



Whilton Newsletter

Flower Festival
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OPERATION SPRING CLEAN 2000
LITTER PICK THURSDAY 27TH APRIL



10 Adults and 11 children took part in the above litter pick on a fine morning in the school holidays. The children were very adept at recovering strange objects from the hedges including a “keep left bollard”. Other large prizes were a reel of electricity wire and other equipment. Several black bags were filled with discarded cans and food containers.

Thank you to all those who supported the litter pick and also to Trudy Haynes and Diana Scott who provided very welcome refreshments in the village hall.

All the children received a Certificate of Achievement.

Whilton Parish Council
Whilton W.I.

W H I L T O N V I L L A G E H A L L 2 0 0 C L U B

Crime Report

April 18th/19th Mobile phone stolen from parked car during the night. The locked car was standing on the drive of a house at the top of the village. The side window had been smashed.

Reminder

- 1) Do not leave anything in your car where it can be seen
- 2) Check that car and boot are locked and windows shut before leaving. Activate Alarm and Immobilizer where possible. Steering locks act as a deterrent to car thieves.
- 3) Take bags, brief cases, jackets, mobile phones, tapes etc. with you.
- 4) ***REMEMBER - SOMEONE MAY BE WATCHING.***

Daventry Police

Due to changes at Daventry Police Station, all telephone calls are now put through to Northampton

TO CONTACT DAVENTRY POLICE
DIAL 01604 700700 - ASK FOR DAVENTRY CONTROLLER

Christine Bilsborough
Co-ordinator

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MARCH 2000

1st Prize	017	D Day	£40
2nd Prize	104	J Gardner	£20
3rd Prize	109	G Martin	£10

APRIL 2000

1st Prize	003	J Fisher	£40
2nd Prize	107	N Hill	£20
3rd Prize	002	D Sawford	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

La Coruna
Daventry Road
Norton

May 18th 2000

Dear Residents and Friends of Whilton and Whilton Locks,

I would like to express my sincerest thanks for the very generous collection made on my retirement. It was most touching and completely unexpected.

I would like to thank everyone for their custom and support especially when my wife Dilys died. I would also like to express my grateful thanks to Janet who took over the round for me to take holidays. Over the twenty years Dilys and I delivered milk to Whilton many of you have become friends and I have received many gifts of vegetables, grapes and plants.

I know that some of you were surprised by the suddenness of my retirement but one of the conditions made by Express Dairies when they took over my round was that I should make no announcement of this fact.

I look forward to maintaining my contact with Whilton via the Gardeners' Association and Flower Festival and Open Gardens.

Yours sincerely
Bob Wells

THE AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM WHILTON VILLAGE AND WHILTON LOCKS FOR BOB WELLS WAS £283.

**Come to a
MIDSUMMER SOIRÉE
on Saturday 24th June at
7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church, Whilton**

Enjoy Music and Songs, Handbells and Verse in a beautifully decorated church

**Adults - £3, Children - £1 to include tea / coffee & biscuits.
Wine will be available at a small charge**

Tickets available from Sue Townley - 844898 and Janet Bowers - 842851

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April 2000 Meeting

11 members were able to attend the meeting on April 12th. We heard that Ros Gardner and three others had been to Upper Harlestone the previous evening to hear Mr Burnett speak on "Antiques" and to have their treasures valued. Some of the large audience had brought things that turned out to be of personal and sentimental worth only, but many were estimated at around £60 - £75 and a few lucky people had their articles valued at about £100

The Litterpick Day will start at 10.00 am on Thursday April 27th and those taking part will enjoy refreshments in the village hall to reward their labours

There will be a Wine and Cheese Party at Anthea Hiscock's home on June 2nd. More information later.

The speaker for the evening, Mr Worledge, had been booked to speak on "The Yorkshire Dales" but most of his slides turned out to be of shows he had visited in that region - at Kilnsey Crag particularly - and the east coast around Staithes, Whitby and Robin Hood Bay. The photographs were interesting - particularly those of the 4-horned dales sheep, but we wished we had seen more of the countryside as we had expected.

Janet Bowers gave the vote of thanks and the raffle, given by Frances Drake, was won by Shirley Brown.

Diana Scott

USED STAMPS

If anyone has any used stamps, could I have them within the next two weeks please? I will then be making my last contribution to Lyncrest School having decided to stop collecting after twenty years.

My sincere thanks to all who have contributed, I know our efforts have been greatly appreciated at the school

Trudy Haynes

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITIONS 2000

Whilton has been entered for these competitions and it is fair to assume that we shall have a visit by the judges during the first week of June. The subsequent visits will take place during the next four months ending 30th September 2000. Unlike the East Midlands in Bloom Competition where we know the date of the visit of the judge, in the above case the judges arrive in the village unannounced.

We need to sustain a period of four months of being on our toes, particularly in respect of the absence of litter and tidiness of public features which attract 50% of the maximum marks in the village competition.. Insofar as the Churchyard Competition is concerned, the absence of litter carries 20 marks with 30 marks for care of the grass around the gravestones and 35 marks for the care of the paths, verges, walls, gates etc. It is therefore hoped that our request for further volunteers for help in the churchyard will not go unheeded.

These competitions go hand in hand with the East Midlands in Bloom and it is hoped that all residents of the village will rise to the dual challenge,

D.F.B. (842968)
Whilton Parish Council



THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 17th May, 7.30 pm at the village hall. The following officers were appointed:-

Chairman - D Brown: Treasurer - R Bunce: Secretary - S Brown

The representatives of all village organisations were duly re-elected. Jo Grant and Richard Bunce were nominated as the elected members representing Whilton Parish residents and were proposed and seconded to the Management Committee.

The main topic discussed was the Italian Black Poplars following a visit by another expert who pointed out that he considered the trees were a potential danger and should have been felled at least 20 years ago.

The Management Group have a duty, within reason, to ensure the safety of people visiting the spinney and therefore have no option but to have the black poplars felled at the earliest opportunity. It is accepted that there will be a drastic change to the skyline for a short period but there is a very good undercover of native species just waiting to claim the light and provide a new skyline. Once we have dealt with the black poplars, we can deal with the planned planting of native species in the autumn.

Our local expert (Derek Coates) will be quite happy to carry out a conducted tour of the spinney and explain the reasons for our proposed action.

Our Working Parties are still very successful and well attended. **Please note that our next Working Party will be on Sunday - 11th June, 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm**

Derek Brown - 842968

IN BRIEF.....

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE *Just a reminder that the library van calls in the village every other Tuesday at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough. Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained, why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The June dates will be 6TH and 20TH and July dates will be 4TH and 18TH.*

NORTHAMPTON ACRE - *The Whilton Spinney Project and Whilton Parish Millennium Map have been registered for the Millennium Village Project for the Northamptonshire Acre Millennium Awards. The award ceremony takes place on Sunday, 2nd July when representatives from the parish hope to attend.*

WHILTON MILLENNIUM MUGS - *There is just one mug left - the price is £6. The potter will not be making any more. If you are interested please ring Derek Brown on 842968.*

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

JUNE 2000

4TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT BRAMPTON
11TH	9.30 AM	PILGRIMAGE 2000 EUCHARIST STARTING AT NORTON, THEN WHILTON, BRINGTON, EAST HADDON, HARLESTONE ENDING AT BRAMPTON
18TH	6.00 PM	SUNG EUCHARIST
25TH	6.00 PM	SONGS OF PRAISE FOR FLOWER FESTIVAL

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

In response to my previous request, one person came forward and agreed to carry out strimming where necessary but assistance is still urgently needed to ease the workload in respect of other tasks.

The church has available for use a self-propelled rotary motor mower, an electric flymo and strimmer.

If you have a little time to spare, on a fairly regular basis, during the growing months you will be warmly welcomed. Please contact Derek Brown - 842968

WHILTON WI

Our May meeting is always a discussion meeting, based on the resolutions to be voted on at the National WI gathering in June. This year we had a visitor to lead our discussion, Pam Farrington from Potterspur, who has the title of VCO (Voluntary County Organiser). This rather cumbersome and old fashioned title is soon to be changed.

Whilton members voted for all three resolutions this year, although we felt the third was very general, and unlikely to do more than raise the issue for the present.

The first resolution urges the Government to allow people to continue to collect their pensions and benefits in cash at the Post office beyond 2000. Whilton WI has already written to Tim Boswell on this subject, and being a village which has lost its Post Office, members felt this was an important issue.

The second resolution urges that the funding of children's hospices should be in accordance with the principles for adult hospices. Children's hospices at present are disadvantaged in comparison.

The third resolution is hard to oppose, as it urges the Government to greatly improve the treatment and therapies available to stroke sufferers to achieve a far higher national standard of care. At present services vary in different parts of the country, and Pam Farrington had personal experience of poor and good services to tell us about.

Besides our discussions and voting, members also planned the Cheese and Wine evening with Mystery Auction. This will be held at Langton House on the evening of 2 June. Tickets will soon be available for this at £4.

Proceeds will be shared between the Macmillan Nurses and Whilton WI.

Anthea Hiscock
Secretary

COPPER MILE UPDATE

I am unable to bring you a detailed update this month. My computer doesn't want to play - the wonders of technology !!

However I can report that we have added a further £25 mix of 2p and 1p coins to the mile, so well done to all those who donated their coppers.

Hopefully I will be able to issue a full report on the distance advanced in the next newsletter when my computer has returned from the computer hospital.

Meanwhile I'm off to make some back up files with those wonderful reliable inventions of pen and paper !!

Gill Denbigh

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

At the April Meeting it was confirmed that (1) the Association had entered Whilton in the East Midlands in Bloom Competition (2) pumpkin seeds had been purchased for the largest pumpkin competition with a first prize of £10 and a second of £5 and (3) a Get Well card had been sent to Mr Mike Davies of Plantsman, West Haddon who is recovering from a heart valve operation.

The programme for 2001 and topics agreed, subject to the availability of speakers, are Fuchsias and Pelegoniums, Wild Flowers, Clematis, Ornamental Grasses and Orchids.

We have suffered some difficulties with Dobies on the seed purchasing so investigation into discount allowances with Unwins, Suttons and Kings will then be discussed at our next meeting. Final arrangements for two summer outings will also be finalised at this meeting on 5th June.

The Speaker for the April Meeting was Mr Trevor Ray who gave a very interesting talk on Alpines, illustrated with slides. We learnt how to utilise sinks and troughs and even how to make our own, what compost to use and how to use it in conjunction with other requirements needed for drainage and successful sink gardens. The slides showed the various and beautiful Alpine plants including a wide range of Saxifrage. We were given lists of plants and also had the opportunity to purchase some Alpines.

Janet Bowers
Secretary

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Judging time will soon be here again - **6th July**. Tidy front gardens, well kept verges and colourful displays of hanging baskets etc. will all help to ensure Whilton will get high marks.

As last year, the Whilton Gardeners' Association is holding a competition for the best hanging basket, tub or window box with prizes of 1st - £10 and 2 runners up of £5 each. Last year this resulted in many more very colourful and attractive displays.

WILL 2000 BE AS SUCCESSFUL OR EVEN BETTER?

Janet Bowers, Co-ordinator.



WHILTON GARDEN AND FLOWER FESTIVAL



Sunday, 25th June, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm followed by Songs of Praise Service at 6.00 pm.

Village gardens open. Flower arrangements in the church based on the theme "Past Century". Stalls selling plants and cakes, tombola and white elephant and books will be situated on the green by the church. There will be other attractions and sideshows like skittles etc. Homemade cakes and tea will be available in the village hall, giving one a chance to rest those weary feet.

Details of stall and stallholders will be circulated nearer the time.

Profits to St Andrew's Church Designated Fund

Janet Bowers
Co-ordinator

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting of the PCC was held on Wednesday 29th March 2000 which was too late for the April Newsletter. Items which may be of interest are as follows:-

- 1) Gate to Ringing Chamber - Mr Peter Finnemore has agreed to make this.
- 2) Millennium Yew Tree - this was planted during a special Family Service on 27th February 2000 which was led by the Revd. Maurice Walton.
- 3) Treasurer's Report - copies of the audited Financial Statement were presented to the members for approval. Mr Philip Waights proposed and Mrs Janet Bowers seconded that they should be accepted and this was unanimously agreed. There is a definite need to increase the income in the General Fund as the Parish Share has risen by £550 per annum and unfortunately our income from Covenants has reduced for various reasons.
This matter is to be addressed urgently.

- 4) UNBLINC - details of the following were given:-
2nd July - Summer Social following the Benefice Service at Whilton
16th September - Away Day to Lincoln.
 - 5) The Rector reported that the Emmaus Course had been well attended.
 - 6) Benefice Pilgrimage - this is to take place on Sunday, 11th June.
 - 7) AGM Matters - the following are needed - two Church Wardens, secretary and PCC Members.
 - 8) Election to Village Organisations - Village Hall Management Committee - Mrs Shirley Brown and Whilton Spinney Management Group - Mrs Janet Bowers.
 - 9) The AGM Meeting to be held on Monday 17th April and the next meeting 24th July.
- Derek Brown, PCC

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

A Registered Nursery Education Provider and a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

The Summer Term has commenced with a good number of children on the register. This term has seen some staff changes within the group saying goodbye to Sara Mitchell and thanks for all her time and experience she has put into the group and we welcome Jayne Batson as Assistant Supervisor.

During this part of the term we have been looking at Colours, mixing primary colours to make new colours, different food colours, different textures and different colours in the world around us.

In the next part of the term we shall be looking at Me/My Environment and Growth. This term we shall also be holding our Friday morning session in Brington School, to enable those children due to start school in September to familiarise themselves with the school, staff and children.

In the summer term we shall be having a summer outing and also a Sponsored Bike Ride.

In September we shall have vacancies for children aged 2 years 9 months - 4 years. We offer a friendly, safe and stimulating environment for your child to begin learning through play, interaction with other children their own age and development of social skills in preparation for formal schooling, but most of all to come along and enjoy themselves.

We have recently been Ofsted and Social Services inspected and have received very good reports. We have sessions available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am until 12noon at Whilton Village Hall. If you require more information, or wish to register your child, please contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083.

THE WHILTON MILLENNIUM MAP

At last the Whilton Millennium Map is now hanging for all to see in the Village Hall. The unveiling ceremony took place on Friday 12 May, when a number of parishioners gathered to see the map and the exhibition of how it was prepared. We also enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles as part of the celebration.

THE UNVEILING

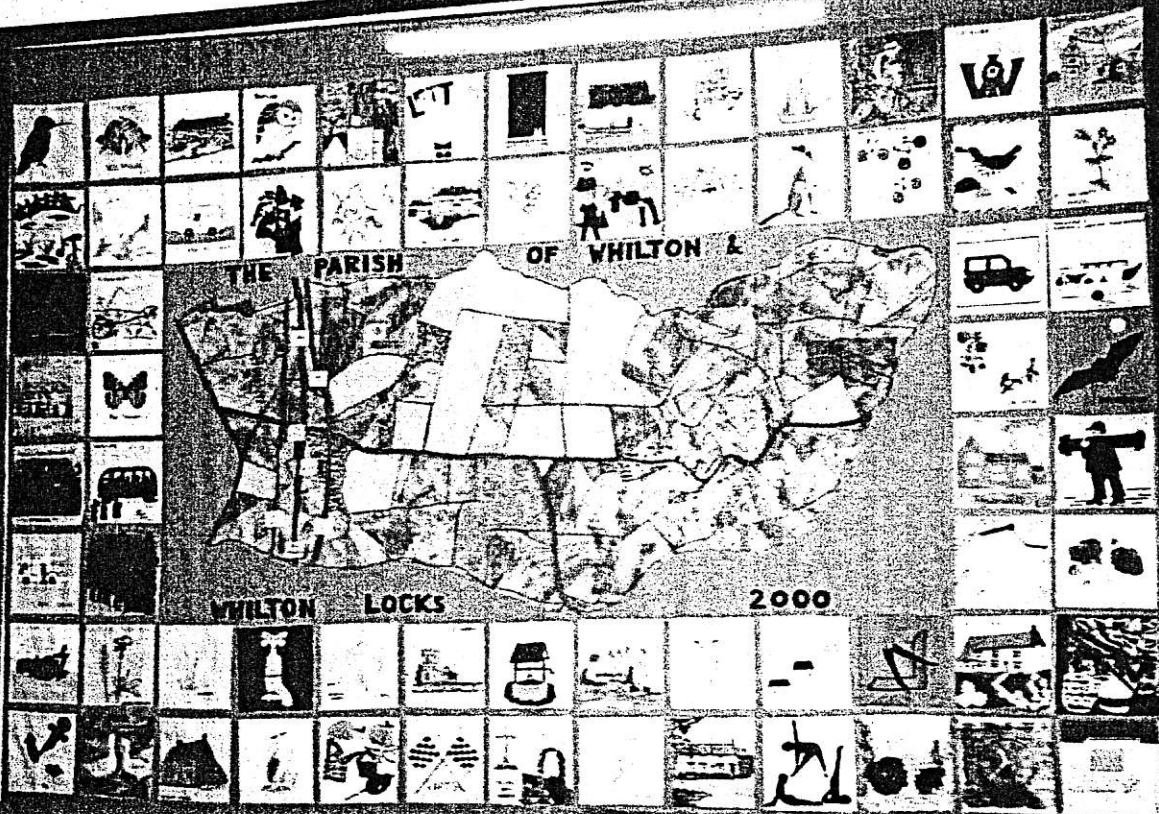
The map was revealed before a gathering of parishioners on Friday 12 May. It was unveiled by Katy Naughton, who is the Millennium Village Project Co-ordinator for Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and the map has been entered for a Millennium Village Project award. Yvonne Orchard, who then worked for Northants ACRE, came to our very first meeting to give us advice and encouragement.

Another special guest was Maureen Walton, representing Northants Federation of WIs, because Whilton WI has produced the central map.

THE MAP

The "map" is a fabric wall hanging, showing the parish as a map, with 68 fabric squares stitched around it. Each square depicts some aspect of the village, including buildings, organisations, activities, industries, wildlife and transport. The squares have been produced by over 30 different people in Whilton, who have been working on this for about three years. These have been worked in a variety of ways, including cross stitch, fabric painting, felt and fabric collage, crochet, embroidery, beadwork and photos transferred to fabric.

A number of miniature pottery plaques have been stitched onto the WI central map, depicting other aspects, such as the motorway and the spring in Manor Lane. These plaques were produced by potter Peter Ilsley of Whilton Locks and the designs drawn by Barbara Lewis.



WHO MADE IT?

The bulk of the background work has been carried out by the Committee, whose membership varied according to the time people had and the skills required at different periods. There was a core of about five who worked throughout.

Other people have helped in a variety of ways, including drawing designs, donations of and towards materials, assisting behind the scenes and transporting the frame from Daventry. Tom Treacey used his van for this. Getting the frame through the narrow hall porch on election day caused a diversion for all! The frame has been made by Roger Peach of Evergreen Galleries, Daventry.

MAKING THE MAP

We first started talking about making a parish map in 1996. The talking led to a village questionnaire and the making of a "village alphabet". How many of you can remember these? There were then many months of deciding how to make the map, what to put on it, using information from the alphabet and questionnaire. Then came the drawing of designs and making readjustments. The map was not meant to be an exhibition of high class needlework, but a reflection of the community. We held a launching weekend, when quite a few people came and took away fabric squares on which to work a design, and Janet Bowers, who had the task of following up all these squares, is now breathing a sigh of relief!

Meanwhile the WI stitched the main centre of the map, and when that was finished, we began having sewing groups to stitch that part and all the squares to the background. When the stitching was finished, we had a last afternoon when we pressed the map and stitched on the delicate pottery plaques, before it was put into the frame. We hope everyone in Whilton will be pleased with the result.

There is a key to the squares, which we intend to leave on the wall below the map for the time being, but a record of the whole project has been kept, and will eventually be looked after by the Parish Council. In the meanwhile the display and the file of notes has been taken as part of our entry for the Millennium Village Project and will be returned to us in July.

A COMMUNITY PROJECT

If we include all who have helped in any way, over a tenth of the population has been involved, showing this has been a real community project. It is impossible to describe all the ways in which people have helped, but among them were designing and sewing, giving donations and materials, taking photos, and reproducing maps and designs, being treasurer, cutting out squares, storing the map and making refreshments.

The project has been almost entirely funded by the Parish Council, who have also provided practical assistance, particularly with hanging the map. The Village Hall Committee allowed us to meet there free of charge and to hang the map where it can be seen.

We hope that every time people have occasion to use the Village Hall, the map will be of interest and a reminder of our community.

Anthea Hiscock.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

We are still urgently seeking a secretary for the above Management Committee and possibly two other representatives. This is not a very demanding commitment as there are only three or four meetings per year

If you are interested in helping, please phone Mike Lewis (842404) or Derek Brown (842968)

BRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ☞ Already the summer term is in full swing and the end of term production of Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is in rehearsal. On Saturday 20 May the school held their summer fair with the usual plant stall, books, crafts and teas. The Year 6 children run their own stalls such as name the teddy, find the treasure and beat the goalie! As usual the sun shone although the F A Cup Final may have prevented some fathers (and mothers) attending.
- ☞ The school was fortunate to be awarded free tickets for some of the children to visit the Millennium Dome earlier this term. Although it was a long day out (for the teachers too) I am sure the verdict was that it was a valuable experience.
- ☞ Soon the children will be looking forward to 'going up day' when they spend the day with the class that they will be working in next year. The children leaving will travel to Campion School for the day.
- ☞ For the staff the workload is forever increasing with target setting, self-evaluation, school development plans and curriculum policies constantly needing reviewing and writing. Oh, and it may soon be time for another Ofsted inspection, despite the very positive outcome to the last one. And with the role of the Governor developing, there is now the option of studying for an NVQ in how to do the job....
- ☞ Regarding the proposed commemorative belfry, sadly as yet no funds have been committed by other organisations in the local community, although several approaches are still outstanding.

Jane Bunce May 2000

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY SHOP - DAVENTRY

When you are spring cleaning or just clearing out clothes or household goods or bric-a-brac, for which you have no further use, you may wish to dispose of them at a local charity shop. I am a voluntary worker at the above shop and if you give me a ring on the number below I will pick up the donated goods from your house and take them to the Daventry shop.

We are also in need of volunteers to work in the shop in Sheaf Street. The hours are either 10.00 am - 1.00 pm or 1.00pm - 4.00 pm. Monday to Friday. Some volunteers also work Saturday mornings.

It is a great way to meet people and help young people at the same time.

Shirley Brown (842968)

WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CARE

Communities are about people working together for the benefit of the community. There is an element of self determination and being able to influence the shape and future of the community in which you live. YOU can be part of the shaping process - how many street lamps are there? - are the grasses verges kept tidy? - what is the parish precept spent on? YOU can help the community by being on the Parish Council. We have **THREE VACANCIES** that we would like to fill by co-opting. We only have six regular meetings each year with some extra ones for urgent planning matters, so it will not take too much of your time.

Please give it some consideration, talk to the Clerk, Keith Hiscock or the Chair, Mike Lewis and join us in shaping OUR community.

Mike Lewis 842204
Keith Hiscock 843319

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Telephone 843319