

WHILTON SUMMER NEWSLETTER



**Whilton Village First World War Walk
1st June 2018**

JUNE – AUGUST 2018

Summer 2018

Letter from the Editors

The beginning of June has marked the end of Whilton's First World War project, "Celebrating Courage", as we remembered the heroism of Captain Henry Reynolds, born in Whilton Locks.

1st June 2018 was the centenary of the Captain's investiture with both the Military and Victoria Crosses by George V. We marked this with a village First World War Walk and the erection of history display boards depicting Captain Reynolds' story and heritage.

This was another occasion to see the photographic exhibition, the audio-visual presentation and to share a meal. The buffet served was based on foods connected with Harry Reynolds' life and was prepared by volunteers from the Local History Society. The food and presentations were much appreciated by about 35 people who attended, some of whom had missed the original events.

We now look forward to the rest of the summer in Whilton, with activities to suit various tastes and interests, from music and dancing to gardening and outings. As usual there are opportunities to eat together too.

The last date for contributions towards the Autumn edition will be 20th August. If you would like to offer an article, a letter, poem, drawing or something else, please let us know.

The Editors

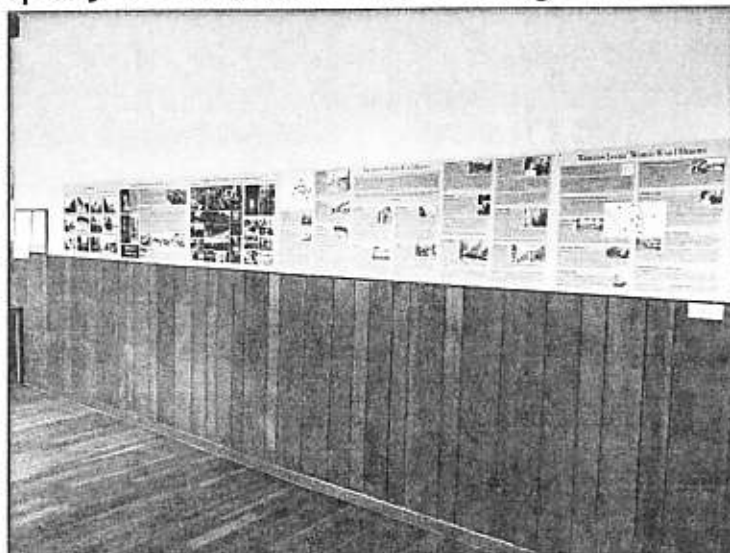


Strawberry pavlova, which with salmon, chicken, cheeses, grapes, tomatoes, potatoes, honey biscuits and cakes and World War I fruit cakes featured as part of the menu on 1st June.

*1st June 2018
Celebrating Courage
The Whilton Village First World War Walk*



*An opportunity to see the new history
display boards on the Village Hall wall*



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Whilton Parish Council continue to be busy serving the Parish. Here are a few key points and issues that we have been dealing with on behalf of the Parish.

- **Whilton and Whilton Locks E-Mail Distribution List.** The Parish e-mail distribution list continues to grow apace, with more and more people asking to be included so that they can be kept informed of the latest issues and information concerning the Parish. If you are interested in being added to the list for the Parish, please send your e-mail address to clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk.
- **Allotments.** For the past year, the Parish Council have been in the process of purchasing the Whilton Allotments from the Daventry District Council (DDC) for the benefit of the Parish. Since we leased the land from the DDC, there was a potential that they could stop the lease and offer the land for development, something we started to hear rumours of in 2017. Hence, the intent was that if the Parish Council could purchase the land, thereby owning it outright, it would stop any future developments being made on the land.

Thereby began a long road. Initially the request was turned down by the DDC, which the Parish Council successfully challenged and overturned. An issue was also identified with access along the grass ramp outside No 9 The Gardens, which didn't belong to the DDC, and that was debated to determine the legalities with that issue. Along the way, we dealt with 5 Solicitors and a Conveyancer from both sides to try to resolve many legal debates and issues. Many long hours were also spent trying to understand the precise terms of the 'legalese' speak that is often entered into contracts for such matters.

But, perseverance prevailed and finally, as of Friday 11 May 2018, the Whilton Parish Council completed the transfer of the Whilton Allotments. Hence, the Parish Council now own the allotments on behalf of the Parish. Whilst the current Parish Council do not have any intent of selling the land, there are a couple of points to note for future Parish Councils:

- Reserved rights of access have been secured for the grass access ramp outside No 9 The Gardens to allow allotment holders to access the land.
- The allotment land can only be used for allotments. No developments of any sort are permitted.
- If the land is sold by a future Parish Council, all of the value goes back to the DDC, minus the Parish Council's original purchase price, adjusted for inflation, which goes back to the Parish Council.
- If the land is subsequently sold again, all of the value goes back to the DDC.

In short, this makes the land unsellable to anyone other than the DDC, which means that it is secured as allotment land for the future under the Parish Council ownership.

- **Broadband.** Faster broadband is coming to Whilton albeit a little slowly.
 - **Northamptonshire Superfast Broadband Project.** Part of the government's initiative to roll out Superfast Broadband to rural areas. Their website with the latest details is here: www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net which will give the latest news on the venture. The chosen supplier is Gigaclear and the website is quoting that both Whilton and Whilton Locks are planned to go live in Q4 2018.
 - **Gigaclear.** Gigaclear **WILL** be coming to the Parish and provide superfast broadband to the community. The plan is that they will install a fibre network through the Parish, and each resident can then opt to be connected directly to that network (fibre to the home) to provide a much faster broadband speed. They provide a variety of packages and speeds of 50Mbps up to 1000Mbps. Full details at www.gigaclear.com.
 - **Other Broadband Options Being Considered.**
 - **BT.** We are continuing our efforts to try to have a BT fibre enabled cabinet installed on the Green in Whilton, which will hopefully provide an alternative to Gigaclear. We have already provided a small list of addresses and speeds to BT to consider. However, this is a low priority for BT since we are seen as already being connected to a fibre broadband network (albeit only to the exchange in Long Buckby), and hence satisfy their, and the Government's, initiative to have everyone connected to fibre broadband. That all said, if enough interest is gathered from the Parish by BT, it will push the initiative towards the top of their list. Hence, anyone in the Parish interested should register their details on their website here: www.communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/northamptonshire

- **Good Neighbour Scheme.** Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is working with Daventry District Council to develop Good Neighbours schemes across Daventry District, including the Whilton Parish. The schemes will offer practical help to older people, whether it's collecting a pension or a repeat prescription, walking the dog, getting a lift to the shops, or just changing a light bulb. Funding of up to £1,000 is available to groups wishing to set up Good Neighbour Schemes to help elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in our communities. If anyone is interested in setting up such a group, full details are available later in this edition, or you can contact Daventry District Council on 01327 871100 or Northamptonshire ACRE on 01604 765888.

- **Community Speedwatch.**

We have been successful in our bid to repeat last year's Community Speedwatch programme. A recent Newsletter outlined the success of the scheme in slowing the average speeds through Whilton village, and we have a willing team of volunteers to assist, but we would be glad of more support. If you are interested in giving up a few hours per week over three different weeks, please contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk) or Mark Thomas (Speedwatch Co-ordinator) at The Old Post Office, Main Street.

- **Defibrillators.**

You will have hopefully noticed that the Parish Council have successfully installed 2 defibrillators in the Parish - in Whilton (by the Village Hall) and Whilton Locks (next to the BT phone box on the canal bridge). Each cabinet is locked with a code, which can be obtained from the emergency services when you dial 999. The Council have also distributed an 'aide memoir' card to each home in the Parish to provide details of the defibrillators, and what to do when and if required.

- **Whilton Litter Pick.**

Thanks to all those who took part in the Whilton Litter Pick on Saturday 14 April 2018. Of interest, we have now taken on the responsibility from the DDC of litter picking along the rural roads in the Parish (for which the Parish Council are paid a subsidy), however, the main roads are still under the remit of the DDC. As we now have our own litter picking equipment, we plan to hold further litter picking days on a number of occasions throughout the year. So watch out for notices via the Parish e-mail distribution list.

- **BT Phone Box in Whilton Village.**

Many of you will be aware that we still have an old style red BT phone box on the village green in Whilton, which is in fact a listed building. Whilst it belongs to BT, they have the responsibility to maintain it, but we do have the opportunity to purchase it back for £1. At the Parish Council meeting in March 2018, various proposals for the future use of the phone box were discussed, but it was decided to keep the phone box as is under the ownership of BT for the time being.

- **Budding Communities.**

With 1200 bulbs planted around the village green and the churchyard last year (all provided from the Daventry District Council Budding Communities Project and the World Polio Day campaign to eradicate polio), this spring and summer should see a blaze of colour budding around these areas.

- **Whilton Parish Council Website.** The Whilton Parish Council also do have a website at <http://www.parish-council.com/whilton/> which details all the work that they are doing for the community, together with any notices of interest for the Parish. There is also an e-mail address should you wish to contact the Parish Councillors about any matters relating to the village and this is councillors@whiltonpc.co.uk. The Council also hold a regular meeting in the Whilton Village Hall every 2 months, which is open to the public to attend and raise any issues.

Randal Smith
 Rose Briar
 Chair of the Whilton Parish Council

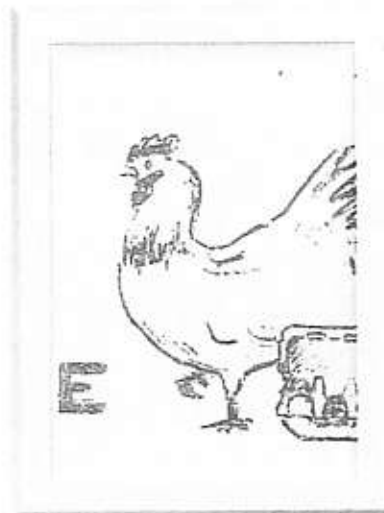
CHICKEN ELIZABETH.

A summer recipe from the Whilton WI Recipe Book of 1989.

This recipe was contributed by Jean Waights, who lived in Kunda Cottage, now Holly Cottage.

Ingredients:

- 1 cooked chicken
- 1 onion
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 2 tablespoons apricot jam
- 1 glass red wine
- ½ glass water
- 3 tablespoons tomato puree
- Juice of a lemon
- ½ pint mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons cream



Method

- Make sauce by cooking onion in oil, add curry powder, apricot jam, wine, water, tomato puree and lemon juice.
- Simmer 10 minutes.
- Strain.
- When cool, add ½ pint mayonnaise and the cream.
- Pour over cold chicken.
- Serve with salad.



A summer welcome to
Whilton:
the wildflower bank
below South View

ST ANDREWS UPDATE

At our Annual Meeting in April, Linda and Jon were appointed as Churchwardens, Trish Wood and Phil Grant were also appointed to the PCC.

Please see David Painter's article which highlights a number of events planned across the Benefice during the summer. We also have ideas for activities but do not always have the manpower to run the full programmes seen at some of the better attended churches in the Benefice.

So this is an appeal for help from the village to support the church and help us with coffee mornings, and other social activities. If you would like to volunteer please get in contact.

Repair and maintenance work on the building should hopefully have started by the time you read this and we also plan to do some maintenance work in the churchyard in a few weeks.

Church security is always a problem these days and we hear of an increasing number of lead thefts from churches throughout the county. Churches that have been affected suffer from the cost of the replacement, but also in many cases there can be internal damage to repair.

We installed a roof alarm which senses movement but there have been cases where the thieves have tampered with these systems in order to gain access. Some thieves will pass themselves off as workmen and have used drones. If you do see or hear anything unusual or suspicious, take as much detail as possible including vehicle reg numbers and report this activity to the police.

Jon Brierley and Linda Treacy Churchwardens

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



We have a number of the celebrations planned for the summer across the Benefice. June started with Brampton's week-end of celebration. A lot of work has gone into the preparation of what will be a week-end of some very special events.

On Sunday 10th June the young – and the young at heart – are invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic at East Haddon in the afternoon, with parachuting (the bears, not their owners) from the church tower.

I am delighted to say that our church services in the summer months will be enhanced by the Fiori Musicali choir, who will be singing Choral Evensong in Brington Church at 5 o'clock on the 10th of June, the 8th of July and the 12th of August. We can be sure of some really good music from this semi-professional choir, as well as beautiful prose from the Book of Common Prayer and the King James version of the Bible. In addition, our own benefice choir will make their contribution to our worship by singing at Evensong (again at 5 o'clock) in Brampton Church on the 29th of July. This will be the main service in the benefice on that day, as well as Holy Communion at 8 o'clock at East Haddon.

In both Brington and Harlestone churches teas will be served on Sunday afternoons in the summer months – a good opportunity to show welcome and hospitality to any visitors who may be around, and of course to enjoy some cake! Furthermore, there will be more music towards the end of June, this time at Harlestone, where the Andante Singers are giving a summer concert on Saturday the 23rd. Another pleasant evening to look forward to – as will be the concert by the Whilton Warblers in Whilton Church on Friday 6 July.

So there is a lot going on in our churches, and more than anything else we are conscious that there is so much for which to be thankful. The world around us seems an increasingly fragile and disturbing place, and faith seems hard to hang on to at times. Yet it is God who keeps faith with us, and all around us we see signs of his creative and loving activity, as well as vivid reminders of his promise that "while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease". I pray that his Holy Spirit will guide and sustain you, and that the fellowship of our Church, with all its activity and celebration, will inspire you and give you joy.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

David Painter

Whilton Local History Society

The Society met on Friday 9th March to hear “**The story of the Spotted Cow pub at Whilton Locks**”. Although it is no longer a pub, the building still stands, now known as Four Square Farm. It is currently being renovated and we were able to welcome the new owner to the meeting.

The first part of the Grand Junction Canal was opened on 25th June 1796. As the canal was being built, bricks had been made along the route, and there was a brick kiln erected at Whilton for this. The kiln would also have been used to bake bricks for the new houses beside the canal. Whilton Wharf began life as a brick yard.

By 1811 a range of new buildings was completed and occupied beside the canal. The first to be finished seems to have been the building to become the pub, described as: “a Dwelling House, Store-Room, Hay Barn, and Straw ditto, Stable for 20 Horses, and a Butcher’s Shop, in the Occupation of Mr Hale Marriot.” The mention of thatch suggests it was probably completed before slates and tiles began to be transported here by canal boat. The other houses had slates or tiles.

Richard Elliott, farmer and coal merchant, who lived in the new Wharf House, owned the building and let it to tenants. By 1834 it had a licence to sell beer and at that time began to be known as the Spotted Cow. The tenant then was Thomas Humphrey, son of the Whilton miller.

Life could be hard and dangerous in Victorian times. Members of the Elliott family ran the pub through most of this period. Crossing the lock gates and walking by the canal could be hazardous. Local children played by the water without supervision. In June 1860 an inquest was held at the Spotted Cow *“on the body of Charles Gardner aged five years, who was found drowned in the Canal the previous day. William Gardner, a brother of the deceased aged seven years, said he left him playing on the bank of the Canal, as he would not come home. He was afterwards missed, and the Canal immediately dragged, when the body was recovered by George Collier and a man named Hillyard from the bottom of Lock 12.”*

There was no lighting, and with some intake of alcohol, regular trips could lead to tragedy. Harry Cattell lived in the modern-named Wheelgate House. He was aged 33 and a saddler and witnesses said on a Thursday night in late November 1892 he was in his usual health and in very good spirits. He drank a little beer in the Spotted Cow with James Dunkley of Whilton, but was quite sober. It was a very dark night.

On Friday morning he was found lying in the canal with about a foot of water over him. Once again an inquest was held at the Spotted Cow. William Elliott, the landlord of the Spotted Cow, confirmed that Harry Cattell lived about 100 yards from his house, on the canal side. The canal locks were just opposite his door—about seven yards off—but Harry would not have to cross them.

Arthur Cox, the surgeon from Long Buckby, said he had no doubt but that drowning was the cause of death. He had known Harry Cattell all his life. He was a strong and hearty man. A verdict of “Accidental death from drowning in the Grand Junction Canal” was returned by the jury.

Ten years later there was another inquest at the pub. In late September 1902 Edmund Chapman, a 73 year-old hurdle maker from New Duston had come to Whilton to arrange about doing some work for Mr Reynolds. Henry Jones, a boatman from Wolverhampton noticed Edmund coming out of the Spotted Cow at about 7 p.m. About a minute later he heard a splash. The boatman gave the alarm, and the hurdler was fetched out of the canal and still alive.

George Surrige from Whilton who had been in the pub, said that Chapman was quite sober when he left the Spotted Cow and had said he was going back to his lodgings. As Chapman was unable to speak a man called Henry Telling, a brewer from Long Buckby Wharf, tried to revive him, using Sylvester's Method of artificial respiration for half an hour, but without success. Mr Cox, the surgeon, again declared the death was by accidental drowning. The various people present on that sad evening give us a picture of some of the customers in the Spotted Cow.

The pub in the 1930s.



The Spotted Cow provided refreshment for passing trade, but also catered for leisure activities for the whole community. On 27th September 1842 a *"most interesting game was played..., between a select number of the single and married members of the Whilton Albert Cricket Club, when the latter came off victorious."* This match was played on the flat field opposite the Spotted Cow between the canal and the new railway embankment (now the Marina). Both landlord John and his brother Richard Elliot were members of the Married team, while brother William was part of the Singles team. *"After the conclusion of the game the members retired to the Spotted Cow Inn, where a most excellent supper was prepared by the worthy host, Mr. John Elliott, and the evening spent with the greatest humour and conviviality"*.

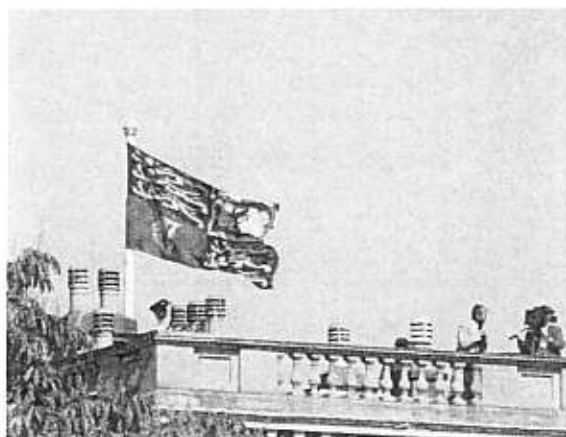
The Spotted Cow continued with the tradition of providing refreshments for sporting activities at the Locks. In 1873 there is a record of supper being provided there after a cricket match. Another account describes a match on 12th August 1875 played on Mr Reynolds' field across the canal from the pub. Whilton Locks was playing Norton *"and resulted in an easy victory for the former club, with 84 runs to spare."* No doubt the players crossed the lock gates to get their refreshment.

The Spotted Cow catered for a variety of sporting events into the first half of the 20th century, when the landlord William Francis Wright served food and drink for cricketers and fishing competitions between the wars. The Wright family also provided musical entertainment and encouraged clog dancing by the passing boat people. The pub finally closed in 1959 as the canal trade declined, the last landlords being William Thomas and Millicent Hawgood.

We hope that there will now be a future for this old building.

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A Whilton presence at Buckingham Palace.



After all the activities of the 2017 "Celebrating Courage" project, I was invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May. The garden party took place in glorious sunshine all the afternoon with rhododendrons and azaleas in full flower beside the well-kept lawns and lake. The music from military bands floated over the grounds and uniforms, national costumes and hundreds of hats made it a kaleidoscope of colour. It was rather special to feel I was representing all the people who had worked so hard in Whilton last year.

Although it was only a few days before the royal wedding, Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of York attended and spent time talking with guests in the garden.

I took Keith as my guest. He had certainly earned his place, having spent many months living with and helping with the preparations for "Celebrating Courage".

By pure chance we met someone else from Whilton there. Sarah Long grew up in Whilton and is the daughter of Linda Tibbs of South View. She was attending with her husband. He took the photo shown here to remind us of the occasion.



LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PLANS

June outing

The Local History Society outing will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd June, when we shall visit **Grafton Regis**, where we expect to be shown the village, meet various characters from its history and finish with tea and cakes.

September meeting

We shall meet again at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Friday, 14th September. The subject will be **Northamptonshire Airfields of the Second World War**. This meeting is free to members, with a charge of £3 for visitors, who are welcome.

Anthea Hiscock, Chair, Whilton Local History Society



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



At our April meeting, Christine Vick from the National Herb Centre near Banbury, gave us a talk on 'Growing and Using Herbs'. Christine began by explaining how the NHC had been founded in 1996, by the Turner family. She went on to detail the growing conditions necessary for various herbs, many of which have a Mediterranean origin and require full sun and good drainage to thrive. She described the various culinary and medicinal uses for some of the herbs and explained how essential oils were distilled.

We were given the opportunity to purchase a selection of plants brought along for the occasion.

As a follow-up to Christine's talk we are arranging an afternoon visit to the National Herb Centre on 19th July when we will be given a guided tour and we will have the opportunity to sample some herb cake in the cafe.

At our next meeting on 6th June, Theresa Wedderburn will be talking about 'Flowers for Health & Wellbeing'.

On 1st August we will hold our usual Whilton garden visits, followed by a buffet. Non-members are welcome for a fee of £10.

Our annual membership costs £15 per person. If anyone would like to join WGA please get in touch with our membership secretary, Maurice Archer, on 01327 843081, or the chairman Roy Haynes on 07879861673, email royandtricia@btinternet.com

Pot Luck Suppers

Around twenty Pot Luck Supper ladies met at Sarah Hardman's house on a balmy evening in April. We had a leisurely supper spilling out onto the patio enjoying the unseasonably warm evening. There was almost too much choice in food terms: canapés, starters, main courses and puddings – even homemade Limoncello. It was impossible to try absolutely everything though we did our best and there was certainly something for everyone. We also drank a toast to the memory of one of the original PLS ladies, Olive Bardill-Tillott, whose birthday it would have been that day.

WHILTON BARN DANCE

Saturday 30th June

7-11pm

*Come for a fun and musical evening
with a live band and hot supper!*

**Hill Top Farm,
Main Street, Whilton**

Tickets: £20 (Pre-teen £10) cash bar



**Raising funds for
St. Andrews Church,
Whilton & the
Local Air Ambulance**

**Contact:
'Richardbunce54@gmail.com'
for tickets! 😊**

WHILTON WARBLERS COMMUNITY CHOIR



The most recent Whilton Warblers concert took place on April 28th at Holy Cross Church, Daventry, as part of the Daventry District Council Chairman's fundraising on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. The concert involved two choirs, the Whilton Warblers and the Judit Singers. Both choirs having Judit Felszeghy as music director. Once again those who attended had an enjoyable time listening to a wide selection of songs from the individual choirs and some jointly sung. A total of £1,000 was raised for the charity.

♪ WHILTON WARBLERS SUMMER CONCERT ♪

The next concert will take place
in St Andrews Church, Whilton
on July 6th,
starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Nick Busby 01327 844194 / 07891907116.
Adult tickets £7.50
Children £2.00

Aperture Photography Group



The Aperture Photography Group was formed in 2016 and we now have nearly 40 members with various levels of knowledge and experience. The Group offers a range of activities, including regular meetings, training workshops and outings.

If you have a camera and would like to learn how to use it, or if you are a more experienced photographer and would like to share your interest with others, please get in touch.

Meetings are held in the back room at the Saracen's Head in Little Brington at 8pm. The dates of our forthcoming meetings are:

June 7th and 21st
July 5th and 19th
August 2nd, 16th and 30th
September 13th and 27th

For more information, contact Neil Phillips:

Unlike many photography groups, we have always emphasised the importance of learning and improving our skills. We can do much in our meetings to promote learning, but nothing beats going out and practicing with your camera. So in March members of the group spent four days on the North Norfolk Coast doing just that.

We based ourselves in the pretty village of Thornham in two houses overlooking the salt marsh and from there we travelled along the coast to a variety of locations. The more experienced photographers in the group helped the less experienced ones, passing on advice on subject finding, use of light, composition and camera settings.

One of the key things for landscape photography is using light and this meant being up early for dawn and out late for sunset. Luckily, from our base in Thornham, we were able to make a short walk down to the estuary to photograph the boats at low tide. We were all pleasantly surprised by how good our images were from these particular sessions. In fact, the thing that surprises newcomers to photography is the fact that the worst time for landscape photography is a bright sunny day with not a cloud in the sky - something we learned during our workshop. There is far more atmosphere in the softer light at the start and end of the day and less harsh shadows to worry about.

Since our return, we have processed our images in special computer software to ensure they have the same look and feel that we experienced in Norfolk. Some people think this is cheating, but even today's digital cameras cannot full capture the atmosphere that you feel.

If you fancy getting out and taking more photographs, you will find lots of advice on our website.

www.aperturephotographygroup.co.uk



Thanks to all volunteer collectors and donors for your efforts on this, which are much appreciated. The total raised was £297.82 which is a great total.

Jon Brierley

.....

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB (2018 - 2019)

APRIL

1ST PRIZE	N & D Jackson	111
2ND PRIZE	M Holmes	036

MAY 2018

1ST PRIZE	P Gardner	108
2ND PRIZE	M Kane	026

Congratulations to the winners

SOCIAL LUNCH TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2018

What a lovely spring day we had this time; warm sunshine and blue skies. This enhanced the already happy atmosphere. We had new members of our team who helped prepare the tables and cook for us this time. We had such a lot of help at the end of the meal too which was very much appreciated.

Our delicious main course this time was mixed fish cobbler with prawns and vegetables and a vegetarian dish followed by four desserts. Soft drinks were served on arrival and during the meal and tea and coffee and chocolates afterwards

THE NEXT SOCIAL LUNCH IS PLANNED FOR TUESDAY, 17TH JULY.

If you would like to come and join us, you will be very welcome.

The charge is £5 which goes towards the rent of the village hall and expenses.

More details will be shown on the notice boards nearer the time.

SUMMER AT WHILTON LOCKS GARDEN VILLAGE

Sunday 17th June

FATHER'S DAY FRY UP

Big Breakfast for Dad – For FREE.

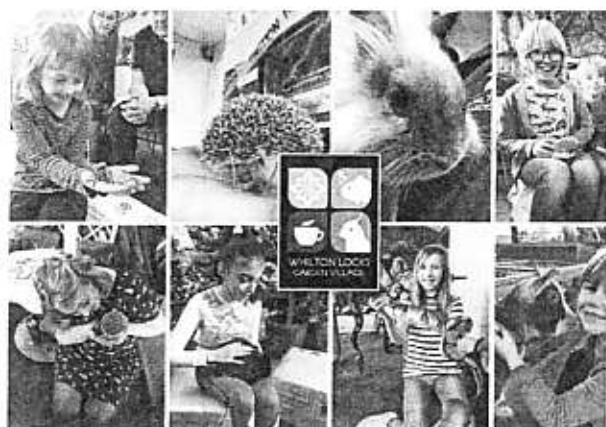
A **FREE** Head Gardeners breakfast for Dad:
2x bacon, 2x sausage, 2x fried eggs, beans,
tomatoes, mushrooms and 2x toast.
WORTH £6.95

Simply treat your Dad – and your family for Breakfast at Canalside at Whilton Locks Garden Village. Spend £16 or over, to receive a **FREE** Father's Day Fry Up for your Dad.



Symply Showcase
30th June @ WLGV

Come and meet representatives from Symply pet food at Whilton Locks Garden Village. Many of our customers say Symply pet food is simply brilliant and the team will be on hand to answer any questions you have about Symply and they may be offering your pet a treat or two!



CUDDLE SESSION – Summer Holidays

July 25 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Why not come to Whilton Locks Garden Village and meet the animals with one of our fabulous Cuddle Sessions?

Schools Out, it's Summer Holiday fun with one session available 11am-12noon.

There's a drink of squash for the children and a regular coffee or tea for the adults, included – and it's a great event.



Northamptonshire ACRE is working with Daventry District Council to develop Good Neighbours schemes across Daventry District. The schemes will offer practical help to older people, whether it's collecting a pension or a repeat prescription, walking the dog, getting a lift to the shops, or just changing a light bulb.

The benefits

Good Neighbours schemes can benefit local volunteers as well as the people they are helping.

For someone volunteering their time, the scheme is a chance to:

- Get involved with your community and do as much or as little as you want. There's no need to feel awkward if you can't always help
- Meet new people who you might not have met otherwise, including those from different generations
- Make use of whatever time you have to spare as well as particular skills you may have, such as IT or gardening expertise

There are obvious benefits for those who are being helped, such as the ability to access help to complete jobs that would be difficult for them to do alone. But the scheme could also:

- Give them the opportunity to meet new people and make friends
- Stop them from feeling they are 'bothering' neighbours if they need to ask for help frequently
- Help them to stay in their own home for longer as they get older
- Soften the impact of losing local services such as the village shop or post office

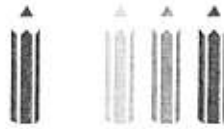
How you can help

Residents of villages who can spare some time to help are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. Good Neighbour coordinators are also needed, to help recruit new volunteers and match people who need help with volunteers in the area who are willing to give that help. Parish Councils, residents' groups or other kinds of community organisations in Daventry District that are interested in starting a Good Neighbours scheme in their area please see contact details below.

In return, we offer:

- An overview of how a Good Neighbours scheme could work for your community group, residents group or Parish Council
- Guidance on establishing if there is demand for a Good Neighbours scheme in your area
- A toolkit, based on national good practice, on how to run a Good Neighbours scheme
- Support to get your scheme up and running

Funding of up to £1,000 is available to groups wishing to set up Good Neighbour Schemes to help elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in our communities. Moulton Parish Council launched their scheme in April 2017, and Braunston, Crick and Creton are in the process of following suit. There are talks in progress to establish further schemes elsewhere in the district.



Brington and Whilton Pre-School

Whilton Village Hall NN11 2NN

www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk

We have had a busy term this last term with lots happening. We have been working at getting our allotment planted up with potatoes, onions, raspberries and lots of other things, so we hopefully will be able to harvest our produce later in the year.



We thank Gordon and Mary Emery at the farm at the top of Whilton as they invited us again to see and feed the lambs. We were very fortunate to see four lambs being

born with staff helping to deliver them!! Then Gordon allowed us to go on his tractor, very exciting.



We continue to use the spinney and have just had an picnic table installed down there to enable us to do activities on the table when it is very muddy or not nice to be sitting on the floor. We thank Daventry County Council for helping to fund this and also funding items for our allotment.

We enjoy music sessions and are presently having PE lessons during our Wednesday afternoon session in preparation for school - so we can get changed quicker.

During this term we have been learning about different forms of transport and the local police officer visited us so we could have a look around her car. We sat in the police car and had the blue lights flashing and even had the siren on for just a couple of minutes so not to alarm the local residents.



If you think your child would enjoy these experiences please contact us, we have spaces available for the September intake. We meet at Whilton Village Hall and are able to take children from 2 years upwards. If you have a child of this age and would be interested in sending them to the pre-school, please get in touch with Jenny 01604 770083 or email through our website, so we can arrange a visit and chat. For more information visit our website or visit us on facebook.

*THE ALTHORP PARTNERSHIP OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
BRINGTON AND HARLESTONE
NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2018*



As I write this the Year 6 children are in the midst of their KS2 SATS. This is always a challenging year for Year 6 children and they have all coped really well with the added demands of the curriculum as well as the pressures of SATS. They should be very proud of their efforts and of everything that they have achieved this year. We wish them well and look forward to finding out their results in July.

Ofsted at Brington

As you may be aware Brington was subject to an inspection visit by Ofsted in the week prior to the Easter break. We are very pleased and proud with the outcome which shows that Brington continues to be a good school. This is testament to the hard work from all the staff and children as well as the support from parents and the local community. The report is now available on the Ofsted website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/121798>

Sporting events

Over the last few months our children from both schools have taken part in a wide variety of sporting activities. Our Year 3 and 4 children have taken part in both a netball festival and hockey festival at Campion. At both events they learnt some new skills as well as taking part in some games against other local schools. They found the hockey quite challenging but were more successful at the netball where they ended up finishing in 3rd position!

20 of our children from Key Stage 1 took part in an All-Stars Cricket festival which took place at Kislingbury Cricket Club. All Stars Cricket is an initiative from the ECB which aims to provide children from the ages of 5 – 8 with a great first experience of cricket. The children took part in a variety of cricket skills activities which are linked to the All-Stars Cricket scheme which is running at a number of local cricket clubs over the next few months.

Our reception children from both Brington and Harlestone took part in a multi-skills event which was held at Benham Sports Centre. The event was organised by Pacesetter Sports and included activities involving running, jumping and throwing. All of the children who took part had a great time and enjoyed the various activities on offer.

Year 3 and 4 residential

Our children in Year 3 and 4 recently had a one night residential at King's Park Conference Centre at Moulton Park. The activities took place at Benham Sports Arena, the trampoline centre and the tennis centre. The children were able to have a go at archery, rock climbing, tennis, roller skating and trampolining as well as a variety of team games. The children all had a great time and came back ready for their half term break!

Campion Prime Time

Children in Year 5 at Brington have had the opportunity to spend some time at Campion to enable them to experience what life is like at secondary school and to try out some of the opportunities on offer. They were able to earn their 'bunsen burner licences' in a science lesson as well as having art, design technology and music lessons. All had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

African Drumming

Currently both schools are learning about Africa and recently had the opportunity to spend some time African drumming. The following was written by Daniel T about the day:

'Richard, a man from Nigeria, came to show us a range of fascinating African drums. He demonstrated how to play them and told us about the strange names that they were called. We all enjoyed learning about the language of drumming and Richard taught us to speak to each other through rhythms. The drumming was a great experience – one we will never forget!'

London Marathon

As you may be aware I ran the London Marathon in April in order to raise funds for VICTA (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action). There have been a number of events which have been held to support my fundraising and the most recent of these was a quiz night held at Brington. The evening was a huge success and we managed to raise a total of **£1111.51** which is a fantastic amount! Thank you to Mrs Dunn for all of her hard work in organising the event and to Mr Price for being the quiz master! Thank you too to all who donated raffle prizes. I managed to complete the course and have so far raised **£3000** which is double my original target. Thank you to everyone who has supported me by sponsoring, donating raffle prizes or attending the quiz night – it is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Sarbutts
Executive Headteacher

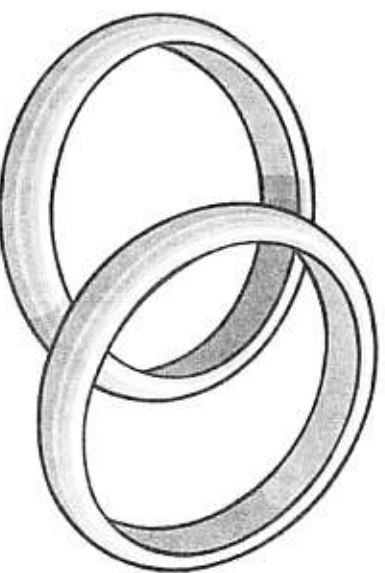
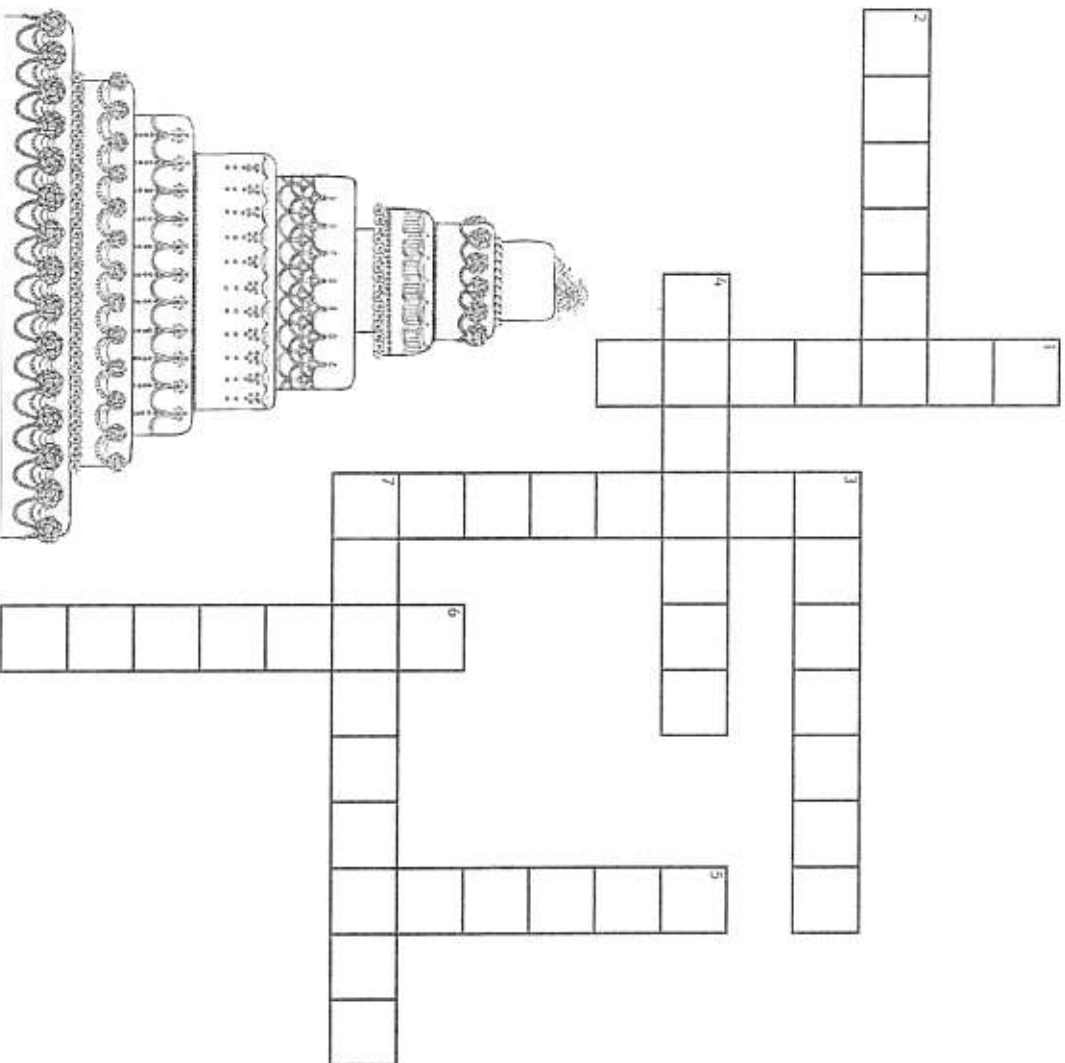
Royal Wedding

Across

- Harry's royal title.
- The first name of Harry's father – the Prince of Wales.
- Meghan's previous career.
- The first name of Harry's grandmother – the current monarch.

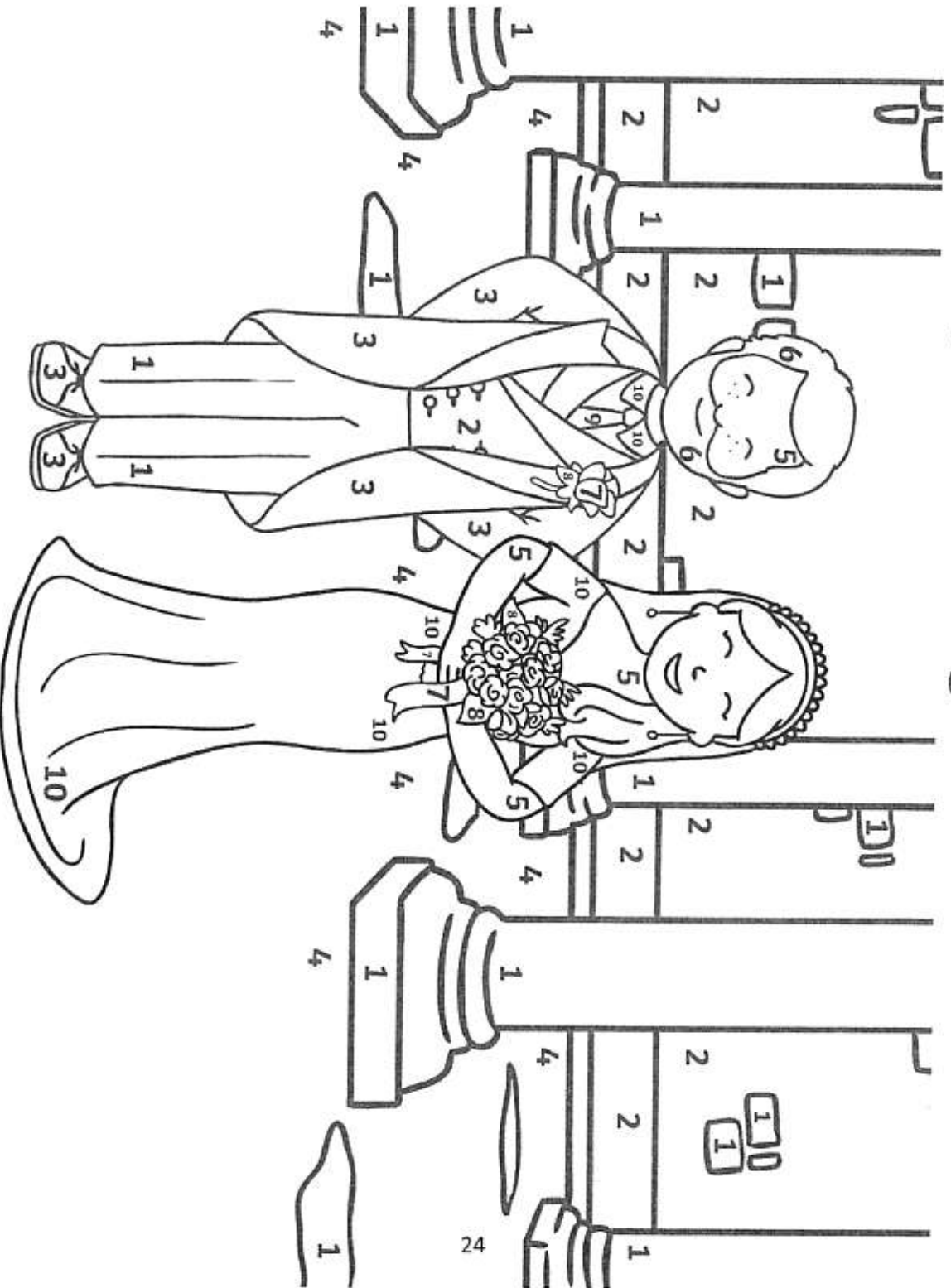
Down

- Meghan's country of birth.
- A mode of transport commonly seen at Royal Weddings.
- The surname of the bride.
- The castle in which St George's Chapel resides.



Royal Wedding

Number	Colour
1	grey
2	light grey
3	black
4	brown
5	skin colour
6	orange
7	yellow
8	green
9	blue
10	white



The Whilton Newsletter is published quarterly and circulated free to every household within the parish boundary. The costs are met by the Parish Council.

The Editors are:

- Anthea Hiscock, Langton House, Main Street.
Telephone: 01327 843319.
e-mail: anthea.hiscock@tiscali.co.uk

- Jon Brierley
e-mail: Jbrierley1@aol.com

❖ 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 2018. The last date for contributions will be 20th August 2018.

❖ The Newsletter is published quarterly, but Whilton also has a website: www.whilton-village.net. This contains details of the organizations in the parish, Newsletters and a Picture Gallery. It also has latest news and updates on parish events.

❖ The Parish Council has its own website at <http://www.parish-council.com/whilton/>.

**WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON
SUMMER 2018**

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Fri	1 June	6.30 – 10 p.m.	Village, Church, Village Hall	Centenary of investiture of Captain H Reynolds VC, MC.
Wed	6 June	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Gardeners Association: Flowers for health & well-being
Sun	10 June	11 a.m.	Church	Worship for all
Sun	17 June	Morning	Whilton Locks Garden Village	Father's Day Breakfasts
Sat	23 June	Afternoon		Local History Society Outing
Sun	24 June	6 p.m.	Church	Eucharist
Sat	30 June	7 – 11 p.m.	Hill Top Farm Barn	Barn Dance
Sun	1 July	11 a.m.	To be arranged	United Benefice Eucharist
Fri	6 July	7.30 p.m.	Church	Whilton Warblers concert
Sun	8 July	11 a.m.	Church	Worship for all
Wed	11 July	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Parish Council
Tues	17 July	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Village Hall	Social Lunch
Thurs	19 July	Afternoon		Gardeners Association Outing
Sun	22 July	6 p.m.	Church	Eucharist
Wed	25 July	11 a.m. – 12 noon	Whilton Locks Garden Village	Cuddle session.
Wed	1 Aug	Evening		Gardeners Association Whilton Garden Visits
Sun	5 Aug	11 a.m.	Place to be arranged	United Benefice Eucharist
Sun	12 Aug	11 a.m.	Church	Worship for all
Mon	20 Aug			Last date for contributions for Autumn Newsletter
Sun	26 Aug	6 p.m.	Church	Eucharist

- 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 Mon, Wed 1 – 3 p.m. for over 3's.
- **BELL RINGING** at the Church: Mon 7.30 - 9 p.m.
Contacts: Justin Baker 844263 or Janet Bowers 842853
- **WHILTON WARBLERS CHOIR** Tuesday in the Church: Term time 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
- The **APERTURE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** meets in Brington. See page 16.