

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2009

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2009

In the last issue of the newsletter, notice was given that there would be a holiday period and the new year of membership commence as from 1st April 2009 in place of the usual start date of 1st January. A request was made for volunteers to assist with the collection of the membership subscription but to date there has been no response. We do need to keep the 200 Club running and this year we are aware of the loss of a number of members due to various reasons.

To maintain the level of prize money (1st prize £45 and 2nd prize £25) we cannot afford for the overall number of tickets to drop below 120. When the 200 Club started, nearly 20 years ago, there were 207 tickets held. This year we need to make an effort to increase the number of tickets held and recruit residents who are not already participating.

April 1st is rapidly approaching and it is essential to be ready in good time for the start of the new membership year.

We cannot say this too often: the 200 club is essential to raise funds for carrying out improvements to the village hall for the benefit of the community in the parish of Whilton.

PLEASE MAKE THIS POSSIBLE BY GIVING A LITTLE TIME BY BEING A COLLECTOR.

Shirley & Derek Brown on 842968.

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Reminder of Future Events in the Village Hall

Local History Society

Thursday 12 March 2009- Whilton Festivals & Fetes of the 19th & 20th Centuries. - 7.30 pm

Thursday 21st May 2009 - Monuments & memories in Whilton Church. 7.30 pm

Tuesday Chat

Tuesday 10th February

2.30 - 4.00 pm

Whilton Social Lunch - Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 24th February

WGA - Wednesday 4th February

WPC - Tuesdays 10th February & 10th March

PARISH MATTERS JANUARY 2009

The Parish Council has met twice since the last Newsletter. On 29th December 2008 there was a short meeting to consider planning application DA/2008/1218 for a conservatory at 1 Lodge Cottage, Whilton Locks. The Parish Council supported this application which has since received approval from the District Council.

The main Parish Council meeting was held on 5th January, and was also attended by two parishioners.

Finance

The meeting approved payments for lighting maintenance, the Clerk's salary, the allotment water charge, printing the Newsletter and the annual subscription to the Open Spaces Society.

The precept for 2009 -10 was set at the same amount as last year, £5750, with expected use of the money as follows:

2009-10	PRECEPT
Administration	1450
Clerk's salary	1300
Parish Clock maintenance fund (Grant money this year)	nil
Newsletter	370
Churchyard maintenance	100
Allotments	160
Street lighting	700
Fund towards new street light	500
Roughmoor Spinney	450
Trees	300
Sprucing up the village	100
New village sign	300
Section 137 (competition entries)	20
TOTAL	5750
Intended Reserve Fund, including mower replacement fund, election costs, funds towards a new street light and unforeseen contingencies	£5700

The clock

Our County Councillor Steve Osborne had applied for a grant towards the costs of the replacement of the clock winding unit. Councillors were very pleased to hear that a grant of £2297.25 from the NCC Empowering Councillors and Communities Fund has been agreed. This will cover the whole amount. It was agreed to authorize Smith of Derby to proceed with the work.



Roads, Transport and Footpaths

The Clerk reported that she had put drainage as the top priority for Whilton on the MGWSP list, and that problems with water on the road at both Whilton Locks and Main Street were being followed up. The NCC has posted its intention to adopt Manor Lane and CPM is hoping to instal the new street furniture, once conditions are suitable.

Following the last Parish Walk, the Clerk had been asked to suggest to the County Council that a footpath should be provided between the village and the Locks. The County Council has agreed to look into this.

Village Green

The Clerk reported that the NCC have not yet made a decision on registration of the Green, but have requested a further legal opinion.

The tree report has not yet been received, but it is likely some work will be required this winter.

There had been very little response to the competition for a village sign on the Green. The Chairman asked if anyone would be willing to take responsibility for following this up and investigating a grant, as the £300 allowed in the precept is unlikely to be enough. As there were no volunteers, it was agreed that the matter will be followed up by the Clerk as and when there is time.

The Clerk reported that she had arranged with the DDC for the collection of Christmas trees from the Green for recycling.

Planning

- Greg Lye agreed to hold the spare copies of the Village Design Statement and to be the contact for those who request a copy. Three further copies will be given to the Clerk.
- West Northants Development Corporation: Mike Lewis reported that all the developers have now put in amended plans, and that these are available on the website. The appeal inquiry has been postponed to 20 January.
- DDC response re planning concerns: a letter from Keith Thursfield of the DDC had been received, confirming his understanding that the DDC had already apologised over the handling of the outline planning application for 7 South View.
- The Clerk was asked to follow up the DDC's response to the query on the field entry to the barn at the end of Brington Lane and the appeal against the application for a barn at Felines.

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009-10

The following dates were agreed:

- Monday, 5 January 2009
- Monday, 2 March 2009
- Monday, 27 April 2009 Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday, 11 May 2009 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
- Monday, 6 July 2009
- Monday, 7 September 2009
- Monday, 2 November 2009
- Monday, 4 January 2010
- Monday, 1 March 2010

These meetings will be at the new time of 7.30 p.m.

POLICE LIAISON



The following Police Community Support Officer surgeries in the Village Hall were agreed :

Tuesday, 10 February: 2 – 3 p.m.

Monday, 2 March : 6.30 – 7.30 p.m. before the Parish Council

Lorraine Humfress will also be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 27th April.

All are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 2nd March 2009.

Your Parish Councillors are:

- **Mike Lewis, Chairman, 3 Whilton Locks Cottages**
- **Ken Bowers, Heritage, Brington Lane**
- **Jonathan Hanslip, Rustlings, Brington Lane**
- **Greg Lye, 1 Langton Rise**
- **Nora Swinford, 1 South View**
- **Michael Thomas, 3 Langton Rise**
- **Susan Wingrave, Foxhill, Brington Lane**

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Anthea Hiscock, Langton House

Whilton Social Lunches



A pre-Christmas Social Lunch was held on Thursday, 11th December 2008, when a three course meal including beef casserole and various delectable desserts was served by a group of volunteers. 18 people attended and enjoyed the opportunity to share the meal together. Thanks were expressed to all who had cooked the food.



There will be another Social Lunch on Shrove Tuesday, 24th February. The cost is likely to be £4 again. Please watch for details on the notice board, so that you can book your place.

"TUESDAY CHAT"

This is a new activity in Whilton, and took place for the first time on Tuesday afternoon, 20th January. This was a social afternoon with a cup of tea, a piece of cake and an opportunity to meet and chat with other people from Whilton.

It has been agreed to hold another "Tuesday Chat" from 2.30 - 4 p.m. on Tuesday 10th February in the Village Hall. Please come and join us for an informal afternoon.

There is a charge of £1.50 to cover the hall rent, and all are welcome.

If you need further information, or if you need transport to the hall, please contact:

Ros Gardner, Benny Eyton-Jones, Jane Thomas or Anthea Hiscock

Community Police Support Officer's Surgeries.



Lorraine Humfress, our CPSO, will be holding a surgery in the Village Hall at the following times:

Tuesday 10th February, 2 – 3 p.m.

This will overlap with the next Tuesday Chat, and will give those attending a chance to talk with Lorraine.

Monday, 2nd March, 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

This will be in the hour preceding the Parish Council meeting.

We are all reminded to be vigilant at all times, and to report any suspicious activity at once.



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The AGM held in December 2008 proved to be an enjoyable social and business meeting.

After we were reminded of events that had taken place during the year, the members voted to join the Royal Horticultural Society to obtain the benefit of the insurance cover which is essential to protect the members from any possible litigation in the event of a claim should anything happen during one of our open gardens or fund-raising activities.

Details of the AGM available on request.

Hopefully with bulbs beginning to appear, gardens will soon be ablaze with colour and the trees bursting with new foliage. Perhaps spring has almost arrived (rather early) as Henry (the gander) is chasing Helen (the goose) around the garden!!

When the soil begins to warm up then is the time to consider setting certain seeds. Perhaps also to think of introducing vegetables into your flower borders, runner beans mixed with sweet peas growing up sticks can look very nice and they also attract bees to help propagate the rest of your garden.

Why not get fit this year by renting an allotment in the village. Involve the children by letting them have a corner for themselves. If the thought of digging puts you off then hire a rotavator. It can be very rewarding to eat something that you have grown yourself.

Enquiries for an allotment to be made to Anthea Hiscock, Clerk to Whilton Parish Council –
01327 843319

Tips for Spring

- * **Fruit** Mulch trees and bushes to keep soil moist and weed free.
- * **Lawns** Rake vigorously and mow with blades set high, spike with hollow-tined fork, brush sandy compost into holes.
- * **Roses** Complete routine pruning.
- * **Perennials** Divide plants in beds, pot up for plant sale later in the year.

Programme for 2009

Wednesday, February 4th in the village hall at 7.30 pm – Talk by Christine Dakin on winter gardens (there will be plants on sale).

April – Visit to Robert Manton- Country Crafts

New members welcome to join us.

Olive (General Dogsbody)

Contact Nos. 01327 843169 and 07921429228

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

January 2009

On Thursday 15th January Whilton Local History Society met for a medieval winter meal. Over 30 people sat down by candlelight and tucked into a meal based on food either available or produced in Whilton in about 1388.

1388 was a significant year, because John Holt, a lawyer and the lord of the manor of Whilton, a supporter of Richard II, had been declared a traitor by the Merciless Parliament of that year. The king was too weak to prevent him from being exiled to Ireland. Because all the property of any traitor became forfeit to the Crown, the “civil servants” of the day needed to know what John Holt was worth. As a result we have details of the crops and livestock in the lord’s demesne that year from the ricks of rye and peas and the malt in the granary to the sow with her 12 piglets worth two shillings.

John Holt ‘s land is described as three gardens for depasturing, (this probably means enclosed fields for grazing), 200 acres of arable adjoining the manor, “divers pieces of meadow and pasture”, a dovecote, a water mill, rents, perquisites of courts and 13 boon – works for mowing hay. There were fish ponds too, but it appears no one was very keen on fish, despite the medieval rules for avoiding meat on Fridays and other occasions. The fish in the ponds were sold for two shillings.

The first course was leek and rabbit soup, providing a flavour of the medieval winter cooking pot, which hung over the fire. Every cottager had his own piece of garden, which was cultivated to produce essentials for the family. Onions were grown throughout the country, as were leeks.



Drinks are poured before the meal

The rabbits may have been poached, or may have just been culled to protect the crops. The lord of Whilton Manor, William de Whilton, had obtained the grant of free warren in 1258, and so officially all the rabbits belonged to his successors. However it seems unlikely that they all stayed inside the warren!

This was followed by a small taste of terrine of pike, one of the fish which may have been stocked in the lord of the manor’s fishponds.

The main course consisted of smoked bacon, pigeon breast, pease pudding, parsnips and rye bread with mustard sauce. Records show that peas were grown in quantity in Whilton, and put into ricks. They provided protein and a filling ingredient in the days before potatoes. The pudding was cooked very long and slowly, and took in the flavours of other items in the pot, in this case the bacon. Parsnips were probably grown in the gardens here and perhaps a few pigeons escaped from the lord's dovecote!

Lastly oatcakes were served with a choice of honeyed apples or cheese, all good winter fare in medieval Whilton.



The onion and mustard sauce

Some people liked the sauce and asked for the recipe to be put in the Newsletter, as follows:

Ingredients: -

One onion

A knob of butter (about 1 ½ oz)

1 rounded tablespoon flour

Heaped teaspoon Colman's mustard powder

About 2/3 pint of milk and stock (or liquid from your cooking pot)

Heaped teaspoon French whole grain mustard from Waitrose

Melt the butter and very gently cook the chopped onion, without letting it turn brown (about 15-20 minutes).

Stir in the flour and mustard powder over a gentle heat.

Gradually add the stock and milk, until you reach the consistency you wish, stirring all the time over a low heat.

Allow to barely simmer for about 5 minutes.

Just before serving, stir in the French mustard.

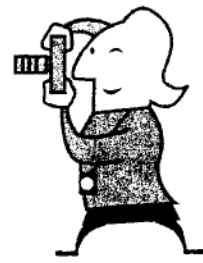
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The next meeting of **WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY** will be in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 12th March.

The subject will be

WHILTON FETES AND FESTIVALS
of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

All are welcome.

Please bring £1-50 to cover expenses.



Whilton Photographic Club

2009 is the year of the photograph - it's official!!

The way we see it, the more photographs you take, the more you can improve your photography. So in 2009 the club is going to focus most of the meetings on reviewing our photos and learning how to improve composition and presentation. This means we will be having more photographic assignments, but there will also be some guest speakers and a few outings to inspire us. We are also going to introduce one-to-one sessions for those people who want to learn how to use their cameras or get to grips with imaging software.

This year our meeting dates will be:

10th February
10th March
23rd April
12th May
9th June
14th July
11th August
8th September
13th October
10th November
8th December

All meetings will start at 8pm and be in the Village Hall and our first outing will be on Thursday 23rd April – something appropriate for St George's Day!!

Models Wanted

We are again looking for people (you, your family, your friends, etc.) to come and be models so that the club members can practice taking photographs. Come and experience a one hour studio session with us 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.

And Finally

If you received a new camera for Christmas and are wondering what all those buttons do, or if you want to know how to get better photos, why not join the Whilton Photography Club. Either contact me for more details, 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 DATE FOR FEBRUARY IS 10TH AND MARCH DATES ARE 3RD & 24TH



WHILTON WALKS



WE ARE PLANNING A WALK OF AROUND 5 MILES / APPROX 2 HOURS ON THE FOLLOWING

DATES: - SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

ALL ARE WELCOME. WE WILL LEAVE PROMPTLY AT 11.00 FROM THE GREEN. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED BY PHONE (843988) TEXT (07715 007931) OR E-MAIL TERESA@TLC-UK.CO.UK.

TERESA LEADBETTER

Sometime between late afternoon on 1st January and the morning of 2nd January someone took my sunglasses from my car which was parked on our driveway. They were Prada and I can't afford to replace them. I would really like them back.

If anyone knows anything or has seen anything suspicious, please would they let me know.

I will give a reward for their safe return.

Many thanks, Lucy Gow

842528

Stay safe at home with *DASH!*

Daventry Area Safety in the Home (*DASH*) is a partnership project involving a range of community safety organisations. These include Daventry District Council, the NHS, Age Concern, Care and Repair, The Police, The Fire Service, DIAL (Disability Information Advice Line) and Daventry Volunteer Centre. It aims to improve the safety and well-being of older people by reducing risks that commonly affect them in their homes such as fire risks, household accidents, home security, and poor heating systems

Since the project began over 3,600 residents across the District have taken advantage of the initiative and now have homes that are safer, more secure and more energy efficient. The project employs a Co-ordinator to support village volunteers who help to spread the word about the project and may provide a familiar link when workers arrive to carry out a job in someone's home.

DASH can offer:

- Grants for heating and insulation; (or FREE in some cases)
- FREE low energy light bulbs for the over 60's;
- FREE home fire safety checks,
- FREE smoke alarms for all residents;
- FREE security checks
- FREE door chains for the over 60's and
- FREE medication review
- FREE Door Intercoms
- FREE loft insulation for the over 70s.

For more information about *DASH* please contact Mal Thompson on 01327 300614.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH FEBRUARY 2009

1ST	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>BRAMPTON</u>
8TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
15TH	9.15 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
22ND	11.00 AM	FAMILY COMMUNION

MARCH 2009

1ST	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>WHILTON</u>
8TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
15TH	9.15 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
22ND	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY
29TH	11.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>

ST ANDREWS CHURCH NEWS

Interregnum

In readiness for the appointment of a new incumbent profiles of both the benefice and each village within it plus a statement of needs have been prepared following several meetings, including one with the Archdeacon and one with the Rural Dean.. After being planned by the Benefice Lay Chairman , secretary and one other, the profiles were put for consideration firstly to the benefice churchwardens and after that meeting finally for approval to them plus PCC secretaries and 2 PCC members. The profiles were then forwarded to the Patrons

The Bishop of Brixworth, The Right Hon. The Earl Spencer. President Corpus Christi College Oxford, the Archdeacon of Northampton, and the representative of the Diocesan Board of Patronage. The position is then advertised in the Church Times (16th and 23rd January) An interview date has been arranged for 24th March. We now await for further news, hopefully that someone has applied.

In the meantime services continue as normal with the help of visiting retired priests. Christingle and Christmas Morning Family Communion were taken by David MacPherson and the Carol Service by the Archdeacon of Northampton and all were well supported.

FUND RAISING

The PCC wishes to thank all who helped and supported the Christmas Bazaar and Carol Flower Festival. This resulted in raising £ 713.85 to church funds.
The fund raising committee meets on 10th February to plan this years events.

St ANDREWS NEED YOUR HELP

We have a lovely 12th/13th century church but it does not look after itself It requires help in the manner of being kept clean and tidy, flowers, and funding. Can you spare approx 1 hour every few weeks to run the vacuum cleaner round and dust or provide and put flowers in the altar vases . Rotas are produced for theses tasks and the more people on them the less times you are required .so please join the few that work hard to keep St Andrews in a good and clean and welcoming condition. Just contact Janet on 842851 or have a word when you see me .

**Janet Bowers
Churchwarden**

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

Please contact Janet Bowers on 842851

THE JOY OF THE GARDEN VISITORS

A garden of shrubs, trees and other bird loving plants bring such a variety of birds. With the cold weather we have been having it has brought some rarer types. I am enjoying regular visits now from the Red Poll which I had not seen before (bird book came out to identify it). Firstly it was the Mealy Red Poll, then a few days later a similar bird but with a white underside - identified as Artic Red Poll. At the end of last year a Barn Owl was seen perched on the fence and a pair of Bull Finches and Black Caps have been observed.



Last week two male pheasants had a rare old fight in the middle of the lawn which went on for 4-5 minutes (don't know who won, it finished behind the shrubbery).

I think we are lucky in Whilton to have such a variety of birds. I have counted and logged 34 different ones in the last 18 months - 2 years. The birds are also lucky that many parishioners supply them with food and in return, we have the delight of observing them.

Janet Bowers

POPPY COLLECTIONS WHILTON NOVEMBER 2008

THE COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR RAISED;

House to house	£190.96
Church Collection	£140.00
Total	£330.96

Many thanks to all those who gave so generously

Philip Waights on behalf of the British Legion

SMILE

SMILING IS INFECTIOUS - YOU CAN CATCH IT LIKE THE FLU
WHEN SOMEONE SMILED AT ME TODAY, I STARTED SMILING TOO
I PASSED AROUND THE CORNER AND SOMEONE SAW ME GRIN
AND WHEN THEY SMILED, I REALISED I'D PASSED IT ON TO THEM
I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT SMILE AND REALISED ITS WORTH
A SMILE JUST LIKE MINE COULD TRAVEL ROUND THE EARTH
SO, IF YOU FEEL A SMILE BEGIN - DON'T LEAVE IT UNDETECTED
LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC, QUICK AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A number of debit and credit cards have been compromised at the Shell Service Station on the A5 at Paulerspury near Towcester and also A508 at Wootton.

The police are advising people to check their bank statements. Anyone who thinks their card has been compromised over the past weeks should contact their bank in the first instance and they can also contact Northamptonshire Police.

Detective Constable Pete Novakovic of the Force's Economic Crime Unit, said: "These types of incidents, while they are very common up and down the country, are thankfully quite rare in the county.

People should always be cautious. Do not give your card to anyone else and always keep hold of it and put it into the machine yourself. If you think there is a camera covering the machine alert the authorities and cover your PIN number with your hand to make sure no-one can read it over your shoulder."

Deputy Coordinator, Neighbourhood Watch



TEL: 01327 701665, 701666 & 701667

FAX: 01327 872403

The Abbey,
Market Square, Daventry
Northants NN11 4XG



WHO CAN USE THE DACT CAR SCHEME?

Anyone who has difficulty accessing public transport, either because they cannot physically get on a bus or because there is no bus service available at the time needed.

DOES DACT ONLY DO MEDICAL JOURNEYS?

We are not a taxi service, and cannot take you to work, shopping or on a pleasure trip. However, if an organisation such as Age Concern were to make a request on your behalf for a journey which was non-medical, but which they considered essential, we would normally try to help.

HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?

We call upon the services of volunteer drivers, who use their vehicles to take you to medical appointments. Please book well in advance if possible. Drivers are usually booked up to a week ahead which means that we sometimes cannot help with late booking requests. If required, our volunteers will accompany you, wait with you for UP TO 2 HOURS, then return you to your home afterwards. There is no charge for the driver's services or for any waiting time. All you pay is a contribution towards petrol and motoring costs.

HOW MUCH WILL MY JOURNEY COST?

There is a nominal cost per mile paid directly to the driver. You will be advised of the cost when you book your journey.

If you are not in when the driver calls or you have not notified the Office of a cancellation you will be expected to cover the minimum charge to cover the driver's expenses.

CAN I GET HELP WITH THE COSTS?

Passengers currently claiming certain benefits may qualify for help with journey costs. e.g. INCOME SUPPORT; PENSION CREDIT GUARANTEE CREDIT; HOLDERS OF HC2 OR HC3 CERTIFICATES; WORKING TAX CREDIT; JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (MUST BE INCOME BASED). Please ask if you are not sure. Proof of claim will be needed so please be prepared to produce your current written award notice or letter. Expenses can normally be reclaimed for hospital appointments only. OUR DRIVERS ACCEPT NATIONAL TRANSPORT TRAVEL TOKENS.

WHERE DOES THE SERVICE OPERATE?

We cover the whole of Daventry District, with the exception of Byfield and Woodford Halse who operate their own scheme. (Rural Wheels, Tel: 01327 260992)

HOW DO I BOOK A JOURNEY?

Please telephone 01327 701665, 701666 or 701667 when you receive your appointment. The earlier you book, the greater chance of confirmed transport. Tell us if you have any special needs or if you need to take a wheelchair or walking frame. A friend or partner may accompany you at no extra cost.

**ONLY JOURNEYS BOOKED THROUGH THE OFFICE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN
- PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR REQUEST TO OUR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS.**



Office hours are 9.30am – 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

24 hour answerphone

Tel: 01327 - 701665, 701666 & 701667

Fax: 01327 - 872403

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ALWAYS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS

Whilton Carol Singers
c/o Mrs Mary Emery
Hilltop Farm
Main Street
Whilton
Daventry
Northamptonshire
NN11 2NN

15 January 2009

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education.org
n.org

WHILTON CAROL SINGING
Whilton Carol singers would like to thank everyone for supporting them and giving so generously on Monday 22nd December 2008.
This is the letter of thanks for donation made.

Dear Friends,

We have recently received your kind donation of £220.00, which was raised through Carol Singing around your village. I would like to thank you for your generosity and support of our work; it is greatly appreciated.

The Motor Neurone Disease Association relies largely on voluntary donations from individuals, companies and organisations. Your contribution will help to ensure that we can continue to fund our dedicated support services and fund further vital research into finding effective treatments and eventually a cure for MND.

We work hard to raise awareness of MND and a recent survey shows a staggering increase in public awareness, from 22% in 2005 to 50% in 2008. I hope that you are able to follow our current campaigns, all of which are published on our website, www.mndassociation.org.

If I can be of any further assistance to you now or in the future, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Maureen Crane
Association Income Processor
On behalf of the MND Association

- President: Prof Colin Blakemore
- Patrons: Sir Roger Bannister CBE
Joel Corbiary
Baroness Ilora Finlay of Handliff
Sir David Frost OBE
Baroness Susan Greenfield CBE
Prof Stephen Hawking CH, CBE, FRS, FRSE
James Niven
James Sherwood



Our Thumbs Up symbol represents David Niven's last defiant gesture. It remains our symbol of hope.

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wed	4th	Feb	7.30 pm	WGA – in village hall – Winter Gardens
Tues	10 th	Feb	9.15 am 2.30 pm 8.00 pm	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough Tuesday Chat & Police Surgery Whilton Photographic Club village hall
Sun	15 th	Feb	11.00 am	Whilton Walk – meeting at The Green
Tues	24 th	Feb	12.30 pm	Whilton Village Social Lunch for Shrove Tuesday
Mon	2 nd	Mar	6.30 pm 7.30 pm	Policy Surgery Parish council Meeting
Tues	3 rd	Mar	9.15 am	Library van in village outside The Old Plough
Tues	10 th	Mar	8.00 pm	WPC – in village hall
Thurs	12 th	Mar	7.30 pm	Whilton Local History Scty. –in village hall – Fetes and Festivals
Sun	15 th	Mar	11.00 am	Whilton Walk – meeting at The Green
Sun	22 nd	Mar	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service in St Andrew’s Church
Mon	21st	Mar		DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER Please hand in your contribution before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Tues	24 th	Mar	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

The Whilton Newsletter is published bi-monthly and circulated free to every household within the Parish boundary. The costs are met by the Parish Council. The Editors are:

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Please supply a disk or memory card 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.