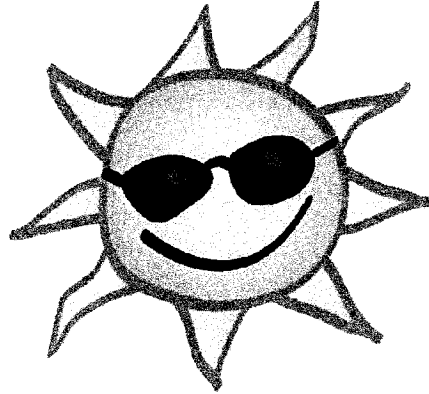


WHILTON NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2015
JUNE - AUGUST

Letter from the Editors

Summer 2015

This edition of our Newsletter has a poetic theme, and so rhymes and poems appear among the articles for this summer, with contributions from different ages.

Whilton Warblers have been practising one of the oldest songs in the English language, and will be singing this in a more modern version at their concert on 27th June:



*Sumer is icumen in,
Lhude singuccu!
Groweth seed and bloweth med*

*And springth the wde nu,
Singuccu!
Awe bleteth after lomb,
Lhouth after calue cu.
Bulluc sterteth, bucke uerteth,
Murie singuccu!*

*Cuccu, cuccu, wel singes thu
cuccu;
Ne swik thu nauer nu.
Pes: Singuccu nu.
Singuccu. Singuccu.
Singuccu nu!*

*Summer is a coming in,
Loudly sing, Cuckoo!
Seed doth grow and meadow
blossom
Wood doth spring anew,
Sing, Cuckoo!
The ewe bleats after the lamb
The cow lows after the calf.
The bullock stirs, the stag farts,
Merrily sing, Cuckoo!*

*Cuckoo, cuckoo, well you sing,
cuckoo;
Don't ever you stop now,
Sing cuckoo now.
Sing, Cuckoo. Sing Cuckoo.
Sing cuckoo now!*

Despite the lack of a cuckoo in Whilton in 2015, we wish everyone a good summer.

The Editors

WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the Clerk's Pen



Village gardens and allotments have had a tremendous boost this Spring, with the warmest and driest April weather ever recorded! April was also the month when the Annual Parish Meeting was held; where residents could have their say and where village groups could reflect on the year that had gone before. Whilton has a wealth of village groups with a strong sense of community so, if you're new to the village, get involved, there is sure to be something that will interest you.

The last Annual Parish Council meeting before next year's election was held in May and Peter Wingrave and Ken Bowers were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively and, once again, the Parish Council has its full complement of Councillors this year, ready to serve the community.

The financial year-end has been put to bed, the internal audit has been done and for the very first time all these documents can be viewed in the 'Library' section on the Parish Council's own website <http://www.parish-council.com/whilton/>. You will also be able to find Councillors' contact details, the Council's Policies and Procedures, Budget, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Bank Reconciliations, Expenses and Payments there, so do take a look. It is a very basic website with limited functionality, but it doesn't cost us or you a penny and it enables the Council to comply with the requirements of the 'Transparency Code', which is all that is required. Our lovely village website will continue to keep you up to date with all the news and events as usual and you will still be able to find the agenda or minutes there.

Whilton is still looking for a Volunteer Parish Special Constable for the village. For more information see <http://www.northantspolicespecials.co.uk/>. Any residents interested in the role may also contact me, and I will put them in touch with the recruitment team.

PCSO Sarah Gray has been replaced by PCSO 7193 Kev Thompson, Daventry Rural SCT, Northamptonshire Police. Kev can be contacted on Tel : 101 ext. 77 8147; mob 0755 777 8147.

Lastly, but most importantly, Council has asked me to express their appreciation to residents who joined their annual litter pick on 21st March. We hope to see you again next year – bring your family and friends and help us tidy our village before she drops her winter cloak and all the litter is revealed.

Erica Fothergill

Parish Clerk

SOCIAL EVENTS



We have had two **Tuesday Chats** (31st March and 19th May) and a **Social Lunch** (28th April) this Spring. These have been well attended and enjoyed.

For the Summer season, a Tuesday chat is planned for 16th June in the village hall at 2.30pm - please do come and join us for tea cakes and conversation. There is a small charge of £1.50 to cover expenses.

There will also be a **Social Lunch** on Tuesday 21st July, 12.30 for 1.00pm in the village hall. Everyone welcome to enjoy a two course lunch (with second helpings and extras). The charge will be £5.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2014/15

MARCH 2015

1 ST PRIZE	M Kane	045	£45
2 ND PRIZE	A Bartram	031	£25

Congratulations to all the prize winners

What can be summer?

What can be summer?

Days on the beach, getting tanned,
Walks in the country, by a breeze fanned,
With a view that is grand.
This can be summer!

What can be summer?

Rain shrouding everything, mountain and valley,
Walking the promenade, licking a lolly,
Wearing a mackintosh, sheltering 'neath broolly.
This can be summer!
Not very jolly.

Gertrude (Trudy) Haynes of the Plough. July 1977.

THE CHANGING VIEW

No children grow in South View now,
No high-pitched call or bouncing ball,
No speeding bikes or squeaky trikes,
No soft-furred rabbits in the hutch or hunt for duck eggs in a clutch.

No stumbling notes of violin escaping though the evening air,
No piano scales, arpeggios, as regular as evening prayer.
No morning rush to catch the bus,
No banging gate because we're late.

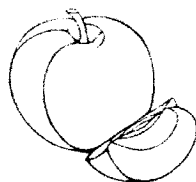
But still the setting sun shows dark
Where former farmers made their mark,
While high above the buzzards wheel
And listen as the church bells peal.

We take our visitors by surprise
To see the north view from our eyes,
But best, we say that since we came,
We know our neighbours all by name.

Although the broadband may be slow,
As younger generations know,
And though facilities are few,
There's compensation here in lieu.

A.M.H

Mary's Apple Cake



In our spring edition we gave a recipe for Mary Emery's Durham apple cake. Very unfortunately the vital ingredient for this was omitted. Those of you who attempted to make an apple cake which contained no apple have pointed this out, and we do apologise for this.

The missing ingredient was 8oz (225 g) of grated apple, which will add flavour and moisture to the ingredients already listed.

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

We are now well in to the year and have been active with regular church services and also a number of social events.

The latest was organised to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of VE Day. The bell ringers took part in a national event to ring peals across the country and many villagers enjoyed the opportunity of listening to the bells whilst enjoying tea and cakes in the church.

We hope to be able to organise more coffee mornings / afternoon teas if we can get your support.

The service schedule for the next three months is being finalised as I write and will be distributed direct to each household as soon as it is available.

We have a Pet Service planned for 4.00 on Sunday 16 August. Hopefully the weather will be fine and we can hold this in the church grounds. We will be supplying refreshments for our guests whether on two or four legs so if you know a dog or cat, or indeed any other furry or feathered friend, please bring them along.

Thinking further ahead we will be holding our Harvest Festival event on Saturday 26 September. The plan is to hold an evening supper event so watch out for more details nearer the time.

If you have any ideas on how we can develop and bring the church closer in to village life, we are always interested to hear suggestions and get your help. I can be contacted on 843380 or by email Jbrierley1@aol.com.

Jon Brierley, 7 Langton Rise

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



Whilton's collectors are pleased to record that the total collected in Christian Aid Week was £295.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.



**Whilton Bellringers,
who gathered on Saturday 9th May to remember
the 70th anniversary of VE day in 1945.**

LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Everyone,

What is being a Christian all about? – Following Jesus Christ. But what does that mean? Christ's teaching goes beyond being nice and loving to the people we choose to have around us. It is about loving and caring for those who we don't like, even those who hate us. That is a tall order and one that all of us fall short of, however hard we may try.

But being a Christian means more than what we do or fail to do. It is recognising what God does for us. He forgives us our shortcomings and offers us new life, new starts, as demonstrated by Jesus' resurrection, when we realise how much we fail to live up to his teaching and are sorry for our failure. He is gracious to us, welcoming us back into relationship with him. Likewise he asks us to be gracious to others when people offend us, forgiving and loving them; being open to new and revitalised relationships with others.

It's good to be a Christian!

Sue

Rev Sue Kipling, can be contacted at suekipling@btinternet.com

Whilton Warblers

The Whilton Warblers are currently in full swing (or should that be song), in preparation for our next concert.

Our summer concert will be held on Saturday 27th June. We can't wait to put on yet another great performance for you all and we would all absolutely love yet another sell out. The concert will have a theme, for the first time ever. Whilton Warblers will sing songs from the 60s and 70s for the crowd's enjoyment, as well as a few quirky numbers that you won't hear anywhere else.

It is amazing to think how far we have come, especially since we returned from the Christmas break, where we have been singing with relative ease songs that we would have found so much more complex around a year ago. It is also satisfying to see members of the choir grow in confidence, which couldn't have been done without the help of Judit, whose continual support has been greatly appreciated by all members.

We are always looking for new members, so please do feel free to join us. We are sure after the first hour you'll be itching to sign up, because that is exactly how we all started. We still meet every Tuesday night in term time and rehearsals start at 7.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church.

The Whilton Warblers Choir looks forward to seeing you all in June.

Rochelle

The Whilton Warblers make a good sound, but 30 years ago Diana Scott of Holly House wrote a poem about some other bird sounds:

Shall I be a carrion crow,
Eating my food raw,
With black and glossy plumage?
Caw,caw.

Shall I be a parrot green
Shouting at them all,
Calling from my gilded cage:
"Here's a pretty poll"?

Shall I be an Easter chick,
Out of my egg peeping,
Fluffy, yellow, innocent,
Cheep, cheep, cheeping?

Shall I be a lazy hen
In an old coop stuck,
Brooding on my life's hard time,
Cluck, cluck, cluck?

Shall I be a collar-dove,
Bird we've come to rue,
Eating up the cabbage plants,
Cooo, cooo?



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



A note from Olive.

We were all inspired by the presentation given to us on 1st April, when Geoff Stone from Irchester, showed a spectacular display of photos of gardens and the natural world around us. This was accompanied by well chosen music carefully timed to enhance the pictures we were watching.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd June, when the speaker, Sally Cunningham, will talk on: "Plants for their place."

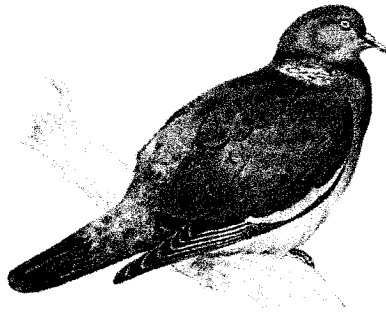
On Wednesday 5th August we shall be visiting some of Whilton's gardens followed by a social and buffet. There will be details available nearer the time.

Visitors and non-members are always welcome to attend meetings of the Gardeners' Association. The charge for non-members is £3 each per evening.

For further information, please contact Maurice Archer on 843081 or Roy Haynes on 844673

A gardener's lament

This poem was written in 1986 by Frances Drake who then lived in Holly House, and later in Orchard House



Pigeons

I do not view with pleasure
The pigeons in my garden.
While walking at my leisure
I feel my spirits harden
As all around upon the ground
Bits of cabbages are found,
And lettuces and little peas
And Brussels sprouts and things like these,
Torn to shreds from out their beds
And left to die; it makes one cry.
No, I do not view with pleasure
The pigeons in my garden.

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THREE MILLS ON THE STREAM

Whilton Local History Society met on Friday 27th March 2015, to hear stories of three local watermills, some of which are recalled here.

Brockhall Mill

There was no record of a watermill at Brockhall in the Domesday Book of 1086. Sometime after the conquest, Brockhall acquired a water mill, and by 1364 there was a miller called "John ate mulne". This mill continued to serve Brockhall for several centuries, although there was never a large population.

This mill's useful life came to an end under the ambitious garden works of Thomas Thornton. The Mill Pond was kept as part of his first garden plan, but the mill did not fit with the gardens as they grew and in 1780 it was demolished. Brockhall was the shortest lived of the three mills and there is no trace of it today, as in a later garden redevelopment, the site became part of the serpentine lake in the park.

Muscott Mill

Muscott's highest population ever recorded was in 1301, when there were 48 tax payers. As this did not include the women and children, this was a substantial settlement for the time. A charter dating from before 1267 suggests that the mill at Muscott was in existence then. But after the disaster of what was probably the Black Death there were only 5 people to pay the Poll Tax there in 1377. The mill, however, did not disappear with most of the community.

In 1596 the mill was sold to Sir John Spencer of "Old Throppe". This particular change of ownership affected the rest of Muscott Mill's story, as it is still in the ownership of the Spencers of Althorp today.

By 1900 almost all rural watermills had ceased commercial production. Muscott Mill followed the pattern, despite the introduction of steam power. It was lying empty, except for a few pieces of equipment left about inside. In January 1900 the engine and boiler were sold. Three brothers helped with moving these out, making a hole in the wall to achieve this. They were Alfred Botterill of Whilton, and William and Walter Botterill of Flore, Thomas Higgs, the Muscott farmer, became the tenant of the mill, but did not use it. He always kept the doors locked, but knew anyone could get in through the gap in the wall made by taking out the engine.

By the end of 1900 Thomas Higgs became aware that brass and belts were disappearing from the mill. Meanwhile Ebenezer Allchin, a Northampton iron founder, was being offered and buying quantities of brass. Alfred Botterill sold him 25 pounds of it, while William brought him 44 pounds. Lord Spencer brought in an engineer to investigate and he found much evidence of missing items. In March 1901 Police Sergeant Chapman visited Alfred Botterill at his house at Whilton.

All the brothers made protestation when accused, Walter stating: "No, I wish God would strike my arm off if know anything of any belts." Alfred's statement was read to them at Daventry Police Station. "My brother Will told me that he had been and fetched some and sold it in Northampton, and he told me that there was one pair left, and those I went and fetched one night. My brother went with me twice to sell brass and we divided the money, and he told me he went once himself."

In court it was stated that Lord Spencer did not wish to press the case. Alfred from Whilton now pleaded guilty to stealing scrap brass, William to taking one bit of brass, and Walter pleaded not guilty. The Bench discharged Walter. William was fined .£2 and Alfred Botterill of Whilton, who had previous convictions recorded against him, was committed for one month with hard labour.

Thus ended this chapter of Muscott Mill's history, and the mill no longer stands.

Whilton Mill

Whilton Mill already existed in 1086. The lord of the manor owned the mill. At the time of Whilton enclosure in 1778, the Freeman family held the manor and continued to let the mill through middle men, as they had been doing for some time, finally selling it in 1850.

A number of local families were associated with the mill, often combining milling with farming. Among these farming and milling families were the Hardings in Elizabethan times, the Carrs, Watsons and the Davies family in the 18th century, and then the Humphreys and Judkins in the 19th century. The Humphreys were farmers and butchers, but some of them were millers too.

In 1837 Francis Humphrey had two lodgers in Whilton Mill, Samuel Collis and James Troughton who was 17. On 6th February Samuel Collis was in the mill, when he noticed young James Troughton come into the lower storey and take some barley flour. Samuel followed him out to the stable, where James' father had some horses. Samuel challenged James, who said he took the meal for his horses. It was in a sack with the mouth tied up.

James was arrested and taken to court. "The learned judge in summing up, said there was some reason to doubt whether the meal was taken with a felonious intent. He might have supposed the meal to belong to his father, being on the same premises with the stable which was occupied by his father's horses. Guilty, but recommended to mercy." James was imprisoned in the house of correction for a month. Was this merciful? After that there is no further record of him in Whilton.

Francis Humphrey left Whilton Mill in 1841 and sold up both mill contents and most of his farm. This included his household furniture from dining tables to candlesticks, pots and kettles. He also sold 40 "famous young in lamb ewes", a barren cow, cart horse, cart mare, four years old; cart filly, three years old, a two-year-old colt by Cardinal Wolsey and a quantity of poultry. There were four acres of a superior crop of swede turnips, two ten pillar and two eight pillar staddle stones, wagons, carts, ploughs, harrows, two French millstones, a grinding stone, a malt mill and other items, including saddles and harness. This description helps to illustrate how farming and milling were intermixed.

Milling was a heavy and potentially dangerous occupation. Flour for bread sometimes came at a cost. In October 1847 Thomas Judkins, of Whilton Mill: "was attending to the mill, and it was presumed he got into the cog-pit to make some alteration, when, unfortunately, he got caught by some part of the machinery, and he was found at the bottom of the pit, with the left side of his chest completely smashed in. Death must have been instantaneous. An inquest was held the following day before Mr. Hicks, when a verdict of accident was returned."

Whilton Mill was the only one of the three mills to incorporate an inn for its customers. By 1841, 84 year old Ann Humphrey was the publican of the Mill Inn. The mill was used for a variety of public purposes, and these may have given more trade to the pub. Sometimes the mill was the venue for property auctions, sometimes more sadly for public inquests. For example after the drowning of Edward Gibson in 1810 the inquest happened at the mill, and as late as 1913 the auction of the farming stock of Whilton Lodge took place at the Mill. This may be the reason that the Mill Inn continued to function when there was very little milling going on, although farming continued there.

Exactly 62 years before our meeting, on 27 March 1953: "a sow and nine pigs and six store pigs were burned to death in a fire which gutted a barn at Whilton Mill Farm. A farm worker, Mr Francis Allen Middleton [great uncle of Maurice Clements], discovered the blaze and tried to rescue the pigs, but the flames were too severe. Daventry Fire Brigade eventually extinguished the fire. The pigs were owned by Mr Francis Spencer Ashby of Muscott Mill Farm."

Today Whilton Mill has changed its use, and its milling equipment is purely for decoration, but the building stands as a reminder of past history.

Whilton Local History Society

Friday 17th July 2015.

OUTING TO TOWCESTER MUSEUM

WITH A TALK ON ROMAN ROADS.

£3.50 per person, to include refreshments.

We shall meet at the Green at 7 p.m.

and arrange sharing of transport in cars.

All are welcome to join this outing.

Whilton Local History Society and Whilton Village Hall Committee

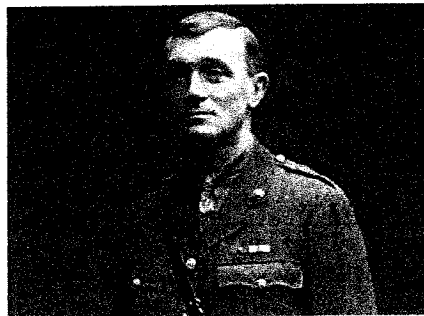
VICTORIA CROSS



**Parishioners and representatives of organisations in Whilton
are invited to attend a special meeting
at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24th June 2015
in Whilton Village Hall.**

**In September 2017 Whilton
will celebrate the courage and leadership of**

**CAPTAIN HENRY REYNOLDS,
who won the Military Cross and the Victoria Cross in 1917.**



**He was born and lived for over 30 years at Whilton Locks,
and moved to East Haddon in about 1913.**

**We hope that we can share ideas about
how this event will be organised and that representatives
will be able to suggest how organisations from both parishes
might be involved in 2017.**

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES A NEW START

WE ARE NOW OPEN FOR NEW CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROVED FOR GIFT AID

Those at the Annual Parish Meeting will know that last year the **'Whilton in Need Charities'** made grants to the value of £910. Our income from Coif Shares amounted to £175.94. It would take little time, even for Mr Micawber, to realise that with assets of £4722 we would soon be bust.

Fortunately a loan of £310 was made (now included in the sum above), so that we could meet these grants with our annual income, with what we had in the bank from shares sold last year, and with another £200 of our shares which we had to sell.

Given that the economic outlook continues to look fairly bleak for poorer people, through job insecurity, benefit reductions, and living longer on restricted income, the trustees are now appealing to the parish community to consider making charitable donations again, to build up the funds we still hold from previous generous residents.

This year we have just been given permission by HMRC to treat all such gifts as eligible for **Gift Aid**. The maker of our loan of £310 has just turned it into a gift, so that it has become worth £377.50 to the Charity.

You may like to consider making a gift to the **"Whilton in Need Charities"**, so that future needs within our parish can be met. If you would want to discuss this further, please speak with one of us. I remind you that the three Trustees are:

- Sue Kipling, the Rector, Brington Rectory.
suekipling@btinternet.com
- Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage, our community nominee.
langtoncottage @googlemail.com
- Keith Hiscock at Langton House, the Parish Council nominee.
kemhiscock@tiscali.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from some of you and also, of course, from those who may benefit from the Charities.

Whilton Ladies' Pot Luck Supper

In April fifteen ladies met at Sara's home for a Pot Luck Supper. The Ladies' PLS theme was introduced to Whilton two or three years ago by Agnes and has been a great success. We take it in turns to host and each lady brings a starter, main course, accompaniment or pudding plus something to drink. It's an opportunity to socialise, get to know each other better and to try new dishes. This time we were delighted to welcome three ladies who have moved into the village over the last few months.

On the night we enjoyed a glass of fizz and a selection of nibbles whilst admiring Sara's freshly swept patio from indoors – unfortunately it was just a bit too chilly to take our drinks outside. Then we moved on to supper. Dishes this time included focaccia (one rosemary and one tomato), falafel, smoked haddock and gruyere tart, red onion and cheddar tart tatin, smoked mackerel pate, Malaysian beef curry, pork hotpot, boulangere potatoes, strawberry cheesecake, chocolate brandy cake and rhubarb and almond crumble – all homemade. There wasn't much room left after that lot to do justice to the cheeseboard but we did our best.

One of the recipes is included in this newsletter.

If you would like to join a future Pot Luck Supper then let me know (contact details below) and I'll ensure you're included in the communication for the next one. Don't be put off or intimidated: we're not competitive, we're not cliquy, some of us aren't even particularly good cooks (at least one of the dishes this time was produced by a husband and sometimes the dishes arrive in a Waitrose wrapper!) We just enjoy a good old chat over food and a glass of wine. The next one will be on Friday 26th June and then in September – date and venue to be agreed.

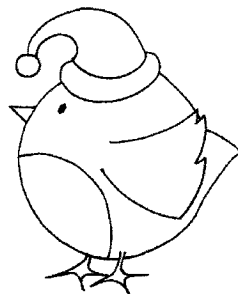
By the way, it's not all about the girls. The menfolk have formed a breakaway group with the intention of meeting on the same night at a different venue for a wine tasting. Perhaps they'll provide a report in the next newsletter.

Teresa

Tel: 843988 or email teresa@tlc-uk.co.uk

There was a fat robin of Whilton
Who favoured his old port and stilton.
When New Year came in
On an old dusty bin –
He'd dance a fine reel with his kilt on.

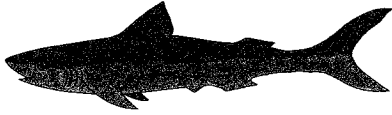
*Written by Joyce Coles of Buckby Lane
in 1986.*



Smoked haddock, leek and Gruyere flan

Preparation time: 1 hour - Cooking time: 30 minutes - Serves 8-10

INGREDIENTS



500gm packet shortcrust pastry
450g/1lb natural smoked haddock
300ml/half pint milk
15g/half oz butter
1 leek, white part only, chopped
110g/4oz Gruyere cheese, grated
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 egg yolks
570ml/1 pint double cream
For the pastry glaze:
Beaten egg

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200c/400f/gas mark 6
2. Roll out the pastry to line a 28cm/11in flan ring. Allow to chill in the fridge for 30 mins, then bake blind in the preheated oven for about 20 mins.
3. Brush a little egg wash (egg mixed with a little water) over the base of the pastry case. Return to oven for 2 min.
4. Reduce the temperature to 170c/325f/gas mark 3.
5. Meanwhile, poach the haddock in the milk until just cooked. Remove from the milk and flake into large pieces.
6. Melt the butter and sweat the leeks slowly until soft. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Mix the haddock, leeks and half of the gruyere cheese together in a bowl.
8. Heat the cream to scalding point (warm).
9. Beat the egg yolks, add the warm cream, mix well and add to the smoked haddock.
10. Pour the filling into the flan case. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese and bake for 40 min.

Goodbye Brington Primary!

***I've caught a bus for seven years now,
Everyday to Brington primary school - wow,
I've shared my experience with Maria and Jemima
Happily together.***

We've attended to so many days...

***Theatre plays,
Pancake days,
Sports days,
Campion cooking days,***

We have also had Mrs Carpenter - the most perfect teacher ever!

She is also exceedingly clever

Not forgetting the four head teachers that we've had...

1 Mrs Lomas

2 Mrs Abrams

3 Mrs Hollis

And finally 4 Mr Sarbutts;

He's as sweet as a starburst sweet and as rich as a starbucks coffee! He! He!

We've voyaged on seven years,

Overcoming great fears,

Our time here, for us seven Year Sixes is coming to an end,

Tried our hardest and always had a hand to lend,

However many more generations are still to come at Brington,

One half term left on the clock here,

That's when a new page is revealed and a new chapter will guide our future,

Thank you Brington Primary School!!!

By Hannah Baker

THE ALTHORP PARTNERSHIP OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS HARLESTONE AND BRINGTON NEWSLETTER MAY 2015



Once again another term is in full swing and it seems a long time since Easter. The children have been really engaged in their new topic areas and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

SPORTING EVENTS

There have been a number of sporting events that the children have already attended this term. All of the children in Key Stage 2 took part in the cluster cross-country races organised by Champion Secondary School. These took place on 23rd April at Bugbrooke playing fields. The children took part with real enthusiasm and enjoyment and showed great determination to compete. The Year 3/4 combined team came 2nd overall and the Year 5/6 combined team came 5th. Special mention must be made to the Year 3/4 girls who won their event and congratulations to Faith Kirton and Teigan Burrows who finished 2nd and 3rd in their races. Well done girls!



Eight year 4/5 children from the Partnership attended a Sports Crew day at Moulton College on the 15th April. The aim of the day was to equip with them with the skills needed to lead playground games and activities at break and lunchtimes. They were taught about marketing, media and a whole range of games and activities that they could lead. They also had the opportunity to be coached in a range of sports including cricket, golf, hockey and tennis.

Six children took part in a potted sports event at Champion School on 30th April. They competed in a variety of events and acquitted themselves brilliantly. Well done to all who took part!

SATS WEEK
(11th-15th May)



We are incredibly proud of the mature way that our Year 6 children have approached their SATS. They have worked incredibly hard in order to achieve as well as they possibly could. We have tried to make the SATS experience as pain-free as possible for the children and have emphasised to them that this is an opportunity for them to show their learning and understanding.

UNIFORM

With effect from September 2015 Brington and Harlestone Primary Schools will adopt a new uniform reinforcing our federated status as 'The Althorp Partnership of Primary Schools'.

Pupils representing the school councils modelled the uniform in a special fashion evening, where parents were able to see first-hand the new designs and establish details regarding prices and delivery. Due to the cost of replacing school uniform all pupils at the school will receive new P.E kits free of charge.

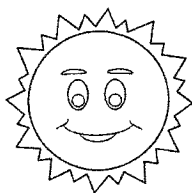
Yours sincerely,

J Sarbutts

Executive Headteacher

Althorp Partnership of Primary Schools

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Which letter is the coolest?

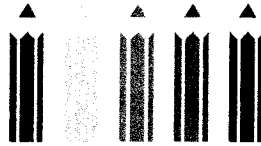
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What does the sun drink out of?

Sunglasses

Why do bananas use sunscreen?

Because they peel.



Brington and Whilton Pre-School

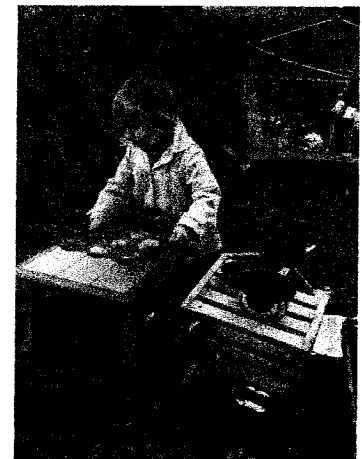
We are very busy at Pre-school now with 16 children on the register with most children attending all three days. This term we have spent a good amount of time down at the spinney enjoying the great outdoors, playing in the mud kitchen, making dens and generally having a good time playing with each other.



Walking through the spinney



Playing with the Parachute together



Our mud kitchen

Next term will also be busy as we shall be holding our Wednesday afternoon sessions at Brington Primary School to support those who will be attending school in September. Then on Fridays we shall once again be going to Forest School to have more fun outdoors!

We still have places for September, but they are going fast, if you have child aged 2 years to rising 5 years who would benefit from attending a caring setting, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083 or 07948724415 and book a visit to come and see us.

Charitable Giving in Whilton

In May this year Whilton raised nearly £300 for Christian Aid.

150 years ago in April 1865, the Rector, Rev R Skipwith, organised two collections at St Andrew's Church in aid of Northampton Infirmary. The first raised £5, 10 shillings and 2 pence, and the second 2 shillings and 6 pence, or half a crown.

WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON

SUMMER 2015

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Wed	3 June	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Gardeners Association: Plants in their place
Sun	7 June	10 a.m.	Brington Church	Benefice Sung Eucharist with Sunday School
Sun	14 June	6 p.m.	Church	Evening Communion
Tues	16 June	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Village Hall	Tuesday Chat
Sun	21 June	9.15 a.m.	Church	Worship for All
Wed	24 June	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Open meeting to decide on 2017 VC remembrance event.
Fri	26 June	Evening		Pot Luck Supper evening
Sat	27 June	Evening	Church	Whilton Warblers Concert
Sun	28 June	11 a.m.	Church	Worship for All
Fri	17 July	7 p.m.	Leave from Village Green	Local History Society outing to Towcester Museum
Tues	21 July	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Village Hall	Summer Social Lunch
Wed	5 Aug	Evening	TBA	Gardeners' Association - visits to Whilton gardens and social/buffet
Wed	12 Aug	All day	Whilton Locks	Annual Lock Ransom Day
Sun	16 Aug	4 p.m.	Church	Pet Service
Thurs	20 Aug			Last date for contributions to Autumn Newsletter

Regular weekly events include:

- **BRINGTON AND WHILTON PRE-SCHOOL** in the Village Hall:
Term time: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Wed 1 – 3 p.m.
- **BELL RINGING** at the Church:
Mon: 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
For further information please contact Justin Baker 844263 or Janet Bowers 842851
- **WHILTON WARBLERS CHOIR** in the Church:
Term time: 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.
- For details of church services in July and August, please see the notice board.

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We would be very happy to welcome another member on to the editorial team. If you are interested, please contact us.

- ❖ **The Editors welcome material for the Newsletter. If possible, please send your contribution by e-mail. If you do not have a computer, the editors will be happy to type handwritten articles for you.**
- ❖ **The next issue will be the Autumn Edition, covering September – November 2015. The last date for contributions will be 20th August 2015.**
- ❖ **The Newsletter is published quarterly, but Whilton also has a website – www.whilton-village.net. This contains details of the organizations in the parish, previous Parish Council Minutes and Newsletters and a comprehensive Picture Gallery. It also has latest news and updates on parish events.**
- ❖ **If you would like to advertise your local business, flyers can be delivered to every household in the parish with the Newsletter at a small charge. For information please contact one of the editors.**