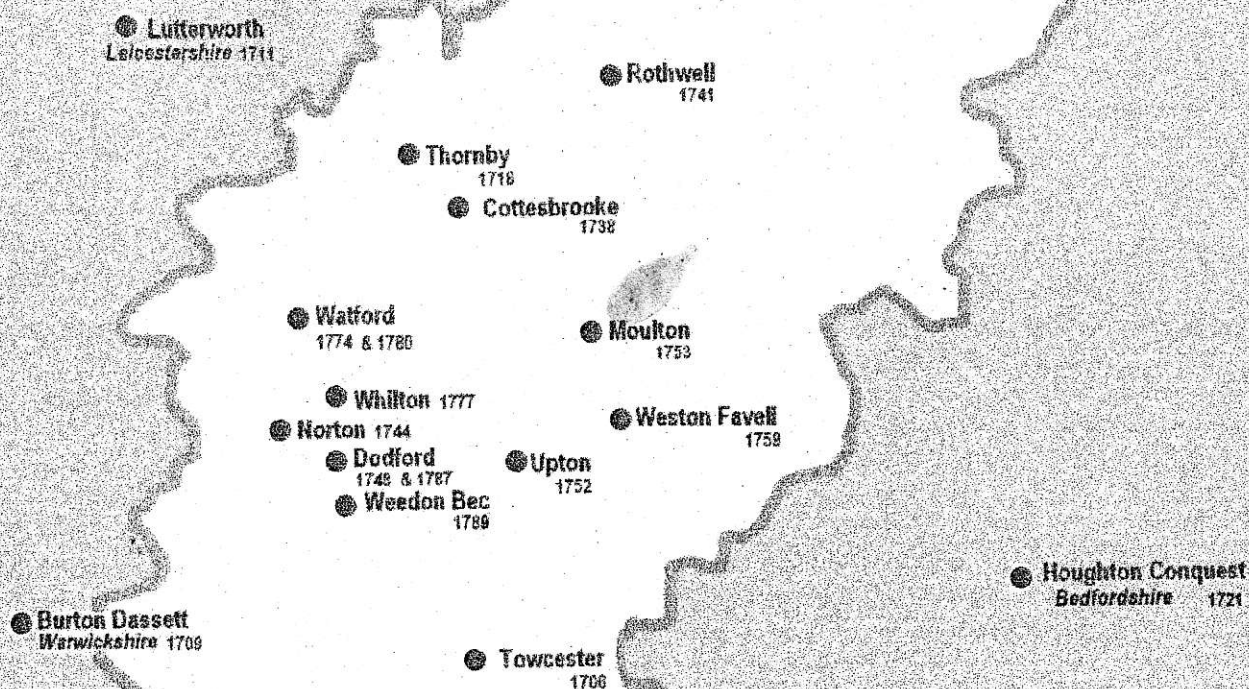


WHILTON NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2001



Map showing the wadd grounds of Northamptonshire & neighbouring counties 1700 to 1800, where the family of Abraham Powell cultivated and processed woad. (see inside for details)

More about ABRAHAM POWELL, the Watford Wadd-man in Whilton, in 1777.

In the February Newsletter, I wrote about the 'labourer' Abraham Powell (whose name appeared in the 1777 Whilton Militia List) and explained how recent research by Vivien Billington shows that he was no ordinary labourer but a specialist in the growing, harvesting and processing of woad — the crop which was used to produce the blue dye which was extensively used in the cloth industry. Abraham was a temporary resident of our village and belonged to an itinerant wadd community which at that time was based in Watford. I became curious to know more about him, so I set myself the task of trying to find answers to questions such as

- who was he? — where and when was he born?*
- who were his parents? — where were they from? — how long had they been working in woad?*
- who else was working in Wadd Close with Abraham Powell? — where did they come from?*

I began by contacting Mrs. Billington, who lives in Bath, telling her about our Wadd Close and showing an interest in the wadd-people who would have worked here. She was most helpful and explained how, over many years, she has built up an extensive index of woad 'events' — mainly by searching the baptismal, marriage and burial registers of Northamptonshire Parishes and to some extent, those of the neighbouring Counties. A copy of her Northamptonshire Woad Index (listing over 2,000 woad-related events) has been deposited in the Northampton Record Office, and from it can be extracted information on more than 40 records of Abraham Powell's family. The details can be checked against microfiche copies of the original entries in the Parish Registers, and also against photocopies of Transcripts that were prepared annually for the Bishop of the time. From these records, it has been possible to work out the itinerary of the Powell family from 1706 to 1803, which can be followed on the map on front cover.

In 1706, Abraham Powell's grandfather **Mark Powell** married **Jane Bumford** at **Towcester** (where they were working in woad, in nearby Hulcote) and they had at least four children. These have been identified from baptismal records found in four different Counties — **Mark** at **Burton Dassett** in Warwickshire (1709), **Thomas** at **Lutterworth** in Leicestershire (1711), **Francis** at **Thornby** in Northamptonshire (1718) and **Elizabeth** at **Houghton Conquest** in Bedfordshire (1721) — which illustrates the great distances that wadd-men travelled with their families, to the woad grounds.

Their son **Thomas**, married **Martha Barrows** (another woad-worker) at **Cottesbrooke** in 1738, and they had two sons **Thomas** & **Mark** baptised at **Rothwell** (1741 & 1743) — but this **Thomas** died in 1744. Another son **Matthew** was baptised at **Norton** later that year but, sadly, this was on the same day that his mother **Martha**, was buried there. The Parish Registers at Norton show that **Thomas** stayed on and married **Elizabeth Lawson** (also from a woad family) in 1746, and had their first child **Ann**, baptised there in 1747. They were at **Dodford** for the baptisms of **Elizabeth** & another **Thomas** (1748 & 1750) before moving on to **Upton-by-Northampton** and the baptism of **William** in 1752. It was at **Moulton** that **Abraham** was baptised in 1753, followed by **John** in 1755. The family were at **Weston Favell** in 1759, where 10-year old **Elizabeth** was buried.

The burial of Abraham's mother (Thomas's second wife **Elizabeth**) took place in 1774, at **Watford**. This was the same year that Abraham (by then aged 21) was drawn in the Watford ballot, to serve in the Militia. It is probable that a substitute was paid to serve in his place, because three years later he was working here in **Whilton** where, in the 1777 Militia List, he was shown to be exempt from the draw. By 1780, he had married and returned to **Watford**, where four children **Elizabeth**, **William** (buried in 1784), **Ann** & **Hannah** were baptised between 1780 and 1786. Abraham's father **Thomas** — a widower for the second time — married **Ann Howard** at **Weedon Bec** in 1786, but died the following year and was buried in **Dodford**. Abraham had a son **Thomas** baptised at **Weedon Bec** in 1789, and three more at **Dodford** between 1791 & 1797. The **Dodford** burial records show that all three died in childhood and also that his wife **Hannah** was buried there, in 1798. It is in the **Dodford** Registers that the latest record of Abraham's family has been found — the marriage of Abraham's daughter **Elizabeth** (aged 23) to **William Butlin** of **Welton** in 1803.

I haven't managed to find all the answers to my questions about Abraham and his family yet! — but by tracking this one branch of the Powell family from 1706 to 1803, it has been possible to confirm the itinerant nature of the specialist woad-growers, who were working in our Wadd Close over 200 years ago.



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PARISH MATTERS

May as usual has been a heavy month with the Annual Parish Meeting and the following Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th May. The Council were pleased to see four members of the public and Cllr Wendy Amos.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting chaired by our Chairman Mike Lewis heard and approved the minutes of the last meeting on 22nd May 2000. A series of reports summarised below continued to show a wide range of activities and community involvement which argued well for the future.

Report From the Parish Council. Mr Lewis presented a synopsis of the most important events for the Parish Council last year. These have been systematically reported in these columns but it was important to remind us of certain events. The Council had co-opted three new keen Councillors at the start of the year. The village had won its class in the village of the year competition. Work had been undertaken to improve the village from awards from the NCC and DCC. Bulbs, shrubs, trees and a new seat at the bottom of the village are promised from the latter, and road and verge improvements from the former. These have yet to be completed but promise well.

Mr Lewis reminded us of the number of planning applications reviewed and our successful interventions. Three new houses had been approved while two upgrades proceeding without planning permission were questioned and one stopped. Potholes and the stream down Main Street had been sorted. However concerns about Southview and the stream flowing down the Z bend at the bottom of the village had yet to be resolved by Highways. This was part of a larger problem of diverted water in Manor Close still not settled. We had encountered unforeseen problems over erecting the Millennium Plaque on the village green but it was hoped this would be done once the now required planning permission had been approved.

Financially the Parish was in a sound position with the triennial audit now completed and signed off. The precept for this present year had been reduced and it had been decided to keep reserves of one year's expenditure in future. He thanked all who had helped to make this a successful year.

Financial Report The clerk presented the Accounts for the year. These had been displayed on both notice boards. The Council had a balance of £5768. It had received £4339 and spent £2769. There had been little expense on the election and the cost of the Audit had fallen to the present year as a result reserves were higher than expected. However the Parish had now undertaken to pay for grass cutting in the Churchyard as it was the village burial ground. The Accounts were approved by the meeting.

Report of the Parochial Charities Mr Hiscock as the new Parish Council Trustee read his report to the meeting. This is reproduced in full because all parishioners are asked to comment on the proposals from the Trustees before the next Council Meeting on 2nd July. At present the Trusts have assets of £6095 and had an income of £169 this last year.

Report of the Primary School Governors Mrs Bunce deputy chair of the Board of Governors had written a report that was read to the meeting accompanied by a print out of the school website(www.bringtonprimary.uk.org.) The school was thriving providing a happy learning environment for its 68 children on role and three teachers. A whole host of activities were described and some £600 had been raised for three charities. The main event for the summer following successful fundraising and donations will be the unveiling of the new bellcote on 30th June to commemorate the school's 150th Birthday.

Report of the Village Hall Committee Mr Lewis gave a report on another successful year. Income was up, and various activities continued. The proposed improvement of the toilets had not taken place as up to date advice was required to comply with incoming regulations about disabled access. It was hoped this would be done this year. New ideas for village activities would be most welcome as well as use for individual bookings. He thanked his committee for their work and support.

Report from the District Councillor Mrs Amos presented her report and presented her husband's apologies. She spoke of the overspending at the Council and how the presentation of the independent report had been delayed by the election. We were reminded that DCC remained one of the wealthiest districts in capital and its council tax was well within the lowest 25%. As councillor and Chairman of the Planning Committee she has been and remains available to talk with and try to resolve issues for individuals.(01327 340386)

Report of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Mrs Bilsborough spoke of another almost trouble free year but there was a slight increase in reported incidents. These involved theft from an unlocked car, a car being driven badly through the village late at night marking lawns etc and visits from some rowdies ringing bells and knocking on doors. One burglary had occurred in daylight hours. She reported her concern over a drop in police contact and sharing information over the years, which she hoped would be corrected. This she told us would have to be by her successor as she would step down at the beginning of July as she and Paul hoped to move nearer to the family. The Chair expressed the thanks of the whole village for her conscientious work over nearly eight years. It was now the task to identify a successor. **Volunteers please speak with her or me quickly.**

Report of the Spinney Management Committee The whole meeting was very pleased to have Derek Brown back amongst us to present his report. He reported that working parties had been well attended and a considerable amount achieved before the wet winter and foot and mouth stopped access. There was now a problem over the removal of the unsafe poplars as access to the site to remove them had unexpectedly not been agreed despite a splendid offer to cut and buy the timber. This will mean a much slower progress unless grants and permission can be gained. He was grateful to all who had helped but the group were indebted especially to Derek Coates for his expertise. He looked forward to renewed efforts and the continuation of the plant surveys in the coming year.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Brevity must be the aim here before you nod off.

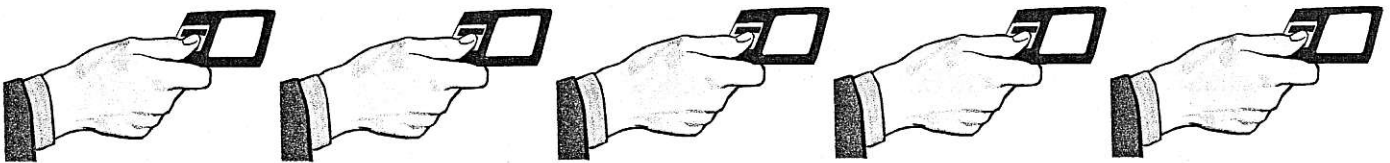
Cheques were agreed for nearly £600 to pay for light maintenance, audit and annual fees. **Limited progress on Highways and the Plaque** were explored and the way forward agreed. It was agreed to ask our contractor to **increase the number of grass cuts in the Churchyard** during this growing period to get the grass down to below 2" and keep it there. This followed excessive bags filled on second cut. A note of thanks from the Parochial Church Council for taking this on was received. **Receipts for claiming our awards** needed to be chased to keep to DCC deadline but the seat had arrived. **A response to the Councils letter to DCC** about the engine noise from Whilton Mill engines was long overdue and Cllr Amos agreed to check this out for us.

The application to again compete in the **Village of the Year Competition** has been lodged. Derek Brown has after a number of years given up the completion of the interesting but full application form and getting us all to co-operate for which he is thanked. **We need another volunteer to take this on. Is that You.** Speak to me .

Anyway remember the competition starts June 1st.

More next time, but it would be an encouragement to see and hear more from parishioners at the meetings before decisions have to be made.

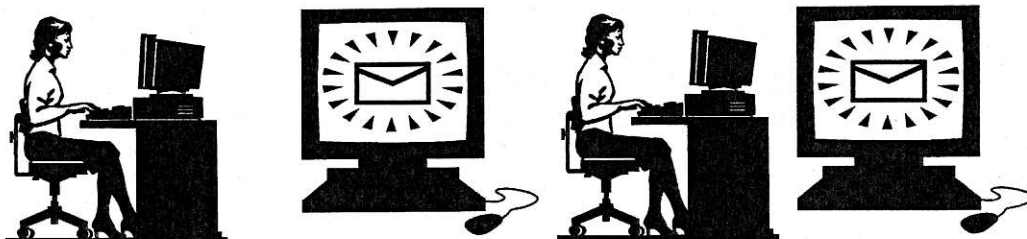
Our next Meeting is on July 2nd 8pm at the Village Hall.



ITEMS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

It would be most helpful to the Editors if regular contributors to the Whilton Newsletter would consider submitting their article, if preparing on a PC, via a disk (saved to floppy disk/A drive) or by email (saraspicer@lineone.net). We quite often need to put two separate articles on to the same page and this would save time in re-typing the item if we could simply 'copy' them onto a new page. For those who do not use a PC and handwrite their article, this is fine and we will of course continue to type up their contribution as before. If anyone has any query, please contact Sara Meadows Tel.844211.

Thank you in anticipation.



REPORT ON THE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

1999-2001-05-07

Prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on May 14th 2001

This brief report covers two years as the illness of Harold Haynes last year meant he was unable to render this service that he had done for many years as the Parish Council nominee to the Trustees. His death a little later last year led to the need to appoint a new Trustee to join Frances Drake and the Rev. David Macpherson as the appointed board. The Parish Council appointed me to that vacancy in November.

Since then I have prepared the accounts for the two years and the trustees have continued to discuss how these funds can benefit those in the village who were meant to do so. As Harold reminded the meeting on a number of occasions the Charities have a considerable sum available but it can only be used to help poor residents of the parish. This requirement has meant only three payments have been made in the last decade and none in the last four years. These payments were made for playgroup fees, uniforms, and a bed. Beneficiaries can be any age although the main original trust was for the provision of clothes and shoes of young girls, most probably going into service.

The Trustees are considering two possible new approaches and they would welcome the views of parishioners. The first is to reach an agreement with a debt counselling service such as CAB to pay for them to offer confidential sessions for parishioners and consider recommendations from that organisation for the help of individuals. The question remains whether people would use such a service and be more prepared to evidence their difficulties to their counsellors rather than the Trustees. The second is to extend the area of benefit to include a much more obviously poor one, possibly one overseas if the Charity Commissioners would allow this.

It will be necessary to wind up the charity and the funds transferred to a similar trust that could use the monies elsewhere, if some way is not found to use the funds here. We need to know whether these ideas are acceptable or you have other suggestions. If they are tried and not used, and if the parish continues to fail to identify a project that would directly benefit the poor of the village then it appears to us winding up must be pursued. We would welcome discussion here and through the Newsletter or you making contact with one of us within the next two months.

Accounts:	1999-2000	2000-2001
Income from COIF Shares	£165.46	£165.10
Interest from Bank account:	£2.20	£4.45
Balance at bank	£744.76	£904.31
Capital account Shares 31 st Dec 1999	£1704.75	£1663.96
Subsequent Share Purchases 31 st Dec:	£3613.29	£3526.83
Total:	£6062.80	£6095.10

The loss in value of the shares reflects market conditions and the Charity Organisation has given notice of an inability to sustain dividends at last years level this year.

(Note Expenditure of £10 for repeat Statements)

Keith Hiscock. Clerk to the Parish Council and nominee to the Trustees.

OPERATION SPRING CLEAN 2001

On April 19th eighteen people from Whilton took part in this national campaign by carrying out a litter pick of the parish. Because a good number of Adults were present we were able to cover more of the parish than last year. We worked in small groups and were able to cover from the A5 up Whilton Hill and through the village.

As Usual we found most litter on the main road, where, it appears, people just throw things out of their car windows. The container of fast food and drink made up the bulk of the litter, which could easily have been binned at home. We did also find a vodka bottle (empty!), various parts of cars and remains of temporary road signs, mostly in the hedges.



We had a fine morning for this task and ended up with over 12 sacks full of rubbish, which the District Council collected. Members of the WI served refreshments in the Hall afterwards, and the children who took part received certificates for their work. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our parish a tidier and more pleasant place.
Anthea Hiscock.

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 5TH & 19TH and JULY dates will be 3RD, 17TH and 31ST*

WHILTON SPINNEY - *No work is possible at the moment due to Foot & Mouth Disease Restrictions.*

CONGRATULATIONS



on the birth of a daughter to Lucy and Ben Gow (Holly House) on Sunday 13th May, a sister for Alice and Rosie.

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the Association was in April when we enjoyed an informative talk accompanied by slides on ornamental grasses. There is a large variety of heights and colours, some requiring large gardens due to their invasive habit and others are small and neat, making them suitable for containers. Some grasses are coloured; especially attractive are the blue varieties. others have coloured stems.

Prior to the talk, the meeting was presided over by Mr Ian Woods. All seeds have been received from Kings and have been satisfactory. The programme for 2002 is being organised and final arrangements for outings was made. The evening closed with refreshments.

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Whilton Gardeners' Association has once again entered the village in the East Midlands in Bloom Competition.

Tidy gardens, neatly mown verges, lack of weeds and litter will contribute to the marks awarded. Judging usually takes place in July.

In conjunction with that competition, the Gardeners' Association is organising the best hanging basket, window box or tub contest. This will be judged by the East Midlands in Bloom judge and a first prize and two runners-up prizes of garden vouchers will be awarded.

Can we improve on the attractiveness of the village? A little extra effort can surely achieve this.

Janet Bowers

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



There has been no reported crime in Whilton during the past four months.

However, during the Spring and Summer, an increased number of houses are entered and property stolen; so security remains important. In two out of ten burglaries a thief has entered through an unlocked door or open window, often whilst the occupants are in the garden.

The only prevention is to keep doors locked and downstairs windows closed whilst you are outside the house.

Garden Theft

Unfortunately gardening tools, plant containers and even shrubs and plants are targets for the opportunist thief.

Northamptonshire Police advise that all lawnmowers, wheelbarrows and garden tools should be kept in a locked shed or garage when not in use and that front and side gates should be kept closed at all times.

Finally, whenever possible, fix garden furniture and containers to the ground.

TO CONTACT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE
dial Northampton 01604 700700

Christine Bilsborough (Co-ordinator)

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MARCH

1st Prize	096	M Seth-Smith	£40
2nd Prize	075	A Heeley	£20
3rd Prize	094	C Dawson	£10

APRIL

1st Prize	028	G Clements	£40
2nd Prize	022	L Morris	£20
3rd Prize	183	F Drake	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting was held on Friday 27th April 2001 and points which may be of interest are as follows-

Vestry Meeting

Election of Churchwardens (2). - there was only one nomination, Mrs Janet Bowers who was duly re-elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Mrs Susan Townley was elected as representative to the Deanery Synod.

Election of PCC Members (10)

Mrs Joanne Grant was proposed and seconded and duly elected. All previous members, being willing to stand, were elected en bloc - Shirley Brown. Mary Emery, Eileen Finnemore, Sue Townley, Derek Brown and Phil Waights. This leaves three vacant places.

Election of Sidespersons

It was proposed and agreed that the present sidespersons be re-elected en bloc.

Election of Independent Examiner

It was proposed that the Treasurer ask Mr Jon Brierley if he was willing to continue.

Election of Electoral Roll Officer

Shirley Brown resigned from this position and Philip Waights was duly elected. The number on the Electoral Roll remains the same at 24.

Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Reports were given in respect of the PCC, Financial Accounts and by the Revd. David MacPherson.

Any Other Business

The Churchwarden (a bellringer) informed the meeting that the Bell Fund had a balance in hand of £991.04. At a bellringers recent meeting they agreed to donate £500 to the General Fund as they felt that this amount was surplus to their present requirements. This donation was welcomed by the treasurer in view of the General Fund being strapped for cash. Our Parish Share has been increased to £5600 for the year 2001 and this is causing serious difficulties in meeting our monthly commitment.

PCC Meeting - Election of Officers

Lay Chairman -	Mrs Janet Bowers
Secretary -	Mrs Janet Bowers
Treasurer -	Mr Derek Brown
Electoral Roll Officer -	Mr Philip Waights

Standing Committee

Revd David MacPherson. Janet Bowers, Sue Townley and Derek Brown

Derek Brown PCC

APRIL MEETING OF WHILTON W.I.

Eleven members and two visitors were able to enjoy a beautiful programme of slides presented by Mr D Larking on 'Wildlife in Northamptonshire.' The slides were shown as a continuous series and had been put together over many years. They were very varied; covering flowers, trees, shrubs, birds, insects, butterflies and animals and were all of an exceptional quality.

Reports were received on the craft evening for 'Fair Trade' and the coffee morning exhibition itself. Both had been enjoyed and many more people than expected came to the exhibition, despite snow and rain.

In future a jar would be out on the table to collect foreign coins for AWW. Trudy Haynes would also collect stamps for the Children's Society.

Two members reported on a very pleasant afternoon that they had spent learning more about Japanese Culture and hearing folk songs.

Members were asked to look out old tools which could be cleaned up and sent to some developing countries. The meeting closed with refreshments and the raffle was won by Mrs Fuller.

Frances Drake

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

JUNE 2001

3RD	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>
10TH	TBN	PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE BENEFICE
17TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
24TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

JULY 2001

1ST		KAREN JONGMAN'S ORDINATION PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL
8TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>BRAMPTON</u>
15TH	11.00 AM 6.00 PM	FAMILY SERVICE TAIZE
22ND	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
29TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

GARDEN PARTY

***THE OLD COACH HOUSE & LITTLE RECTORY
SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2.00pm - 5.00pm***

***PLANT SALE HOMEMADE CAKES
BOTTLE TOMBOLA REFRESHMENTS***

********FUN FOR CHILDREN********

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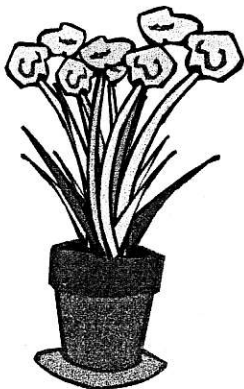
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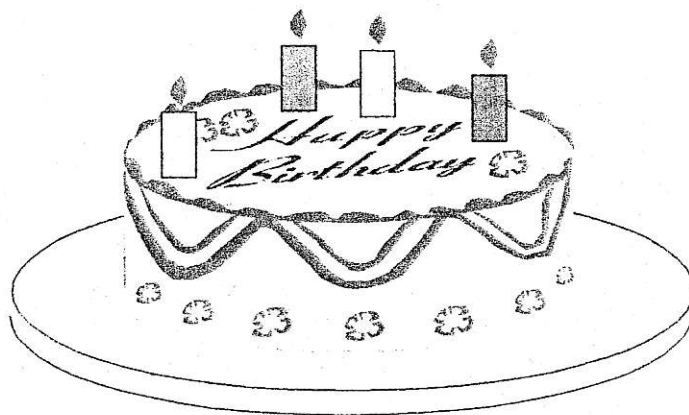
150th Birthday Celebration

*Come and join us for the unveiling of the
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Brington Primary School

Summer Fayre

Sat 30th June - 3.00 p.m - late



Victorian fancy dress

WHILTON WI

Members of Whilton WI met as usual on the second Wednesday evening of May.

The May meeting is the time when all WIs discuss and vote on the resolutions to be brought before the national meeting next month. This year our two resolutions are concerned with the provision of "a dedicated school nursing service that is local, responsive and informed by evidence of best practice" for all school age children and with the importance of training for those who work with the elderly in hospitals and homes. Whilton WI was not happy with the wording of this second resolution, although of course, we all wish for improved and safer care for the elderly. As I am the delegate to the national meeting in Cardiff, the members have left the voting to my discretion. I shall be reporting back in June.

Our discussion were led by a visitor from the County Federation, Mrs Diane Bradbury from Bugbrooke. She also carried out a questionnaire among us, which will be used to provide information for future planning for the WI.

After our discussions we had refreshments and a raffle, won by Trudy Haynes. We also had the opportunity to browse and buy from items sold through the County WI, which Mrs Bradbury had brought with her.

Next month we have a talk entitled "Wills and enduring powers of attorney", and we shall also be discussing plans for our summer dinner. If you would like to join us, please do come. We shall be very pleased to see you.

Anthea Hiscock
Secretary, Whilton WI

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

A Meeting was held on Tuesday 15th May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Remedial work has been carried out to the tiling in the toilets. The main refurbishment has been put on hold until we receive a full report from the Access Officer at Daventry District Council as to what we need to do to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. This Act also incorporates entrance to the building as it is necessary for the access and facilities within to be suitable for all users.

The postponed Treasure Hunt will take place now on Sunday 1st July at 3.00 pm, teas after the event will be served in the Village Hall. The entry fee will be £1 for adults, 50p for children and under fives - free. This treasure hunt will be on foot and restricted to the village and of course will exclude any public footpaths or grazing land due to the Foot and Mouth problems. Watch the Noticeboard for further details.

DO COME AND PIT YOUR WITS AND JOIN IN THIS FUN AFTERNOON



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VOLUNTEER DRIVING

The Community Wheels Project, which is run by Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), provides support to the Voluntary Car Schemes, which operate in the country. Voluntary car schemes play a vital role in helping people, particularly the elderly and disabled, access health and social care services cross the country.

Do you own a car? Do you have any spare time during the week? Would you like to help those with transport difficulties? If you have answered yes to these three questions, then maybe you could consider becoming a volunteer Driver for your local Voluntary Car Scheme.

Volunteer drivers use their own car to take people who either cannot use or do not have access to public transport, to essential medically related appointments. Drivers are reimbursed for fuel costs and find helping those in their community very rewarding.

If you feel you are able to give some of your spare time to help those in your local community, please contact your local scheme or Claire Gandy at Northamptonshire ACRE for more details.

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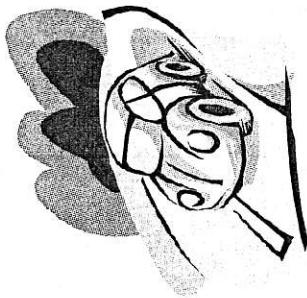


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Summary of Events

Mon	4th	June	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association in Village Hall
Tues	5th	June	9.10 am	Library van in village
Weds	13th	June	7.30 pm	WI in Village Hall - "Wills & Enduring Power of Attorney"
Sun	17th	June	2.00 pm	Garden Party at The Old Coach House
Tues	19th	June	9.10 am	Library van in village
Sat	30th	June	3.00 pm	150th Birthday Celebration - Brington School
Sun	1st	July	3.00 pm	Treasure Hunt in Village Hall
Mon	2nd	July	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	3rd	July	9.10 am	Library van in village
Weds	8th	July	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall - "Songs from the Shows"
<u>Wed 11th July</u>				<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Please hand in your contributions by this date otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition. <u>Printing to be done before school breaks up for Summer</u>
Tues	17th	July	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	24th	July	7.30 pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tues	31st	July	9.10 am	Library van in village

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Any contributions to the newsletter
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