

# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2010 & JANUARY 2011

### LIVING IN THE GAP

The above book written by Anthea Hiscock has been reviewed by Tom Price in this publication.

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Brington & Whilton Pre-School are performing their Christmas Play in Whilton Church on Friday 10th December at 10.30 am  
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The Christmas Tuesday Chat will be on 21st Dec. at 2.30 pm.  
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Do not forget the Reindeer / Beetle Drive in the Village Hall on Friday 10th December at 7.00 pm

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AND ALSO

The Christingle Service is on Sunday 12th December in St Andrew's Church at 4.00 pm.

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The Carol Service is on Sunday 19th December.  
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THE EDITORS WISH ALL READERS IN WHILTON PARISH  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND GOOD HEALTH AND  
HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

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**AGNES HELENA TOWNLEY**  
**1911 – 2010**

The funeral of Agnes took place in St Andrew's Church, Whilton on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010; the day before her 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Agnes was born 7<sup>th</sup> October 1911 at Blenley Farm, Yardley Hastings to William & Ethel Wooding and was the last surviving sibling of a family of six. Agnes was seven when her mother died and she duly went to live with an Aunt & Uncle in Desford, Leicestershire.

When considered old enough she went into service in London with her sister Edna and in time they returned to work nearer home. Agnes moved to work at Spratton Grange and then Brockhall where it proved to be a turning point in her life. At a village dance at nearby Whilton she met John Samuel Leonard Townley, son of a farmer at Whilton. Romance blossomed and Agnes and John were married on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1936 in St Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings.

Their marriage started in a cottage in Little Lane, Whilton and when Martins Farm (now Church Farm) came on the market, Mr Townley senior purchased the house and land and Agnes and John moved there.

After a long wait of thirteen years on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1949, John Samuel William was born. Agnes and John Samuel Leonard moved to Home Farm when his widowed mother died. Agnes returned to Martins Farm some years later after she was widowed.

She was fully involved with the farm, loved working outside in the fresh air and she drove a tractor, affectionately known as 'my little grey Fergie' with great confidence. Agnes was an excellent cook and music and dancing were a big part of her life and even on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday she was dancing the Charleston, one of her favourites.

Agnes was very proud of her two grandsons John (the 9th) and Phillip and later her great-grandchildren.

After Agnes stayed at Martins Farm, where she was very happy, she then moved to a bungalow in Daventry where she lived before becoming too frail to cope by herself,

For the last four years of her life Agnes resided at the Grange Residential Home in Daventry where she was very happy and content.

Although John 8<sup>th</sup> and Sue moved to Long Buckby in 1998, their son John 9<sup>th</sup> and his wife Isobel and their two daughters still live and farm in the village

## Parish Council Notes

The last Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Mike Lewis, Jonathan Hanslip, Sue Wingrave, Michael Thomas and Nora Swinford, along with Steve Osborne (Northamptonshire County Councillor) and 2 parishioners were present. Apologies were received from Ken Bower, Wendy Amos (District Councillor) and Sarah Gray (Police Community Support Officer).

The main points from the meeting were as follows-

- Ros Gardner reported that Sarah Gray has been off sick since July. She is now back at work but not mobile so there are no Surgeries organised in the near future.
- The Village Green – the adoption has been accepted in principle. Various solicitors are to be approached for quotes for Access agreements etc.
- A joint meeting of the Parish Council and Allotment Holders is to be arranged for early 2011.
- The problem with the drainage in Brington Lane is being addressed.
- The salt bins have been refilled ready for the winter.
- The Parish walk for the Councillors has been arranged for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- There has been a problem with the noise from Whilton Mill. An official letter from the Council is to be written.

Steve Osborne, the County Councillor, reported that

- The Flore bypass is being relooked at.
- Daventry District Council refuse collection is likely to be privatised.
- DDH has been granted leave to appeal.
- Whilton is encouraged to vote in the super fast broadband BT competition.
- The Empowering Councillors and Communities Fund grant is more likely to be given if the bid includes children or young people. About £1,000 is available.

**A reminder for everyone – the left hand side of the notice board on The Green is for Parish Council and other official notices, the right is for everything else.**

**The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

**On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

Alison Nicoll

Clerk to Whilton Parish Council

### WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2010/2011

#### OCT 2010

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	094	K Wright
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	178	P Webster

#### NOV 2010

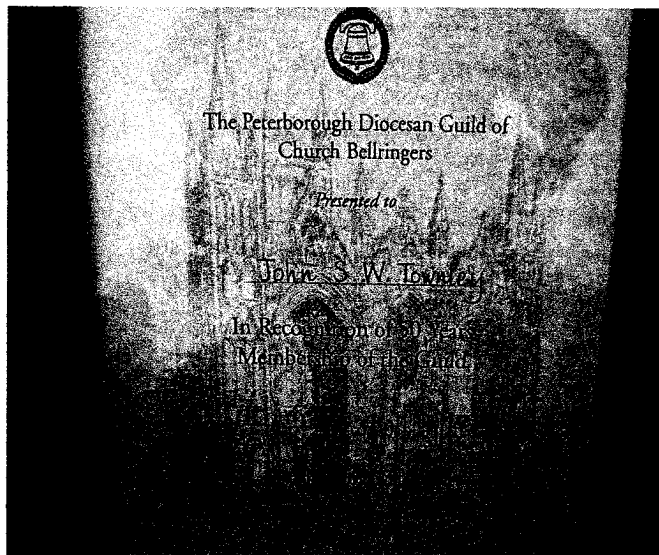
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	018	M Emery
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	098	J Nandhra

#### DEC 2010

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	105	A Gilbert
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	127	J James

**Congratulations to All**

## MY 50 YEARS as a MEMBER of the DAVENTRY BRANCH of CHURCH BELL RINGERS 1960 - 2010



When I joined the branch on 12th November 1960 it was at the Whilton Meeting. I had been ringing for at least a year prior to that date and was taught by my school teacher Mr Harold Haynes, who was my Proposer. It was at this time that the Webb family from Staverton was coming over to the tower at Whilton on a Thursday evening to help us out with our ringing numbers. So it was Mrs Iris Webb who Seconded me into the Branch.

The Whilton ringers [possibly only 4 of us] were taken to Staverton by Mr Haynes on a fortnightly basis. It was in the early 60's that I learned a lot from the Webbs, and so rang my first Peal at Staverton in 1967 on the 3rd bell, being:- KENT T B, St CLEMENTS, & PLAIN BOB.

Also by 1967 I had been ringing the Handbells with Stan & Iris Webb, to become founder members of the HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN. We had been to Worcester & Birmingham to ring at a rally the 2 years prior, and in Ashton-under-Lyne (1967), it was decided to start this Society but the distance was too great and we would be unable to attend.

I believe it was in 1962 when I was voted to join the Branch Committee, an office which I held for quite a number of years and then in the 70's I became the BRANCH RINGING MASTER, this I did for one or possibly two years.

It was also in the 70's that we held at least 1 or 2 Evening Bar-be-que's in the Barn opposite the green at Whilton when my cousin, Mr Colin Stanton, cooked the sausages in the barn, [I have the photo!]. Mr Malcolm Chown, who conducted most of our early peals, loved the idea of a Branch Get-Together every so often, but it was after this time that Malcolm sadly passed away. We were very close and I am Godfather to his eldest Son. Malcolm was helping me on conducting at this time, and I still have his notes on touches & conducting quarter peals.

I had taken over from Mr Haynes, [Harold] as Tower Captain at Whilton right up to us having our old 6 bells recast, with 2 extra bells to make this a lovely 8 in 1994. I think it was in 1996 that I relinquished my post as Whilton Tower Captain, as playing the Organ for Whilton & Gt Brington was a bit too much, then Sue & I moved to Long Buckby in 1998.

I now ring with Branch members at Staverton, in the Mornings once a month, as well as Gt Yarmouth when I can get there. I rang in a peal to mark the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Nicholas Church in 2001 and I became a life member of the Norwich Association of Bell Ringers.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010 I rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, at Whilton, to mark my 50 years as a member of the Guild.



We had a number of officers of the Daventry Branch ringing, being:-

Treble. Mira Parsons. [My cousin].  
 5<sup>th</sup>. Nick Parsons. [Cousin].  
 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carol Pullin. [Branch Ringing Master]  
 6<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy Knight. [Norwich].  
 3<sup>rd</sup>. Geoff Pullin. [Branch Chairman].  
 7<sup>th</sup>. John S W Townley.  
 4<sup>th</sup>. Richard Hartley. [Branch Steward].  
 Tenor. Ian Willgress. Cond & Guild  
 Ringing Master.

Rang in 48 minutes.

We also rang to mark God's Blessing on my Mothers long life of 98 years whose funeral was the day before her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

*These are copies of my  
 Membership Cards for the  
 Daventry Branch of Church  
 Bell Ringers*

**1960 - 2010**

..... WHILTON ..... Band or Parish

Name JOHN TOWNLEY ..... Date of Admission 11-11-60 .....

Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature	Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature
1960	2-6	J. Townley	1969	5/-	J. Webb
1962	2-6	J. Townley	1970	6/-	J. Webb
1963	2-6	J. Townley	1971	30P	J. Webb
1964	2-6	J. Townley	1972	30P	J. Webb
1965	3-0	J. Townley	1973	30P	J. Webb
1966	3-0	J. Townley	1974	30P	J. Webb
1967	3-0	J. Townley	1975	60	J. Webb
1968	3-0	J. Townley	1976	80	J. Webb
			1977	80	J. Webb

..... WHILTON ..... Band or Parish

Name J. TOWNLEY ..... Date of Admission 12-11-60 .....

Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature	Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature
1978	80P	J. Webb	1988	2.50	J. Townley
1979	80P	J. Webb	1989	2.50	J. Townley
1980	£1	J. Webb	1990	2.50	J. Townley
1981	£1	J. Webb	1991	2.50	J. Townley
1982	£1	J. Webb	1992	3.50	J. Townley
1993	£1	J. Webb	1993	3.50	J. Townley
1994	£1	J. Webb	1994	3.50	J. Townley
1995	£2	J. Webb	1995	3.50	J. Townley
1996	£2	J. Webb	1996	5.00	J. Townley
1997	£2.50	J. Webb	1997	5.00	J. Townley

..... WHILTON ..... Band or Parish

Name JOHN S.W. TOWNLEY ..... Date of Admission 12-11-60 .....

Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature	Year	Subs.	Secretary's Signature
1998	5.00	J. Townley	2007	5.00	J. Townley
1999	5.00	J. Townley	2008	5.00	J. Townley
2000	5.00	J. Townley	2009	5.00	J. Townley
2001	5.00	J. Townley	2010	5.00	J. Townley
2002	5.00	J. Townley			
2003	5.00	J. Townley			
2004	5.00	J. Townley			
2005	5.00	J. Townley			
2006	5.00	J. Townley			

## VILLAGE GETS A CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

# Anthea traces a thousand years of Whilton history

by Tom Price

After five years of painstaking research, Whilton villager Anthea Hiscock has just published a wonderful history of our small rural parish – a cracking story that spans a thousand years.

In 280 well-illustrated pages, *Living in the Gap: the story of Whilton and its thousand acres, 1,000-2,000 A.D.*, reveals how the lives of local folk have been influenced by their geography and by events in the wider world during the period between the beginning and end of the second millennium.

The work has been a real labour of love for Anthea, for she regards it partly as “a celebration” of the 25 years she has lived in the village. As well as bringing up three daughters, she has been a playgroup supervisor in Whilton, president of the village W.I. and parish council clerk. In recent years she has shared her enthusiasm for delving into the past with members of her local history group.

Her scholarly credentials for the mammoth task of producing the book include a history degree from London University and a diploma in archive administration, followed by work with the London borough of Barnet and Bedfordshire Record Office. The discipline of research is enhanced by her attractive, straightforward style. Each of the 19 chapters can stand alone as a jolly good read.

She draws on a long list of sources to reveal changes and challenges in the parish in its passage from years of woad-growing and ox-drawn ploughs to heady times of wars, religious ruptures, lordly litigations and the coming of the railway, the canal and the M1. Her detective work has unravelled a complex web linking Whilton with many old families, estates and crafts in nearby parishes and adjoining counties.

Her main focus, however, is always on local villagers and their dramas, tragedies and triumphs. Numerous ancient wills are analysed, disclosing changing circumstances over many generations. Later chapters are packed with fascinating accounts of intimate oral and written memories of present inhabitants and others not long gone.

Present day references often based on personal interviews and documents provided by well known residents, make a gripping climax to a story that for me fully lives up to that wise comment by author and historian Thomas J. Noel: “History happens to all of us all the time. Local history brings history home; it touches your life, the life of your family, your neighbourhood, your community.” This book will undoubtedly be cherished on many local shelves, and welcomed throughout the county and beyond as a model of its kind.

Anthea concludes with comments on the present and future.

“The inhabitants of Whilton no longer expect to be sustained by the fields around them, nor are their livelihoods dependent on the thousand acres which are home to them. The people of Whilton are better educated, have higher expectations and wider experience than their forebears, but they may not have more ingenuity or awareness of their environment.”

Whilton’s location as part of the famous Watford Gap, she notes, has brought involvement in events including Simon de Montfort’s rebellion, Charles I’s attempt to feed the Oxford garrison, and the arrival of the M1 motorway. Its geography is yet again presenting new challenges from planned nearby developments which will involve a larger population and greater levels of traffic and other activity.

■ *Living in the Gap: the story of Whilton and its thousand acres, 1,000-2,000 A.D.*, is published by Langton House Associates, price £12.99.

BT is currently running a competition to determine the top 5 exchanges who are not currently being considered for superfast broadband so that they can be fast tracked (2012) on to the implementation schedule. These 5 areas will also receive a prize of £5000. The top 5 will be determined by the % of households voting in the area. To cast your vote visit [www.racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com) and follow the instructions and support the Long Buckby Exchange being upgraded.

Richard Green

### TUESDAY CHAT

Our next Tuesday Chat will be 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.30pm – 4.00 pm with a Christmas Theme. Everyone welcome to join us for tea and chat. There is a small charge of £1.50 to cover the cost of the rent.

### WHILTON AUTUMN SOCIAL LUNCH

This was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November and was well attended. We sat down to a hearty two course meal; very appropriate for the current cold weather.

As well as the main course, a choice of three desserts was offered and 'seconds' encouraged. Fruit juice was served and finally tea or coffee and mints.

Conversation flowed and everyone enjoyed themselves- a lovely break at this time of the year.



## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The October Meeting held in the Village Hall was very well attended and a big Thank You goes to Linda Smith who gave an interesting, informative and entertaining talk and slide show about "Ponds, Design and Planting". Most members felt that a visit to "Waterside Nursery" in 2011 would be of great interest.

December 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Supper for Members in Village Hall at 7.00pm.

On behalf of the Committee we would like to wish all our members and helpers

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Tel 07921429228 or 01327 844169

### 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 DECEMBER IS 14<sup>TH</sup> AND FOR JANUARY 2011, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

### POSTAGE STAMPS

*Used postage stamps are still being collected in the village by Trudy Haynes (please leave on the windowsill by the back door of the Old Plough). The charity supported is the Leprosy Mission. Teresa Leadbetter, Wood View, also collects stamps for charity*

# CHURCH NEWS

From the Rev Sue Kipling

Dear Everyone,

It's the beginning of December and there's loads of time before Christmas – I'll be really organised *this year*. Of course, just like every year, there will be so much to do and I'll go through the stage of thinking I'll never be ready and, then when Christmas, comes, it will all be fine. So much to organise!

As I thought through the things to be done for Christmas, it occurred to me how similar the list was to organising a birthday party – presents to be bought and wrapped, food to be bought and prepared, the house to be got ready ..... And of course it is a birthday party! We are celebrating the birthday of Jesus! It's not some weird remembering of someone long gone in history but the reason for the celebration is that God came to this earth in the form of Jesus, someone who was fully human and yet God as well..... And he is still alive and lives today in us. So we are celebrating Jesus' Birthday: God being here with us! That's worth a really good celebration! Have a wonderful Christmas!

Sue

## Christmas Services at St Andrew's, Whilton:

Sun.12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Christingle 4pm  
Sun.19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Village Carol Service 6 pm  
Christmas Day Christmas Communion for All: 9.15am

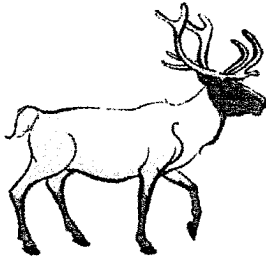
*And there are many other services across the benefice. You may like to go to some of these services:*

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. Benefice Sung Eucharist at Harlestone: 10am  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Communion at Norton: 11am  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Communion at Norton: 9.15am  
Wed.22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Benefice Choir Carol Service at Great Brington:7.15 pm (please make sure you book your free ticket to be sure of a seat - telephone Joyce Coles on 01604 843975)  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Blessing of the Crib at Norton: 2pm  
Live Nativity at East Haddon: 3pm  
Carol Service at Holdenby: 3pm  
Sun.26<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Communion at Great Brington 11am (please note change from normal time)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Benefice Eucharist at Norton: 10am

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2010

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	<b>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>HARLESTONE</u> = PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 PM	<b>CHRISTINGLE</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 PM	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 AM	<b>CHRISTMAS COMMUNION FOR ALL</b>
2 <sup>ND</sup> JAN 2011	10.00 AM	<b>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u></b>





# REINDEER / BEETLE DRIVE

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

VILLAGE HALL 7.00 – 9.30 PM

**SUPPER: HOT DOGS AND MINCE PIES**

**PRIZES**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

£ 4 adult £3 children

Soft drinks only supplied

To help with catering please book with  
Teresa Leadbetter 843988 or Philip Grant 844555  
by Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.



In Aid of St Andrew's Church Funds

## ST ANDREW'S WHILTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



This year we are once again giving you the opportunity to light the Church and make it a focal point of the village during the Christmas period. Cost is just £10 a night. To reserve your special day or to select a date, please contact either Janet Bowers (842851) Or Jon Brierley (843380)/

The dates available are from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 except 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December.

## Whilton Local History Society

Our November meeting was based on

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT WHILTON LODGE**

In the 1930s, when Colonel Shaw owned the Lodge, he and his family hosted a party for Whilton children in the week before Christmas. These parties were remembered for years afterwards by the village children, not only for the food and special treatment, but for the majestic journey in a chauffeur-driven Daimler or Lancia from the village down to the Lodge, and for the welcome by Colonel Shaw with his monocle and waxed moustache, accompanied by his film star-like wife.

Members of the society sat around a table, as the children did eighty years ago, and sampled thinly cut sandwiches, orange jellies and fancy cakes. Leaf tea was poured through a strainer and sugar was served with silver tongs.

As Christmas is coming we also enjoyed the nostalgic, perhaps rose-tinted, memory of Stanley Haynes, one of those Whilton children. This memory must date from about 1937 when Rev. Lawrence Edward Brown became Rector of Whilton.

*It was Christmas Eve. In the church new candles were in place, the stove was going well, and the polished copper lamps shone on the holly which decorated the lectern and the pulpit. There had been a brief snowfall - it would be a white Christmas - and as the congregation assembled they shook the snow from their boots on the welcoming doormat, warming their hands over the stove before taking their places for the Christmas Eve carol service.*

*The boy in the corner pumped the organ, Parson Brown announced the hymn, Betty Pride played the opening chord, and the church rang to the sound of "O come all ye faithful".*

*... There'd be two Christmas services for Dad to attend - the early communion and the mid-morning Matins. Then it was home to put the dinner in the oven. From the spring broods of poultry we'd keep a cockerel. By Christmas this bird would be in the pink of condition. For some weeks Mum would take a stick into the hen run to fight the blighter off as he'd always attack a woman - not a man, as a rule, but how did he know one from the other? Anyway, he'd now be trussed and stuffed - a feast for kings.*

### **WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next meeting will be:

### **THE STORY OF THE STONE HOUSE**

At 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
in the Village Hall.

All are welcome.

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.

#### **A date for your diary:**

The following meeting on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 will include a visit from Julie Cassidy, the Archaeological Finds Officer, who will give a talk and then look at items found in Whilton fields and gardens.

## ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY: CELEBRATE THE SEASONS



Last year Roughmoor Spinney celebrated its tenth birthday, and the Management Committee has decided to launch a competition for the coming year, 2011.

The Spinney changes dramatically through the seasons, with the variety of effects of light and shade and changing leaf cover, spring and early summer flowers, berries, toadstools, autumn leaf colour, and bare branches in winter. Snow, frost and mist can add magical effects. Vibrant bird colours from pheasants and green woodpeckers to tits and magpies can add to the interest.

There is also human activity there ranging from walkers and children playing, to ditch diggers and tree pruners.

The challenge to the readers of the Newsletter is to produce a collection of photos of the Spinney or things in it. These should reflect the essence of each month.

It is hoped to use the best photos to compile a calendar of the Spinney to be sold for 2012. The format will depend upon the entries. It may be that some months will include more than one photo.

If you would like to submit a photo or photos, these may be e-mailed to the editors at [d.brown253@btinternet.com](mailto:d.brown253@btinternet.com) or prints may be delivered to them at Cherry Orton. (Please include your name and address.)

The closing date will be in October 2011. There will be reminders in the Newsletter through the year, but Christmas may be a good time to be out with your cameras.

Good luck to all!



## Roughmoor Spinney



The AGM took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and all present Officers were re-elected for 2010 / 2011. At this meeting it was suggested that we could possibly produce a calendar for 2012 with photographs of the Spinney – see separate article.

A Working Party was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and whilst there were only five volunteers (not up to the usual number), great strides were made in the work planned. However there is still the pond that needs attention and it has been decided to drain off water to enable work to take place to clear silt and unwanted pondweed etc. The plan is to recruit a small team to dig a trench to drain off the water which we hope to do before the year end.

## Local Volunteering Opportunity



Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a home visitor/befriender for Northamptonshire Association for the Blind in your local area. This small time commitment will make a huge difference to a visually impaired person's life. People with a sight impairment often become isolated and lose confidence. A volunteer role within our visiting service will help them regain and retain their independence and well-being.

### **Volunteers can help with tasks such as:**

Fortnightly home visits  
Assistance with reading mail, newspapers and correspondence  
Accompanying clients on short walks, visits to the doctor or hospital  
Occasional shopping trips  
Assist with labelling food and household items to increase safety

### **Please note, this is not a domestic or personal care role**

#### **Training**

All volunteers will be offered ongoing support and specialist training courses will be available

#### **Personal Attributes**

Caring and supportive with a willingness to understand visual impairment, you are able to make a commitment on a regular basis.

#### **Expenses**

Mileage and telephone calls will be reimbursed at the current rate.

#### **CRB**

A CRB check is required

**Contact Rachel Cave, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01604 719193 or 07889 411274**

Nab, Wardington Court,  
Welford Road, Kingsthorpe,  
Northampton, NN2 8AG

**Super fast broadband - BT is running a competition to give 5 towns or villages the chance to have super fast fibre optic broadband. The 5 places with the highest percentage of votes will win. Please show your support for the Long Buckby exchange on this website [www.racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com). It's free, completely safe and only takes a minute. We need to get 1,000 votes before the 31st December (rules). So far we have 365 votes out of a possible 2017 - 18.10% (18 November).**

### **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

Since my last report we have had a spate of thefts both in the village and at the Locks. Most people are aware that Gordon Emery had his tractor stolen from his yard. Fortunately this was quickly recovered at the docks in Dover awaiting shipment to Poland. More recently there has been a theft of a caravan from the Locks and building equipment and metal stolen from premises also at the Locks. If anyone thinks they may have seen or heard anything suspicious, please contact the Police on the telephone number given below.

Unfortunately our PSCO Sarah Gray is still office bound with her injured leg. I saw her a couple of weeks ago and she still had her leg in plaster. I have requested a date for a Street Surgery and as soon as this is given I will post it on the Notice Boards.

A timely reminder to all not to leave Christmas presents where thieves can see them. At this time of the year it is the perfect opportunity for inviting thieves into your home to help themselves to Christmas presents left under the Christmas tree for all to see. Also after Christmas be careful where you store empty boxes which contained expensive equipment as these are a giveaway sign too.

The usual numbers to contact if you see or hear anything suspicious are Northamptonshire Police Switchboard Tel: 03000 111 222 or the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch 01604 432436 or 999 in case of an emergency. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Ros Gardner NHW Co-ordinator

## **Brington and Whilton Pre-School**



### **Christmas Play**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in Whilton Church.**

**All are invited to join with us at the Church at 10.30am for a short Christmas Story performed by the children of the Pre-school. You are then invited to join us for a coffee and mince pie back at the Village Hall. We will raffle a Christmas hamper and have a Christmas stall.**

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**We had a successful Open Day and Coffee Morning on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November in which we raised £25.00 for Children in Need**

**If you have children aged 2 to school age you are quite welcome to join us and come have a look around at any time.**

**Monday 9.30am – 1.00pm, Wednesday 9.30am – 1.00pm  
Friday 9.30am – 12 noon.**

**For further information – contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	7.00 pm	WGA Christmas Supper for Members in Village Hall
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	10.30 am 7.00 pm	Pre-School play in St Andrew's Church Reindeer/Beetle Drive in Village Hall
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	4.00 pm	Christingle in St Andrew's Church
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Service in St Andrew's Church
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in Village Hall
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	9.15 am	Christmas Day Service in St Andrew's Church
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 2011	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Thurs	20 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	7.30 pm	Local History Scty in Village Hall - The Story of The Stone House
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan</b>		

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