helped in ANYWAY to make this a successful Festival

THE GRAND AUCTIONS held at Woodview was a lively and entertaining evening. 'Promises' and mystery parcels were auctioned by Kerry Davies (see article at end of Church News). Bidding was fierce for promises including karting, go-karting, golfing, plumbing and gardening and also for the intriguing 'mystery parcels'

Refreshments, which included a selection of unusual cheeses, were served in the interval. This enjoyable evening raised £818.00 for church funds. The PCC of St Andrew's Whilton extend their thanks to Teresa and Ian for hosting the event.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Harvest Festival Family Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 24th September 2006 at 9.15 am. And any harvest offerings will be auctioned after the **Harvest Supper** at 6.00 pm.

Pet Blessing Service will be held in church on Sunday 1st October 2006 at 2.00pm. when each pet will receive a blessing from the Revd. Chris Goble. Do bring your pet along to this special service.

St Andrew's is due this year for a Quinquennial Inspection (five yearly) which has to be carried out by our Architect and an examination of the electrical installation etc by an approved electrical contractor. This is to take place in September this year and reports will then be prepared listing work to be done. We are aware of cracks in the ceiling in the chancel and also work that will be necessary to the ceiling of the entrance porch

Janet Bowers

An Auctioneer's Tale..... (or should that be ear muffs !)

I am not sure why but I volunteered to be the auctioneer at the Mystery Prizes and Promises event held at Teresa and Ian's house and superb garden on Saturday 8th July but I turned up early, ready to carry out the auction.

When I arrived I found that the majority of the prizes although beautifully wrapped did not give me any idea of their content or value and the prizes with great clues, left me clueless, I still didn't understand what I was trying to sell !

I tried my best and we managed to raise a super amount and I would like to thank everyone for contributing in their own special way. Some people bought tickets even though they knew they could not make the evening! Some people provided prizes and promises, and some gave their valuable time.

A big thank you to Phil who seemed to start the bidding on most prizes at £5 which really made my job a lot easier, apologies to Helen who thought she had purchased some batteries for £4 and found that she was the proud owner of an Irish dancing music cassette !, look out for it at the next bring and buy sale.

A last THANK YOU must go to Mr Linden Morris of South View who kindly paid £20 for a set of Ear Muffs donated by Bruno's pet stores at Whilton Locks; he paid £20 if I wore them every morning for a week when I walked the dog.

Kerry Davies





Northamptonshire On Wheels

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Northamptonshire on Wheels NOW is taking off across Northamptonshire with young people aged between 16 and 25 who live in a rural location or who want to access a rural location benefiting from the project which has been funded by EMDA and the Nationwide Trust.

NOW is managed by Northamptonshire ACRE and employs two advisers covering the whole county. Lucy Hawes covers Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and East Northants and is based at the Connexions office in Rushden. David Bengé covers South Northants, Northampton and Daventry and is based at Towcester Connexions.

NOW aims to assist young people to access education, training or employment where they would otherwise struggle without their own transport.

NOW offers three levels of assistance from guidance on current public and community transport provision, personalised travel plans, small loans to assist towards the costs of first months bus fare to the loan of a moped, complete with all safety equipment and training for approximately six months. The moped loan is to give young people a kick start whilst they save with the local credit union for their own transport.

Young people across the county have already benefited from the level one assistance – transport advice and level two- small grants, whilst four young people are out on their mopeds. Those young people who are living in the most rural location and have been out of work for a long time will be given priority.

For more information on the scheme you can visit www.northamptonshireonwheels.org.uk or call the adviser covering your area:

David Bengé – 07711926154 – South/West Northants
Lucy Hawes - 07711926153 – North/East Northants

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Tues	1 st	Aug	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sat	6 th	Aug	9.30 am	Whilton Photographic Club Outing- Canal Life – Stoke Bruerne
Mon	7 th	Aug	7.30 pm	WGA Visits to members' gardens
Sun	20 th	Aug	5.00 am	Whilton Photographic Club Outing – Balloon Festival
Tues	22 nd	Aug	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	4 th	Sept	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village
Tues	12 th	Sept	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
			7.30 pm	Whilton Photographic Club, Village Hall
Mon	18 th	Sept		<u>Newsletter Deadline for October</u> – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children

Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY OF BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

As many of you will know, Carol Dawson who for many years delivered the Newsletter to the bottom half of the village, has moved away leaving a vacancy to be filled.

The area she covered started at Church Gate on the one side of the road and Church Farm on the other including the rest of Main Street, Wadd Close, Brington Lane and Manor Lane. This excludes Roughmoor farm and cottages. The total number of newsletters is 36. If anyone is interest please contact Shirley or Derek on 842968