

# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2007**

## WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY

Whilton Local History Society has met twice this summer in June and July. Both meetings concentrated on our aim to build up an archive of photos of the parish. In June we had a variety of pictures of people who lived in Whilton, mainly in the past. It was clear to everyone how important it is to identify the people in photos before they are forgotten. There were some lovely portraits of unknown Whilton ladies in crinolines. No doubt their relatives at the time assumed that they were well known to all!

The theme continued in July when more photos of people arrived, including an old Emery family album. These combined with photos lent by Grace Tooley, showed life in the time of Gordon's great grandfather, and of Emerys at Lower Farm, but there were views of buildings and aerial photos too. Both the Spotted Cow and the Plough featured, but not the pub at Whilton Mill. Does anyone have a record of this? There was once another pub, known as the Wheatsheaf, on the site of Woodview. Does anyone have any details about this?

We also saw a collection of May Day gatherings, with the crowned queen and her flower-bedecked attendants. These are mostly from the 1930s. We have been able to identify the May queens and some, but not all of the participants.

Although some of the photos dated back to the mid nineteenth century, others are of events within living memory. We were all interested to remember or see for the first time, how the Marina was built, Whilton Locks before the motorway, pictures of the farm buildings where Cherry Orton and Fallowfield now stand, and village views showing buildings which have gone and others which have been changed. More recently there was a reminder of the great changes as Roughmoor Spinney has been developed around the Millennium.

Neil Phillips from Whilton Photographic Club is working with us, making copies of these photos. Both societies will then have access to the photos on these CDs, and we hope eventually to organise an exhibition for all to see. Meanwhile the Photographic Club intend to make use of some in their 2008 calendar. See photograph below

During the autumn and winter we hope to have meetings about the history of the village school and the church. The next date for the Local History Society will be on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please watch the Newsletter and the notice board for details.

*Meanwhile, if you come across any photos of old Whilton or its inhabitants, I would be very interested to see them.*

Anthea Hiscock

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# Whilton Parish Design Statement

As all residents and businesses will know from the circular letter a draft Statement has been completed and was made available in hard copy and on the internet. The requests for hard copies were disappointing and we do not know how many people inspected it on the internet.

An open forum was arranged on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall to answer questions and hear observations which was attended by twelve residents of Whilton Village. Several matters of detail were raised but the main discussion centred round the areas of Special Landscape Importance and the Green Wedge between the Village and The Locks and about the tightness of the proposed village confines.

Residents were invited to submit written observations and three have been received. These and the observations noted at the meeting will be considered by the Team and a decision made about whether any alterations should be made to the Statement to be submitted to the Parish Council. This consideration has been somewhat prejudiced by a message from the DDC Planning Department that conditions relating to housing policy will be reserved to the District Council and should not be included.

The Whilton and Buckby Wharf conservation Group and the Long Buckby and Brington Parish Councils have commended the Team for their report.

At the present time a special meeting of the Parish Council has been arranged on 13<sup>th</sup> August to consider whether the Statement and a Sustainability Appraisal should be submitted to the Daventry District Council. It is understood that a portion of the meeting will be open for the public to comment if they so wish.

Philip Waights  
Chairman  
Whilton Parish Plan Team



## ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



We held a Working Party on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Despite the rain we had a very good turn out of helpers (nine adults and two children). Even with the very damp conditions, the picnic / play area was mown and tidied and the footpaths through the spinney were cleared of the overgrown reeds and butter burr et cetera and also round the pond.

The stream near the entrance was cleared of branches and other debris and the water was flowing very well.

'When' there is an improvement in the weather, it will be necessary to arrange for another Working Party as there is still a number of matters needing attention.

**Spinney Management Committee**



## EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM



The judges seemed very impressed with the village which really looked very neat and tidy. We now await the results.

Janet Bowers (Co-ordinator)

## PARISH MATTERS

Earlier in the year, the Parish Council decided that it will hold more frequent meetings as there seems to be an increasing amount of business to deal with. As a result we have had two Parish Council meetings since the last Newsletter article.

Besides adopting the new revised Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors, the Council has now also adopted new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, as recommended by NALC, the National Association of Local Councils.

Payments agreed at the June and July meetings included a five year contract for maintaining the clock, the clerk's salary and expenses, the printing of the Newsletter, the allotment water charge, electricity and maintenance of the street lights, amounting in all to £1435.

Meanwhile all the allotments have been let and all rents received for 2007-8. The internal audit has been completed and the Council is following recommendations for improvements.

### PARISH COMMUNITY

There was a good turn out for the parish litter pick in May. Afterwards there was some discussion about the need for a litter bin at The Locks. This is now being investigated.



After many years of reliable and unstinting service to the parish, Philip Waights has decided it is time to stand down from two of his voluntary jobs. He has been both Highways Representative and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Both tasks are valuable to the community and Philip is very willing to give anyone the details of what is involved. If you think you can help, please contact either Philip or me.

Meanwhile work is scheduled in July and August to improve the central village kerb and to top-dress the main road down to the Locks.

We have also recently lost a member of the Parish Council. Beryl Williams has left the parish and moved to Wales, creating a casual vacancy on the Council. The Council particularly appreciated her work in preparing the application to register the Village Green and wished her well for the future. Notices of the vacancy have been posted on the boards.

## PLANNING

The parish was notified of planning application DA/2007/0566: for a swimming pool, pump room and shower at rear of listed **Manor Barn, Manor Lane**.

Although the Parish Council did not oppose this, the application was turned down by the District Council.

The Parish Council had no comments on application DA/2007/0386 to make the existing flat into two at **Stable Mews, Whilton Locks**. Permission has now been granted.

### **The growth of Daventry and other developments**

The parish was consulted about the **Danetre Village Consortium, Daventry**, application: WNDC Ref: 07/0096/OUTWND, DDC Ref: DA/2007/0450. It was agreed that Whilton Parish Council cannot support the application.

Councillors felt the proposed development has only tenuous links with the main part of Daventry and is in fact a self-contained development, which should be sited more appropriately with far less damage to the countryside.

The Parish Council also recorded other concerns should the development go ahead. These included the necessity that the developer's contributions are secured for the appropriate infrastructure, and that the infrastructure should be in place before the need for it arises.

There is a strong possibility that the development will lead to a further increase in traffic to the nearest main employment centre – Northampton. This, combined with an 80% increase on the base flow of traffic from other proposed developments, will travel from the Daventry developments through Norton and Whilton Locks to Northampton. There appear to be no proposals for handling the approximate 61% increase in traffic past Whilton. This is already a Red Route, and any further increase in traffic, without mitigating measures, will inevitably lead to more casualties.

The Parish Council therefore proposes that steps are taken to discourage the use of this route, and that the A5 and the proposed Flore/Weedon bypass and the A45, should be the primary route.

Following the Council's response to the West Northants Development Corporation, Mike Lewis, our chairman, has attended a meeting with the WNDC, and he and other Councillors will be meeting with representatives from Norton and Brington in August, as all three parishes will be seriously affected by the same problem of the great increase in traffic.

Mike Lewis also reported that he and the Clerk had attended the Northamptonshire Transport Strategy for Growth liaison meeting with the NCC. The expected growth in Northamptonshire is equivalent to that of the Thames Gateway. The strategic infrastructure study is on-going. There is to be more emphasis on public transport, including railways, and the development of Long Buckby Station and the Flore bypass are likely to be relevant to Whilton.

## PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT



The team working on this have been exceptionally busy over the spring and early summer, working towards the completion of the statement and the open forum on it in the Village Hall.

As a result there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council at **8 p.m. on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August** to approve the Parish Design Statement before its submission to the District Council in September.

This extra meeting on 13th August will be the next Parish Council and will also consider the general problem of drainage in the village.

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.**

All are welcome to both meetings.

Anthea Hiscock  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
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**Your Parish Councillors are:**

**Your District Councillor is:**

Wendy Amos

**The Locks:**

Mike Lewis (Chairman)  
Penny Price

**Your County Councillor is:**

Steve Osborne

**The Village:**

Ken Bowers  
Jonathan Hanslip  
Greg Lye  
Nora Swinford  
...and one vacancy...



## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



At the June 2007 WGA meeting Jenny Brice gave an excellent talk about plants for a dry garden - which is ironic now as it appears to have rained everyday since the talk. Jenny not only gave the group the benefit of her knowledge she also brought a selection of plants which were eagerly snapped up by the club members.

### August 6th:

This month's meeting will be more of a social evening. The evening will consist of a visit to 3 gardens in Whilton belonging to WGA members. Starting at the allotments we'll then go on to Christine Phillips' garden which has changed since the last visit and you'll be able to see the work so far as it is by no means finished. Next is Phil Grant's garden and a chance to see how it looks in August (as good as it did in June I bet!). Finally we will end the evening at Teresa Leadbetter', where we will have refreshments, a few nibbles and a raffle.

This always proves to be a great evening so please come along. Meet at the allotments at 7.30pm.

### NEW MEMBERS - COME AND JOIN THE CLUB

Why not come along and see for yourself why the WGA is so well supported by people in Whilton. Come along on the 6<sup>th</sup> August enjoy the garden visit evening and become a member.

**Christine Phillips, Secretary, WGA**

**For more details contact me on: [neiljphillips@hotmail.com](mailto:neiljphillips@hotmail.com) or 01327 844182**

## WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES.

This article is a reminder to the parish that Whilton does have small charities, which are able to make payments of up to £300 in certain circumstances. As we near the end of summer and young people begin to prepare for new student courses or careers, and older residents may have some concerns about the coming winter, the trustees may be approached in confidence.

Last year three payments were made, and the following is a reminder of the criteria for grants.

1. Only one application may be made per year.
2. Applications may be made in writing or by speaking to any of the trustees. The need and financial difficulty should be explained.
3. Examples of the types of need are as follows:
  - A piece of equipment that those with reasonable means would be expected to acquire, e.g. a replacement mattress, a small house repair, a musical instrument
  - an evening class or skill-giving course
  - a playgroup fee
  - a taxi fare to visit a relative or friend in hospital
  - a significant school trip/D of E expedition that would fulfil potential
  - fees or transport costs with further training.
4. Those eligible:
  - An older or disabled person living mainly on a basic pension or benefit
  - A family living on an income half the national average or less
  - Young people, in their own right, where it would not be expected that a parent would fund the expense required
  - The payment may be requested to avoid consequences of a loan or the incurring of further debt
  - Applicants must be resident within the parish boundaries

If you wish to apply or to ask for further information, please write to or speak to one of the trustees in confidence.

These are:

Rev Chris Goble, Brington Rectory  
Ann Gilbert, Langton Cottage  
Keith Hiscock, Langton House

### **The Calor Gas Village of the Year Competition 2007**

On our return to entering in this competition we have not quite made top place but have been judged the 'Runner-up' in the Small Villages Category and were Highly Commended.

**This is a very good result and thanks to everyone.**

Anthea Hiscock, Clerk to the Parish Council



**Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 770402 or E-mail [chris@spencerbenefice.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@spencerbenefice.freereserve.co.uk)**

31st August is the 10th anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and a few days later is the 10th anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Both these women showed, in their different ways, vulnerability and how to bring people that the world had forgotten into the spotlight. We will be offering a service to mark these people at St Mary's, Brington on 31st August at 6.30pm. The death of these women brought to focus the whole area of bereavement, how to we cope when someone dies. Often there is a sense of shock, disbelief, and a desire to mark the moment, and a funeral can be a way of corporately marking a life and coming to terms with the death.

Later on we can step back and assess how they have impacted upon our lives. There are two areas we must be careful. Firstly to try and

not refer to them again, and feel embarrassed by any mention of their name. This won't help us come to terms with the loss. The other is trying to live as if they are still alive. Death must, as hard as it is, be something we seek to come to terms with. It doesn't mean that you stop hurting or missing them, but the shock does fade, and the gaps between the very black times grows longer.

We must allow ourselves at times of grief to grieve, but we don't do so as people without hope, but we can trust in God who holds us and the departed. For more on grief a helpful book is *A Grief Observed* by C S Lewis, written following the death of his wife. For more on the life God gives, try 'Tokens of Trust' by Archbishop Rowan Williams or 'Simply Christian' by Tom Wright.

## **SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON**

### **AUGUST 2007**

<b>5th</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Benefice Family Communion at <u>Harlestone</u></b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Benefice sung Eucharist at <u>Norton</u></b>

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**Barn Dance** – Thanks to the Emery family who kindly offered the use of their barn. This resulted in a very successful evening and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who supported the event. Over £700 was raised for church funds and this was further increased by a donation of £500 from the HSBC Bank. Thanks to Jon Brierley for this.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped make this event so successful.

**Church Ceiling** – Another very generous donation has been received towards the cost of repairs. At the moment more detailed specifications of work required are with the Diocesan Authorities.

**Dates to Note** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September- Harvest Festival Service – 9.15 am  
 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Pet Blessing Service – 2.30 pm

# Whilton Photographic Club



## Back to the 1940's

The club held a very successful outing to the Severn Valley Railway in Kidderminster a few weeks ago. Despite damage to the track due to heavy rain and flooding, the 1940's event went ahead and was still extremely successful and the club members came back with some excellent photographs of steam engines and people dressed up in World War II costumes.

## Landscape Assignment

One of the regular features of the club is assignment evenings. These give club members the opportunity to review each other's images, learn some new techniques and practice taking photographs of subjects that they would not normally take. Our last assignment was "Landscapes" and the quality of the images was of a very good standard – evidence that the club members' photographic skills are steadily improving. Our next assignment evening is in October when the challenge will be to have produced images on the theme of "Candid Camera".

## Models still required!

Yes that's right, we are still looking for people (individuals, families, friends, etc.) to come and be models so that the club members can practice taking portraits. The sessions will last about 2 hours and we will let you have copies of some of the images we take **FREE** of charge – **yes that's high quality studio photographs for FREE**. Just call Neil Phillips for more details.

## 2008 Calendar

The "Whilton 2008" calendar is starting to come together. We have a large number of photographs of Whilton taken at the start of the twentieth century and the club members are busily taking images of Whilton today. We are hoping have the calendar on sale in November – I am sure it will make an excellent Christmas present.

**Meetings** (to be held in Whilton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm):

We are now in the second half of the year and only five meetings left.....

- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Photography basics: Using light
- 11<sup>th</sup> September – Talk: Photographing birds
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Photography assignment: Candid Camera
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Studio evening: Portraits
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2007 review and planning for 2008

## Photographic Outings:

The following trips are being planned for 2007:

- 29<sup>th</sup> July - Classic Cars Event at Silverstone,
- August – Holdenby House bird of prey centre
- October - Westonbirt Arboretum

If you are interested in photography and want to learn how to take better photographs, contact me for further details about the club; or just come along to our nest meeting.

**Neil Phillips** (Tel: 01327 844182, E-mail: [neiljphillips@hotmail.com](mailto:neiljphillips@hotmail.com))

## THE BRINGTON VILLAGE COMPANION DOG SHOW



This event is to take place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007** at the cricket field, Back Lane, Great Brington. **Entries from 11.00am to commence at 12 noon.**

It will be a fun event for everyone to enjoy, even those who do not have a dog would find it entertaining. The proceeds will be equally divided between the Brington Primary School PTA and the Brington & Nobottle Cricket Club. Alongside the Dog Show there will be a number of other attractions to keep you amused – plus refreshments and a barbeque and a free car park

For further details regarding Conditions of Entry contact **Heather Chaplin, Telephone 01604 770079.**





I am happy to say there are no incidents to report since the last newsletter.

I am however sorry to report the retirement of PC George Dickinson who has been a cheerful and positive help at all times. We may not have seen the last of him as he is applying for a post as a Warden with British Waterways working between Braunston and Milton Keynes. We wish him the best of luck.

He has been replaced by a Safer Community Team details of which have been circulated to all households and you may have seen PCSO Lorraine Humfress in the village and they have also circulated a card asking for comments and seeking volunteers for a contact group.

The crime figures for this area but including Northampton are quite encouraging as compared with 2006.

Burglary from dwellings	- 11.8%
Robbery	- 8.2%
Vehicle Crime	- 12.3%
Criminal Damage	- 7.3%
Violence	+ 10.8%
All Crime	- 4.8%

There were 329 fewer victims. Most of the crime was in the urban areas.

I shall be retiring as soon as a replacement can be found. The duties are not onerous. One has to maintain the cascade system. Receive e-mails or if not phone information about criminal activity in the area and keep people informed where you consider it necessary. This is usually via notices on the Parish Notice Board. I only cover Whilton Village and not the Locks. I have been ably assisted by Derek and Shirley Brown. I will be happy to supply further information to anyone interested.

Philip Waights, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

**Any suspicious or anti social behaviour can be reported on the Neighbourhood Watch dedicated phone number 01604 432436 or The Northamptonshire Police can also be contacted on 08453 700700.**



## **WHILTON SOCIAL SUMMER LUNCH** **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



*The lunch took place on the best day so far in July. This meant that the 20 people who attended were able to walk there in comfort with no umbrellas or raincoats needed!!*

*The meal consisted of cold meats, hot cheese pie and vegetable flan, green salad, tomatoes, hot new Whilton-grown potatoes, rolls & butter and various pickles and accompaniments for the first course. Several hot and cold desserts were then served for the second course. Various juices were available, also some donated wine. The price charged was £3; this paid the village hall rent and covered the food. Tea and coffee completed the meal.*

*The conversation flowed and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was unanimously decided that all would definitely like to have another lunch later in the year and offers were made to help on that occasion.*

*Thanks for coming*

*Anthea, Derek & Shirley*

## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB DRAW

### JUNE 2007

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	023	S Brown	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	065	R Gardner	£25

### JULY 2007

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	068	T Price	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	050	P Webster	£25

Congratulations to the Winners

## **Brington & Whilton Pre-School**

Another year has gone by so quickly, during the year we have looked at various topics, the children have enjoyed playing and learning together and sadly once again we have to say goodbye to five children who are leaving for school and we wish them all the best in their new surroundings.

Although the weather has not been kind to us during this term we have been to Whilton Spinney, had a few outings to a local garden and spent an enjoyable day Daventry Country Park and at a Farm Park near Desborough.

We start back with a healthy number of children in September and have children joining us at Christmas and Easter.

If there is anyone in the villages who 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.

### **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 AM.**

**THE DATE FOR AUGUST IS 14<sup>TH</sup> AND FOR SEPTEMBER THE DATES ARE 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	6th	Aug	7.30 pm	WGA - Meet at allotments and then view three members' gardens.
Mon	13th	Aug	8.00 pm	Whilton Parish Council Meeting in village hall + Design Approval.
Tues	14th	Aug	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
			7.30 pm	Whilton Photographic Club in Village Hall - Basics – Using Light
Mon	3rd	Sept	8.00 pm	Whilton Parish Council Meeting in village hall
Tues	4th	Sept	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	9th	Sept	12 noon	Brington Companion Dog Show
Tues	11th	Sept	7.30 pm	Whilton Photographic Club in Village Hall – Talk - Photographing Birds
Fri	21st	Sept		<b><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</b>
Tues	25th	Sept	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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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 not emailed 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.