

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2008

A NEW VILLAGE SIGN FOR WHILTON

Since the old sign on the Green has been removed, there have been a few suggestions as to what should be depicted on the new one, which include the following:

WHILTON CROPS AND LIVESTOCK, including:

CHERRIES, used to represent the fruits of Whilton manor in the 1200s,

WOAD grown here in Wadd Close and elsewhere

BARLEY, which was once sought after from Whilton for brewing

SHEEP kept here from at least the 1500s

CATTLE fattened here for market from at least the 1700s

SYMBOLS OF THE ROSE FAMILY, BENEFACTORS OF WHILTON:

Music: the two choirs of 18th century Whilton and its sweet toned organ

: a border of musical notes and roses to depict the family's influence

The 12 charity girls dressed in their clothes as left in Ann Rose's Charity

A depiction of the Rose coat of arms as on the memorial in the church

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The oldest remaining building in the village

Show it on the background of a wheel (Whilton = settlement on a wheel shaped hill)

SYMBOLS TO REPRESENT WHILTON'S POSITION AND THE ROUTES PASSING BY:

Watling Street (A5) and the Roman road towards Nobottle (Roman soldiers)

The canal (Narrow boat)

The railway (Train or engine)

The Motorway (Traffic...)

WOMEN OF THE DE WHILTON FAMILY

Depiction of the medieval women through whom the manor passed for centuries

SUGGESTION that the sign might have 2 sides, with a different picture on each.

If you have other ideas, please let me know. The Parish Council would also like to hear from any of you who would like to be involved in the drawing/painting/ designing of the sign. Please contact any Parish Councillor or me on 843319 or by dropping a note through the door of Langton House.

Anthea Hiscock

Clerk to the Parish Council

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WHILTON LOCKS IS VERY MUCH PART OF THE PARISH

FRANCES DRAKE

Frances died peacefully at home on July 5th. She was born in Bradford and lived there until she went in 1939 as a student to Newnham College to gain her 2:1 degree in English. She stayed to get a qualification from the London School of Economics which had been evacuated to Cambridge because of the war. She then worked in the North-West Midlands as a Factory Inspector.

In the late 1940s, following a terrible case of child abuse in Scotland, the then government decided that every county and town borough has to create a new department which would be responsible for child care. Frances was appointed as the first person to be responsible for the undertaking of this work in Northamptonshire.

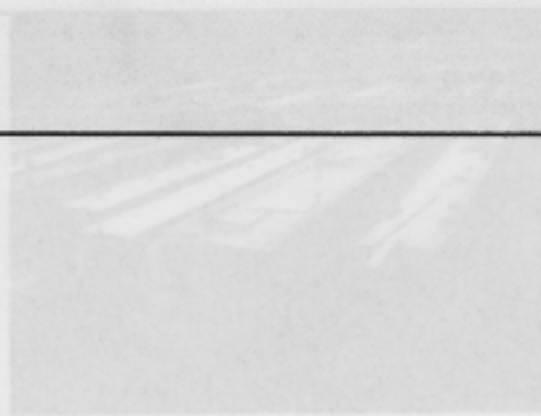
Years later this department became the Social Services and Frances was appointed as its first director.

Frances retired when the county and county borough amalgamated and at this time Northamptonshire had been assessed as one of the best in the whole British Isles.

She then worked in the village as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, arranging for the Yoga classes which ran for many years and starting the Whilton Gardeners' Association.

I have been a friend of Frances' for over fifty years so I will miss her greatly. I think the village will miss her too.

Diana Scott



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FRANCES DRAKE.

It was with considerable regret that I learnt of the death of Frances, a regret that I am sure will be shared by many others. She was a remarkable woman with a surprising range of talents not least of her characteristics was her concern for women, children and those less fortunate than herself. She had an enviable ability to engage with everyone she met.

I first met her when I came to the village in 1977. By that time she had joined up with Diana Scott to renovate and live in Holly House attached to which they developed an attractive garden. She was already deep in village life, keen member of the Woman's Institute and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee in which capacity she served for 22 years, introducing a wide range of activities. It was a matter of considerable regret when the WI closed. Indeed even in her last year she instituted a Book Club and took part in the preparation of the Whilton Parish Design Statement. One of her notable achievements was masterminding the Whilton Village Appraisal, essential reading for anyone interested in the village.

She was a graduate of Cambridge University and maintained contact with her college for the rest of her life with a keen interest in women's emancipation. The greater part of her life was concerned with the improvement of conditions for people less fortunate than herself, especially children. She was Director of Social Services for Northamptonshire County Council and she continued to aid disadvantaged people on a practical basis in retirement.

She with her friend Diana, travelled widely including a visit to China as a guest of the Chinese government before it was open to others and compared the apparently contended and happy population with that of the inhabitants of India which she visited the following year, many of whom lived in squalor. She and Diana had many tales of their travels including being the only ladies at an Italian operatic performances (men only affairs apparently) and a flight home in a dilapidated Dakota.

She and Diana were keen and knowledgeable gardeners at Holly House but in time it became too large to manage and they built a bungalow in part of the garden where she lived until she died (at home as she wished). She was also enjoyed practical skills such as carving, ceramics and carpentry.

She lived a full and productive life for which we should give thanks. Our sympathy and support must now lie with her long term partner Diana.

Philip Waights

PARISH MATTERS JULY 2008

The Parish Council has met twice in July, and is now a full council with seven Councillors. Sue Wingrave has been co-opted to fill the vacancy, and so your Parish Councillors are as follows:



Mike Lewis (Chairman)
Ken Bowers
Jonathan Hanslip
Greg Lye
Nora Swinford
Michael Thomas
Sue Wingrave.

Both new Councillors, Michael Thomas and Sue Wingrave, have agreed to attend a training course for new recruits in the autumn.

FINANCE

Payments were made for lighting and electricity, water, printing the Newsletter and Design Statement and repaying the excess grant for this, our contribution to Daventry Villages Together, grass cutting expenses, the Clerk's pay, training courses, a new seat and litter bin and a grant to Roughmoor Spinney, amounting in all to £2765.

It was agreed to accept the Internal Audit report, with its recommendations that our Publication Scheme be completed and our review for retaining archives, which have both been done. As recommended, our work on the Asset Register and reviewing the Risk Assessment Policy will continue in the autumn.

THE PARISH CLOCK

The striking mechanism of the parish clock on the church tower has broken down. A grant is available through our County Councillor, Steve Osborne, and the repair would fit the criteria for this. It has been agreed to apply for the grant to be used towards a replacement reconditioned unit to control the striking mechanism. The grant is unlikely to cover the whole cost and it was agreed to prepare to apply for another grant if necessary.

PLANNING

The Parish Design Statement has now been approved and will shortly be available in its printed form. 25 copies will be produced for the DDC and the Parish Council will decide on the best distribution of the remaining 35 at its September meeting.

Two planning applications have been withdrawn, one being for a swimming pool at Manor Barn, Manor Lane (DA/2008/0440), the other being for the rebuilding of Roughmoor, outside our parish.

Permission has been refused for conversion of a barn in Brington Lane.

On the wider planning outlook, Mike Lewis offered to complete the West Northants Joint Core Strategy – Village Service Questionnaire.

He also explained that a long consultation document has been produced by Daventry Infrastructure Strategy/WNDC on what is needed to support the growth of Daventry to 2021. In the ensuing discussion the following were identified as particularly affecting Whilton:

- The need for much more sewage treatment provision, the updating and enlarging of the Whilton plant and the suggestion of relaxing rules on discharge consent in the meanwhile
- The suggested plan for a roundabout where the A5 meets the Nobottle to Daventry road, making it essential that there should be active traffic management to **discourage** use of the C5 (Nobottle road) and **encourage** the provision of a Flore Weedon bypass.

Mike Lewis agreed to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. There was discussion about the figures for traffic passing through the parish. County Councillor Osborne suggested that the use of a professional independent survey might be helpful.

ROADS AND SAFETY

Anglian Water have been informed of the leak at the bottom bends. The Clerk was asked to see if the next jetting of the drains could be brought forward, and she reported that although both NCC Highways and the Police are aware that parking in narrow village streets is difficult, they are not able to act unless cars are parked illegally, for example where a curb is lowered, within 10 metres of a junction or blocking the highway.

NEW STREET FURNITURE AND THE GREEN

It is hoped that the new seat on the Green will soon be in place and the litter bin re-installed beside it. There are also plans for the installation of a new bin at The Locks, and the removal of the allotment steps, saving the stone to put in the wall above.



The saga of our application to register the Green continues, and the Clerk was asked to inform the NCC that we require a speedy answer.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER SURGERIES



Lorraine Humfress, our Police Community Support Officer, has offered to hold monthly **surgeries in the Village Hall**, where parishioners may come to discuss any matters where she may be able to help. The Parish Council will pay for an hour's rent of the Hall each month, and that the dates and times of these surgeries will be included in the Newsletter. It is hoped to begin in October and to publish the planned surgery dates in the next Newsletter

BT PAYPHONE CONSULTATION

The payphone at Whilton Locks is among the 60 proposed to be removed in this district. The Parish Council is opposing this, as the kiosk is near the potential danger spots of both railway and canal, where despite the small amount of calls recorded, it is an essential service, especially for emergency calls.

PARISH AND VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

The following people have been confirmed or appointed as volunteers:

Churchyard grass mower:	Roy Haynes
Daventry Villages Together representative:	Michael Thomas
Footpath warden:	Maurice Clements
Highways Representative:	Jonathan Hanslip
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:	Peter Bennett (Deputy: Derek Brown)
Salt warden:	Janet Bowers
Spinney Management Group: Parish Council rep.:	Greg Lye
Tree warden:	Maurice Clements
Village Hall Management Group: Parish Council rep:	Mike Lewis
WNDC/Parish liaison meetings representatives:	Mike Lewis and Greg Lye

The work of all these volunteers is appreciated in the parish.

THE AUTUMN

Matters to be raised in the autumn will include the parish welcome leaflet and the provision of a new sign on the Green.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council



USED STAMPS



Teresa Leadbetter and I are collecting used stamps for the RSPB. British and foreign are acceptable.

If left for me, please leave on the windowsill by the back door of the Old Plough

Trudy Haynes



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th June 2008 and all the present officers were elected for 2008 /2009.

We had a successful Working Party on 8th June 2008 with seven volunteers attending. The picnic / play area was mown and the paths throughout the spinney were cleared of reeds and butter burr etc.

The next Working Party will be in the autumn: watch the noticeboard.

WHILTON SOCIAL SUMMER LUNCH

The lunch was held on Tuesday 22nd July at the village hall and 17 guests sat down to a delicious three course meal: - Melon, roast chicken with fresh vegetables, stuffing and gravy and then an amazing choice of desserts followed by coffee / tea and chocolates.

It was a lovely meal and social occasion allowing us all to chat to each other in a relaxed and friendly venue.

Our grateful thanks to all the food preparers, servers and chauffeur (for the less able).

This is now a half-yearly event and we hope it will continue and perhaps we may see some new faces at the autumn / winter luncheon.

Shirley & Derek Brown



SMILE



I'd love to be eight again

A man asked his wife what she would like for her birthday. "I'd love to be eight again," she replied.

On the morning of her birthday he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops and then took her off to the local theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park. Five hours later she staggered out of the theme

park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. Right away they journeyed to a McDonalds where her loving husband ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate milk shake. Then it was off to the movies: the latest Star Wars epic, a hot dog, popcorn, all the coke she could drink, her favourite ice-lolly and a huge bag

of pick 'n' mix sweets. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed onto the bed, exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked "Well dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you idiot!"

THE WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

This is a reminder to those about to embark **on university study or new work training** that the Parochial Charities exist with enhanced safeguards for confidentiality of applicants. We can discuss any situation before any name is mentioned if you, or an agency, approach one of us.

This fund remains for anyone normally resident in the Parish boundaries and we would urge you to mention the possibility to anyone who should benefit from the Charities. Last year we only made one grant of £300 towards a resident's further education and received one other enquiry that was not pursued. We cashed some of our shares during the year to enable us to make grants to applicants quickly and hope there will be some demand this year.

We have still to make a grant in recent times to **older people**, some of whom will have fixed incomes. With rises in fuel and food costs there may be real need. We would ask parishioners to consider whether there are needs for a few older people that should also be met from the generosity of former residents. Meanwhile we remain open to approaches from people of all ages who are resident within the parish and who meet the criteria set out below.

- i) The Trustees are prepared to give up to £900 in grants in sums usually not exceeding £300 and limited to one application per financial year.
- ii) These would be given on receipt of a written application, in confidence, to one of the trustees explaining the need and difficulty in financially meeting it, or if preferred, a meeting 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 e.g. a replacement mattress, TV licence, small house repair, musical instrument, skill-giving course, playgroup fee, taxi fare to visit relative/friend in hospital, holiday break or significant school trip/ expedition that would fulfil potential. It could be help with fees for or transport costs including insurance to further training.
- iv) Eligibility for an older or disabled person is defined as living mainly 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.

We remind you that the three Trustees to be approached are:

Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage

Keith Hiscock at Langton House

The new Rector when he/she is appointed.



Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 770402 or E-mail chris@spencerbenefice.freemove.co.uk

This edition sees my departure from here. It is with some sadness and trepidation I move on, but it has been a real privilege to be here. For the last full article I thought I'd (in short) answer the most frequent questions I've been asked.

Is the Church wealthy? The simple answer is yes! In the same way that if you had a property in every community across the land you would be! This isn't, of course, the same as having money, and we don't, and often can't, sell churches to release funds (and other people don't like it either!). The Church has many stipends (clergy wages) to pay, rectories to upkeep, training to do, pensions to pay, and the local church also has to support the building, bills to pay, and other costs. So the Church is not financially well off!

Will the church close? In small villages I think it is a scandal that so many churches are still going. Not because they shouldn't be, but because to read newspapers or hear reports you would not believe that vibrant Christian communities still exist in rural areas! The church should not be viewed, though, as a consumer item, which of course will be there for a wedding, funeral, baptism or whatever. It wouldn't be there without the commitment of people in your community. If you are a Christian, and you don't attend another church, why not seek to belong to your local church, and keep the flame of faith alive.

Why do we need a toilet/kitchen etc? I believe that we are right, where appropriate, to seek to put facilities into churches, for a range of reasons. One is that we want to do more in our buildings, and this allows us to. Another is that it allows children and the elderly (and others) the opportunity to come to church, when otherwise they may be put off. As we found out go to a supermarket and they have seats and free nappies etc, but bring a baby to church and what do you find? Another is the sheer distances people travel to weddings and funerals today. And finally the church hasn't had a toilet or kitchen for centuries is true, but housing didn't have a toilet either inside, the first monarch to use a toilet was Elizabeth I, (before that you don't want to know) and our expectations today are different. History can, and should, inform us, but should not bind us.

Is Diana, Princess of Wales buried at St Mary's, Brington? I came to this question with an open mind when I came here, but can find no evidence to suggest this is what happened. I, with many others, have paid my respects at the Lake in Althorp, and believe this is where she is buried.

What about Richard Dawkins? In recent years some militant atheists have written books and some have assumed that faith is done for in this country. I disagree, and whilst we might be entering into a new period and style of Christianity (the Christian faith looked and felt very different even in this community in 1000, 1500, 1700, 1900 and today) we will discover the message and life of Jesus afresh.

To finish I want to quote from a study on the writer Austin Farrer, called *Light in a Burning Glass*. "We need God, we need the church, and we need one another. We discover our freedom as we let it go. We know God's will as we live it. We find ourselves as we give ourselves in the love of God."

**Our new address is
The Rectory,
Ilmington,
Warwickshire,
CV36 4LB**

AUGUST 2008

3 RD	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>WHILTON</u>
10 TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
17 TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
24 TH	6.00 PM	COMPLINE
31 ST	11.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
7 TH SEPT	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>HARLESTONE</u>

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

Don't forget that for £10 you can still book to have the floodlights on for any special occasion during the year

Please contact Janet Bowers on 842851

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Sunday 3rd August will be the last service conducted by Revd Chris Goble before he and his family move to Ilmington in Warwickshire. The service is a Benefice Eucharist and is to be held here in St Andrews with a farewell social afterwards. We all extend to Chris, Sharon, Ben and Fliss every happiness and blessings in their new life in Ilmington.

Our HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be on 28th September when we receive the harvest gifts offered which will be auctioned at the supper in the evening, the monies raised going to charities. We need people to help decorate the church on Saturday with flowers and produce so if you can assist please contact Janet Bowers.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL & BAZAAR

This is planned for the first weekend in December. Flower arrangements on the theme of carols or seasonal music in the church together with Christmas themed stall and other stalls raffle and teas in the village hall. To date we have the following stalls Handicrafts, Cakes, Cards, Books, Tombola If you can help or provide any other stalls please contact a committee member Mary Emery, Linda Treacy, Teresa Leadbetter, Janet Bowers or Philip Grant. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** as this is the **MAIN FUNDRAISER** for the Church this year and to keep **ST ANDREWS OPEN** we need **FUNDS**.

Janet Bowers, Churchwarden



EAST MIDLANDS in BLOOM



On Friday 11th July Anthea Hiscock and myself escorted three judges around the village. Most front lawns and verges had been mown and tidied and the judges seemed reasonably impressed. We now await their report which unfortunately will be too late for this newsletter.

They did however give the results of the hanging basket and tub/window box competition run by the garden association. The winners are --basket Anthea Bartrum of Wadd Close Lane and tub/ box Kathleen Wright of 2 South View.

Congratulations to them both.

Janet Bowers



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The last event involving Whilton Gardeners' Association, was the return visit to Whilton of members of Woodford Halse Gardeners' Association for a tour of Whilton gardens. Twenty visitors and WGA members were full of praise for the three gardens which were visited in the village and then everyone came together in another member's garden, for strawberries and 'champagne', home made cakes and tea and coffee. Everyone agreed that it's interesting to meet others with a shared interest and for the exchange of admiration and gardening tips. However, the evening was such a success only because of the support of so many people and thanks go to the village hall committee and the very many people, members and non members, who provided help for the event.

The next WGA evening is on Wednesday August 6th when there will be an Open Meeting in the village hall with a plant stand

and refreshments. Everyone is welcome – members, non members and visitors - from 7.30 pm onwards. The plant stall will be organised on a 'bring and buy' basis – all plants £1.00 – proceeds to WGA, so do come and join us bringing donations of plants and cuttings in pots on the night. At 8.00 pm there will be a presentation to the winners of the village competition for 'best hanging basket' and 'best tub or window box' which is judged by the East Midlands in Bloom representative and sponsored by WGA.

Finally, diary date – the WGA meeting on 1st October, will be about growing vegetables – pick up tips about how to grow your own, however, large or small your plot.

Ann Gilbert
Chair

PETS CORNER

The only Molly in the village

Dogs and horses are happiest in a group, sheep like to follow the one in front, humans follow trends, cats are individuals. I'm a cat and I'm definitely an individual. There isn't a cat anywhere in the world that has exactly the same physical characteristics as me: the offset, upside down V of white fur on my nose, the white stockings that make me look as though I'm wearing frilly knickers and everything else that makes me Molly. My humans have had lots of cats over the years and not one of them has been quite like me.

Strange thing fashion. Humans start out mostly different to one another but then they follow trends in an effort to be like someone else: like their best friend, their favourite soap or pop star, Posh Spice. Like sheep they do things because other people do them – buy new cars, style their hair a certain way, lose too much weight, smoke, drink too much. Why? We're all born different and it's far more fun to be that way. I like being unique, it makes me feel special.

And speaking of unique, now that the other Molly (and Guinness, her son) have moved away from Field View, I think I could be the only (non human) Molly in the village. Unless you know differently?

Lots of love,

Molly xx

Race for Life

22nd June in Bournemouth was one of those very hot but windy days that we enjoyed in the middle of June. Alison and I ran the distance from Bournemouth to Boscombe Pier, but I have to admit that on the way back to Bournemouth Pier we were running into a headwind which blasted sand off the beach, so we sort of ran with our eyes shut most of the way back!



We had a great day, and yes, we did have ice-creams by the sea afterwards.



Altogether, between us, we raised **£315.00 for Cancer Research**. We should like to thank everybody in the village who sponsored us and helped us to raise this fantastic sum.

Alison and Mary Kane.

Whilton Photographic Club

New Year – Learn from the Expert



What makes the difference between a snap and a fine art photograph? Well here's your chance to find out, because we have one of Northamptonshire's finest landscape photographers coming to Whilton to tell us the secret.

Cath Evans lives in Brixworth and travels around the county, as well as further afield, making wonderful photographic images. Her work has been exhibited at various locations around the county and is featured by the National Trust. So we are delighted to be able to welcome her to Whilton on Tuesday August 9th to show us some of her best images and explain how she produces them.

If you would like to come along, we would be delighted to see you. The evening will be free of charge and the event is open to everyone, not just club members. So invite your friends.

Meetings (all meetings are held on a Tuesday at 8.00pm Whilton Village Hall)

August 12 th	Assignment Review – My Garden
September 9 th	Talk – Landscape Photography (Cath Evans)
October 14 th	Practical - Still life
November 11 th	Talk – My Portfolio (Neil Phillips)
December 9 th	AGM

If you want get more from your camera, contact me, or just come along to our next meeting.

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

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 DATES FOR AUGUST ARE 5TH & 26TH AND SEPTEMBER 16TH

"HARD TIMES: THE POOR LAW IN WHILTON."

Whilton Local History Society met on 17th July. As we have been celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the National Health Service in 2008, we found out about what life was like here before the Welfare State.

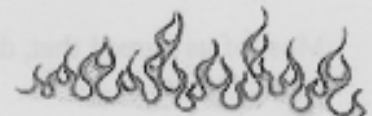
We dipped into several periods of history. One was the year 1699, a particularly busy time for our overseers of the poor. Overseer Robert Carr was a yeoman, belonging to an old Whilton family. William Garner had come from Long Buckby to marry Mary Ball of Whilton in the same year. This was a sad time for him, as following the birth of his baby son, John, his new wife Mary was buried the same year.

Just before Christmas in 1698 a pauper family arrived in Whilton with the order to our overseers and churchwardens that Whilton was "hereby required to receive and provide for them as settled inhabitants there." The family had come from Ashby de la Zouche via Achurch in Leicestershire, where they had become chargeable to the parish, but could claim no right to stay there. The Achurch overseers claimed they were legally residents of Whilton, because William had lived here for two years as a servant of John Butlin of Whilton. Whilton did receive them and Widow Elizabeth Edmunds was called upon to provide lodging, but this was not seen as a permanent solution. By Easter the next year Whilton was appealing against this order. There is no record of the outcome, but as I have found no further record of this family, perhaps they did move on to another parish. They may not have had a comfortable stay here.

There were other problems connected with the stay of the Peake family. When they arrived in 1698, one of the overseers was Thomas Mutton, a husbandman, who had recently built a new house here, the building we know as "Dormer Cottage". For some reason Thomas Mutton collected the poor rate, which should have covered the payments to Widow Edmunds, but failed to deliver. There was also some suspicion over his accounts. The Justices became involved. On 1st July 1699 they ordered the Whilton constables to bring Thomas Mutton on Saturday next to: "*Baylys Coffee House in Northampton by two of ye clock in ye after noone to show cause why he deteineth money in his house due to ye Towne being collected by him in ye time of ye execution of his office refuseing to give an account of ye same, and you are to charge ye said Thomas Mutton to produce the Towne book of accounts and bring it with him. Hereof faile not.*"

It was in the following week that the new overseer, Robert Carr, was ordered to pay Widow Edmunds, her sixteen shillings "for receiving into her home a man, his wife and child by direction of ye inhabitants of Whilton.". Presumably the money had been recovered from Thomas Mutton.

The overseers had other anxieties that summer. Whilton had some "town houses", which we would call almshouses today. These almost certainly stood by the Green, facing the Church, roughly at the end of the modern Dove Close entrance. In 1699 three townhouses were burned down.



William Dunkley and William Tomalin, who were probably the churchwardens, were ordered by the Justices of the Peace to report on the cost of rebuilding. It appears that their first quote of £17-7-11 was not acceptable, as on 9th June 1699 they were sent back to consider their valuation and ordered to report to the Justices at Bayly's Coffee House in Northampton by Saturday next.

The two remained firm and would not reduce their estimate. On 16th June it is recorded that they said: *Wee William Tomalyn and William Dunckley upon a second reference of ye matters mentioned having thoroughly considered the same doe...report as wee have already reported (that is to say) that the charge in repaireing the above said houses cannot in the whole as neere as we can compute itt amount to be less than £17-7-11.*" (The townhouses were certainly rebuilt, and were finally sold off in 1837 following the building of Daventry Workhouse, after the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834.)

The expenses of the churchwardens and overseers in going backwards and forwards to Northampton were carefully recorded. Spelling was a challenge. The account was headed: "*Charges for attending one the guestesses*" and the "*oufer seares attended one the justesses 7 dais.*"

We moved on through time and saw how two centuries later Whilton paupers were sent to the Daventry Workhouse. In the early 1880s a number of our parishioners were living there. These included Thomas Linnell, aged 82 when he entered the Workhouse in 1880. He was described as "not able bodied" and came to end his life there. In the next year the Dodd family arrived. Fanny, a laundress, pregnant with "infant Dodd," brought with her Ellen and Charles, identified as "illegitimate children of inmate". Ellen and Charles had both been born during previous stays in the Workhouse. "Infant Dodd" died after 7 ½ weeks, but the family remained inmates for a year or two. In fact "infant Dodd" had a name. He was buried in Whilton as George Arthur.

The Dodd family had old Whilton connections. Fanny appears to have been brought up here by her grandparents, Thomas and Hannah Andrews of Whilton. Thomas Andrews was very likely descended from the Thomas and William Andrews who both suffered from sciatica in the 1700s and were treated in Northampton Hospital.

By Michaelmas 1882, Thomas Linnell and the Dodds were still there, and yet another Whilton family had arrived at the Workhouse, but through different circumstances. George Lewis, Mary Ann and Isabella were the children of Joseph and Sarah Ann Adams. Joseph was a farm labourer living at Whilton Locks and Sarah the daughter of William Boot, a gardener. In giving birth to their fourth child, Sarah Ann died. Joseph had difficulty in managing and for a while the children were in the Workhouse. Thus for a period Whilton was paying for 8 people in this harsh regime.

Most of us agreed that, despite its shortcomings, life under the current system is a great improvement.

Anthea Hiscock

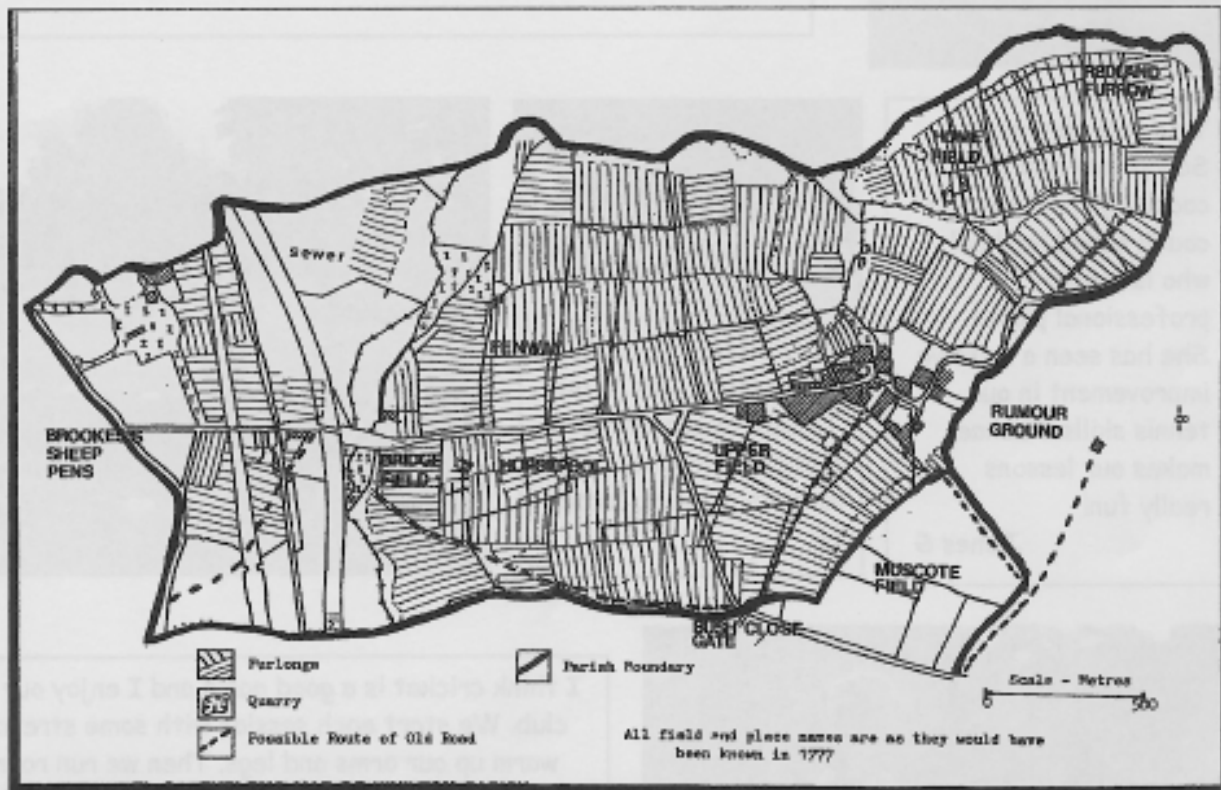
WHILTON FIELDS

Whilton Local History Society will be holding a workshop
on Thursday 21st August in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

It is exactly 230 years since the open fields of Whilton were enclosed by fences and hedges.

There had once been three great open fields in Whilton: Fenway Field, Home Field and Bridge Field. By 1777 these had been divided into five, with the addition of Horsepool Field and Upper Field. There was also Muscott Field in Norton, which was a shared area.

At the enclosure a document described how the land was allotted, but there was no map.



It is our challenge in this workshop to begin to create two big maps:

1. showing details and furlong names of the open fields in 1777 and before, based on the above map from Clive Haynes' *History of Whilton*
2. showing the newly created fields and their owners in 1778

All are welcome.

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses

Brington Primary School

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the community who have helped us in school this year; including those who have run sports clubs.



Some children were involved in a multi-skills club, practising skills designed to help us with all sports. The club was run by Alex Dunne, who coaches children across Northamptonshire. Alex also came to work with Years 1 and 2 for a multi-skills PE lesson.

This year, Brington School has had tennis coaching from a tennis coach called Rachael, who is a semi-professional player. She has seen a massive improvement in our tennis skills. Rachael makes our lessons really fun!

James G



Congratulations to our Tennis Tournament Runner-Up, James S and our winner, James H.



I think cricket is a good game and I enjoy our cricket club. We start each session with some stretches to warm up our arms and legs. Then we run round the playground to increase our stamina. After that we practise some skills. First, we usually do catching, then we do the fielding. Next is batting and bowling, where we split into teams and take it in turns to bowl at our batsman. Finally, we play a game of cricket. We split into two teams and elect captains. We have to make decisions about who plays in each position. If you score ten runs, then you retire.

John

Hotshots Basketball Club is SO COOL! We've learnt so much basketball over the last two and a half terms! Now we all know five different types of shots and what they're called. We can enter tournaments and matches and, if we're good enough, we might be picked for the all-star team.

Cíara



This year's
**Bringtons and Whilton
 Long Mile
 And
 Family Fun Day**

Will take place on
Sunday, September 21st, at 12 noon
 and is generously sponsored by

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The Long Mile this year will be slightly shorter than previously -a short Long Mile- starting at The Spire and finishing at the Cricket Field, GB. There will be a marquee, barbecue and bar at the finish and an assortment of family games including Tug-of-war, 3-legged race, coconut shy etc.
 Entry £1.00 to include a 'goody bag', a personalised certificate for each entrant, and medals for the winners of each category.
 The race will start at 12 sharp. Entries from 11.30am.

The Long Mile is a fun event that involves running or walking from The Spire in Little Brington to the Cricket Field in Great Brington (exactly 1 mile). It is open to people of all ages and ability. For further information contact Richard Bunce on 01327 842636

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JUNE 2008

1 st Prize	027	R Clarke	£45
2 nd Prize	108	K Wheeler	£25

JULY 2008

1 st Prize	093	C Print	£45
2 nd Prize	057	J Bunce	£25

Congratulations to All

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Sun	3 rd	Aug	10.00 am	Benefice Service – St Andrew’s Church- Farewell to Chris & Sharon Goble, Ben & Fliss
Tues	5 th	Aug	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	6 th	Aug	7.30 pm	WGA - Open meeting in village Hall – Sale of plants
Tues	12 th	Aug	8.00 pm	WPC - Village Hall – assignment review – My Garden
Tues	26 th	Aug	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Tues	9 th	Sept	8.00 pm	WPC Village Hall - Talk – Landscape Photography Cath Evans
Tues	16 th	Sept	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Fri	16 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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Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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