

WHILTON SUMMER NEWSLETTER



JUNE - AUGUST 2012



Letter from the Editors

Bunting seems a suitable decoration for our summer Newsletter, as the red, white and blue proliferate first in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and then for the 2012 Olympics. As this issue is published the plans for the royal event are just coming to fruition, and we hope those who stay in Whilton will have a happy occasion to remember. All ages have made preparations, including the Pre-school children, who have contributed by decorating the Village Hall.

As the nation's attention switches to sports in July, we shall be interested to hear from any of you who attend events in person, or who have special Olympic experiences to share. The opening day will be marked by Whilton church bells ringing at 8 a.m.

This summer Newsletter provides information on various Whilton activities, past and present. If you plan to disappear on holiday, please remember to make sure that your neighbours know that you are away. We thank Ros Gardner for her work for Neighbourhood Watch, but as she is now retiring from this, there is a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Perhaps these pages will encourage you to volunteer to replace her. There are details in this issue.

Meanwhile we wish all our readers a very good summer.

The Editors

Front cover picture: Louise Whitcombe of Whilton receives the cup for her team at Brington School Sports Day. Summer 2011

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Whilton is a village on the up, things are happening!

Your council have been working tirelessly behind the scenes and has, since the last newsletter, made progress towards sorting out some long-standing problems in the village.

We have managed to secure a grant from County Councillor Steve Osborne to pay for a 3-year maintenance agreement to keep the church clock ticking.

After many complaints, Anglian Water have now advised that a scheme to replace the water mains supplying the parishes of Whilton and the Bringtons was approved on 24th April. Provisionally this includes replacement of a total of 12 kilometres of cast iron mains, to be completed by March 2014. They have to liaise with a number of stakeholders before they will be able to provide us with information on the start date and duration of construction, but I should have more news on this for the next newsletter. Work will be phased in to sort out Lodge Lane as soon as possible, which will improve the supply to Whilton.

After many interventions, it would seem that the Highways Authorities are looking into the repair/refurbishment of the highway drain that keeps blocking up on the bend in Brington Lane, near Kunda Cottage. I have been advised by the Schemes Design Engineer of MGWSP Northamptonshire Highways that he has carried out an initial investigation on 10th May and found that the old drain is no longer serviceable. He has come to the conclusion that they will have to install a new section to bypass the problem area and that he is currently looking at the budget to fund this repair. I should once again be able to provide feedback in the next newsletter.

Lastly, 80 Watt Mercury streetlamps will become obsolete in 2015 so we've just made a start by upgrading lantern numbers 6 on Main Street near the Gardens and 7 on South View to more energy-efficient, 36watt PL-L gear in head lanterns with photo electric cell control. The remaining 12 lanterns will have to be upgraded over the next two years.

Erica Fothergill
Clerk/RFO
Whilton Parish Council

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Whilton Parish Councillors

There was no election for Councillors in May, as 7 candidates stood for the 7 seats on the Council, representing the two wards of Whilton Village and Whilton Locks.

They are as follows:

- Peter Wingrave 'Foxhill,' Brington Lane
- **(Chair)**
- Ken Bowers 'Heritage,' Brington Lane
- Jonathan Hanslip 'Rustlings,' Brington Lane
- Greg Lye 1 Langton Rise
- Nora Swinford 1 South View
- Michael Thomas 3 Langton Rise
- Susan Wingrave 'Foxhill,' Brington Lane

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th July.

WHILTON ALLOTMENTS APPLY NOW!

We currently have a couple of half plots available at £10 for the year ending 31 March 2013.

Call now and start planting right away!

Contact the Parish Clerk:

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AN INVITATION FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO ALL MEMBERS OF VILLAGE GROUPS

The Clerk of the Parish Council, Erica Fothergill writes:

I now have pleasure advising that the informal coffee evening, mentioned by the Chairman at the Annual Parish meeting, will take place in the Village Hall at **7pm on Wednesday 20th June** with the aim of discussing common issues, sharing best practice and exploring ways of working together for the common good, without duplication of effort.

Although in an ideal world we would hope for a full turnout we know that it's unlikely so, for catering purposes, we would appreciate receiving confirmation of attendance by Friday 15th June.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

Ros Gardner will be resigning as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator at the end of June, therefore we require someone to take over this duty and whilst very important, it is not particularly time consuming. If you would be interested in helping our Community, please contact 01327842324 for further details.

Dates for future Street Surgeries will be posted on the Notice Boards and will also be available on the Village Website.

The non-emergency 101 number should be used to report a crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. 999 should be used in an emergency. The dedicated Watchline number 01604 432436 is still fully operational.

Our PCSO Sarah Gray 7207 can be contacted via the 101 telephone number or Twitter DB7207 or Email: sarah.gray@northants.pnn.police.uk

THE WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES
(Whilton in Need Charity)
Based on the Annual Report
prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th April 2012

This has proved to be a disappointing year in many respects. The value of the Charities' assets has fallen slightly due to falls in share prices, which remain still some way from their 2007/08 value. That said, the main disappointment is that only one application for a grant has been made despite the expectation that demands should properly rise as difficulties multiply for residents. During the year the Trustees have not had to meet.

Ideas on how to achieve more applications from residents as well as actual applications are very welcome. Our view remains that if the need is there it should be met, and if the funds are thereby extinguished then this should be accepted. So again we would remind residents, young and old, of our criteria permanently displayed on the two village notice boards.

- i) The Trustees are prepared to give grants in sums usually not exceeding £300 and limited to one application from an individual per financial year.
- ii) These would be given on receipt of a written application to the trustees, in confidence. The application should be given to one of the trustees, explaining the need and difficulty in financially meeting it. If preferred, a trustee can arrange an interview, which he/she would record.
- iii) Examples of financial need might be:
 - for a piece of equipment or experience that anyone with reasonable means could be expected to acquire e.g. a replacement mattress, TV licence, small house repair, musical instrument
 - for an evening class/skill-giving course, playgroup fee, taxi fare to visit relative/friend in hospital, holiday break or significant school trip/D of E expedition that would fulfil potential.
 - for help with fees for, or transport costs, including insurance, to further training.
- iv) Eligibility is defined as follows:
 - for an older or disabled person: living mainly on a basic state pension or benefit
 - for a family: living on an income half the national average wage
 - for young people in their own right: a situation where it would not be expected a parent would fund the expense required.
 - the payment may be requested to avoid consequences of a loan or the incurring of further debt

As we approach the time when exam results may lead to university study or new work training, residents are reminded of the existence of the Charities. The Trustees will be happy to discuss “what would happen if?” situations without mentioning any names, and indicate safeguards for confidentiality of applicants. They can be approached by you or by an agency. Recipients of grants in previous years are welcome to apply again, if circumstances remain the same or indeed if a new need has arisen.

This fund remains for anyone normally resident in the parish boundaries and we would urge you to mention the possibility to those who should benefit from the forethought of previous wealthier generous parishioners.

We remind you that the three Trustees to be approached are:

- Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage, the community representative
- Reverend Sue Kipling at Brington Rectory, the rector
- Keith Hiscock at Langton House, the Parish Council nominee

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WHILTON IN NEED CHARITY

Accounts	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
2008-9			
Income from Coif Shares	£185.74	£218.8	£179.37
£173.97			
Interest from Bank Account	nil	nil	nil
nil			
Payments Made	£300.00	£300	nil
£600			
Total Bank Balance as at 10.04.12.	£180.00	£294.36	£409.62
£230.25			
Capital Account Share Value	£1502.41	£1529.17	£1483.61
£1188.22			
Subsequent Share Purchases	£2676.90	£2724.58	£2643.41
£2099.28			
Both at 10.04.12 value			
Total Value of assets	£4359.31	£4548.11	£4536.04
£3508.75			
K Hiscock, 10.04.12			

MORE MEMOIRS OF JOAN DAVIES' EARLY LIFE

In 1934 I met my first husband Chris Smalley when we were following the Cheshire Beagles. He was the whipper-in to a private pack that worked the hills. Chris asked me in the summer if I would like a day on a hireling with the High Peak Harriers in Derbyshire. We would go into the hills otter hunting and we enjoyed many shared interests. He lived with his parents at Taddington Hall in Derbyshire, one of six children.

After about a year he asked me to marry him. I accepted much to the delight of my parents, who were pleased that I had met such a nice handsome man. Soon after our engagement my family I and moved to Hemp Close in Radway, Warwickshire. Chris and I spent our weekends visiting each other. On the morning of the wedding I went for a ride and met Bob (our chauffeur / gardener) and he said that the next time he saw me he would be addressing me as Mrs Smalley not Miss Joan. The reality of the change of my life hit me and I burst into tears!

The wedding took place at Radway Church with a small but happy gathering. My father in law found us a small house in Combs, Chapel-en-le-Frith on the edge of a forest in Cheshire. Chris worked in Manchester, so I drove him to the station each morning and he walked home in the evening after work. The farmer next door told us we could shoot over his land to keep the rabbits down; of course I was unable to shoot so I used my husband's nets and ferrets to trap them. A man in the village (a sort of jack of all trades) bought about 30 a week from me.

After a while there was talk of war so Chris joined the Manchester Regiment, but, keen to do his bit for king and country, he gave up his rank as Captain and volunteered, joining the 5th Commandoes (today's equivalent to the SAS). He went away training in Falmouth then on to Scotland. The training was very harsh and a lot of men dropped out. Chris was a fit man with a considerable turn of speed and of more than average intelligence. He became one of the 1500 odd commandoes to take part in the ill-fated raid on the harbour of Saint-Nazaire in 1941. I had many sleepless nights not hearing from him and it was not until after the war that I found out through a friend that Chris had indeed accomplished his

mission, made an escape through the complicated walkways and was seen rejoicing with his men. Sadly the Germans set fire to the wooden boats sent to pick them up. (A true account has been recorded in a book by Stuart Chant-Sempill: "Saint-Nazaire Commando" and a T.V. documentary.)

While Chris was away I opened our small house to evacuees. I remember one nine year old boy from Manchester called Victor. I had no idea how to look after him, poor thing, but I did buy him a mouth organ which he learned to play very well. Nothing much happened in Manchester and so after six months his parents came and collected him. I had a couple of girls from Southend for a while and then a family from Guernsey. Their father, and indeed the whole island, was in enemy hands, so the wife and children stayed until the end of the war (was a bit of a tight fit).

At that time I joined a local group driving a mobile canteen up into the hills to troops that were guarding tunnels. Most of the soldiers were from the Midlands and I could not understand their accents. They were all scared of grouse, thinking they were old men talking to one another. While Chris was away I moved out of our overcrowded small house to a farm at Wormhill. The owners had bought the farm after the government had commandeered their house, Hardgate Hall, turning it into a hospital for wounded soldiers. The farm was a poor, worn out set up, everything done by hand. My room was the old groom's quarters just big enough for one. I had a weekly bath and a good meal in the farm house with cook giving me a pie that I made last me all week. But I survived mainly on kale from the fields.

For the first time in my life I was working on a farm, muck carting, spreading lime on the fields with a horse and cart. I would drop it in heaps across the field then spread it, but the wind always threw it back in my face. I soon found that putting a pair of bloomers over my head and face saved some of the discomfort. As my parents had moved to Warwickshire, I decided to visit them at Easter. The only way was to cycle. I remember getting saddle sores halfway and so I tied pyjamas to the seat for padding. I was asked to open a garden fete called, "Dig for Victory" in a village some miles away. I cycled in the pouring rain

and arrived clad in cape, sou'wester, boots and bike clips on my trousers (most ladies opening fetes wore flowered dresses and hats). Needless to say the local newspaper reporter had a field day describing in detail my attire)

In 1945 a friend arranged for me to move down to Bugbrooke working at Heygates Mill. Life was very different here in Northamptonshire, apart from the type of land there were Italian prisoners of war and hundreds of pigs. My first job was to fill large sacks and load them onto a cart. I became a problem for the management because I worked too fast (I was doing it for the war effort whilst the others were working for a living!) After that I slowed down a bit. I was lodging with Mrs Pell which was very sparse with a cold water tap in the yard. Every Saturday Mrs Heygate was very kind letting me have a lovely sweet smelling bath in her house. I also learnt to arrive early to work so that I could sit on a proper lavatory and not the privy in the yard at my lodgings.

Walking to work I would make an awful noise with my quarry boots marching down the lane, waking everyone up. On very hot days, when thinning mangles in the fields, to cool off I would lay fully clothed in a cold water trough then let the hot sun dry me out.

The advantage of living at Bugbrooke was that I found I could cycle to Radway (the other side of Banbury) to visit my parents. I loved my bike, it was a man's so I could really put my foot down covering miles at great speed. I suppose most people in Bugbrooke thought I was mad, but I enjoyed the open roads no matter what the weather.

Coming to Bugbrooke was the start of a new life for me. It was where I met Griff; he had the audacity to let the tyres down on my bicycle outside The Saracens Head, Little Brington (he also hid my pump). Through Griff I found love and a reason to look to the future. This time the marriage lasted 57 years.



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



What a cold wet start to the gardening year, we can only hope that things get better and nature does its utmost to play catch up.

On 4th April members plus visitors enjoyed a warm welcome on a very wet night at Bert Manton's "Work shop." He gave an interesting talk about his work and love of wood, followed by a quiz, where we were asked to identify old tools and implements and their uses: great fun. Then we looked around his museum, concluding with tea and biscuits.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 13 th June | Stuart Phillips will give a demonstration and talk on "Propagation." (Note change of date.) |
| 1 st August | A visit to Jenny Dix at Farthingstone.
(Leave village at 7 p.m.) |
| 3 rd October | Colin Hill will give a talk on "Hedgehogs in the Garden." |

On behalf of the committee and members, we would like to thank Ann for her excellent time as "Chair". Under her leadership she has brought us into the 21st century; her organising skills have been second to none, and it has been a delight to work with her.

A BIG welcome to the incoming Chairman, Mr Roy Haynes; and we are sure he will continue the good work already in place.

On a personal note – like the gardens I too have had a slow start to the New Year, a BIG thank you to all those who have helped me to survive.

Olive

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St. Andrew's Church – Fundraising and Social Events

Autumn Quiz

The Spring Quiz was so popular that we're planning to run another quiz in the Autumn. Keep an eye open for further details and be sure to book and pay for your tickets quickly as numbers are strictly limited.

Whilton Car Boot

Sadly we had to cancel the car boot sale scheduled for the end of April due to the awful weather.

We're hoping to reschedule in early Autumn.

Date for your diary:

The Harvest Festival and Supper will be held on Sunday 30th September. The service will start at 4.30 pm followed shortly afterwards by the supper and auction of produce in the village hall.

Whilton Ringers News

Ringling in Whilton is going well and we are delighted to be teaching five new learners, with three from the same family. All are enthusiastic and are progressing; well on the way to 'change ringing'.

On Sunday June 3 we will commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee of accession to the throne by ringing the Bells in celebration before the Village Tea. We also plan to ring a Quarter Peal in June – looking forward to reporting it next time.

The Olympic Games organisers have asked for all Bells in the UK to be rung to mark the start of the Olympic Games on Friday July 27 at 8am. Whilton Ringers will join in to start this Global event.

We are always keen to welcome new people of any age to our practice. If you would like to have a go at ringing or would just like to watch the ringers in action, please come along on a Monday evening from 19:45.

Justin Baker

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**Schedule of Services at St Andrew's Church, Whilton,
and Benefice Services
June – August 2012**

<i>1st June Friday</i>	7 p.m.	Benefice Diamond Jubilee Festival Service at Brington
<i>3rd June Trinity Sunday</i>	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist at Harlestone
<i>10th June 1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	6 p.m.	Evening Praise
<i>17th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns
<i>24th June Birth of John the Baptist</i>	11 a.m.	Worship for all
<i>1st July St Peter and St Paul</i>	10 a.m.	Benefice Sung Eucharist at Whilton
<i>8th July 5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	3 p.m.	Pet Service
<i>15th July 6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns
<i>22nd July Mary Magdalene</i>	11 a.m.	Worship for All
<i>29th July 8th after Trinity</i>	8 a.m.	1662 Holy Communion
<i>5th August Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist at Norton
<i>12th August 10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	6 p.m.	Taizé Service
<i>19th August The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns
<i>26th August 12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11 a.m.	Worship for All

FAMILY NEWS

A DAY TO REMEMBER!

Paul Day of The Gardens will not easily forget 20th May 2012. On that day he was one of the supporters chosen to play with Manchester United Veterans in a charity match in Daventry.

Paul was one of the winners in the competition to see who could raise the most sponsorship money. Through Paul's efforts Kevin Brown of Hi-Force became the main sponsor of the match, and Paul managed to raise over £5,600.

All 26 local players had raised sponsorship money; 22 of them played for Daventry, 11 in each half, and the 4 with the highest amounts played with the Veterans, 2 in each half.

Paul has supported Manchester United since 1957, and in fact was the oldest player on the field, as he was 62 the next day, 21st May.

Asked what was the highlight, Paul had no hesitation. It was meeting Sammy Macilroy, the last of the Busby Babes, signed on by Matt Busby. But there was an extra bonus with the unexpected arrival of Ray Wilkins, one time Captain of England and of Manchester United.

This was also a really special family day for Paul, known by his friends as "Mower" Day, a nickname inherited from his grandad. Not only did he play with the Veterans, but his son, Nick, played against him for Daventry and his grand daughter was a team mascot – a true Day for the Days!

Congratulations Paul!

(We are always pleased to hear of special events and achievements to include in this page. If your family has a special celebration we shall be happy to include it, but please do inform one of the editors.)



TUESDAY CHAT

The Tuesday Chats which took place on 17th April and 15th May were again very successful. The cakes were delicious and the conversation flowed so well that many extra cups of tea were enjoyed. Chat covers Whilton past, present and future as well as current affairs, television and radio critiques.

A small charge of £1.50 per person is made to cover the hire of the village hall. Tea and refreshments are included.

There will not be a Tuesday Chat in June, as we hope the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will provide both refreshments and an opportunity for meeting one another.

The next date for the Tuesday afternoon social gatherings will be Tuesday, 21st August. We look forward to seeing you then. Meanwhile there will be a lunch in July, and we look forward to this popular event.

WHILTON SUMMER SOCIAL LUNCH

The next Social Lunch will take place on Thursday, 5th July 2012. We shall meet in the Village Hall at 12.30 for 1 p.m.

The charge will be £5 per person, and details of when and how to book your place will be available nearer the time.

Whilton Social Group



Roughmoor Spinney



A Working Party was held on Saturday 17th March 2012 when seven of our group members turned out and within one hour had moved 1½ tons of MOT (granite chippings) to the pond end of the spinney for making good the footpath. We shall need at least a further two tons once we have seen the results of the work done to date (after the recent rain).

We are beginning to see the rapid growth of grass etc. and will shortly arrange for a further working party to keep it in check.

A meeting was recently held in the spinney with members of the Brinton & Whilton Pre-School and an area was allocated for the children to plant seeds and bulbs.

Whilton Spinney Management Group

Reversing Bad Habits

What were you doing this time last week, last month, last year? No, I can't remember either but I can tell you exactly what I was doing on Friday 7th November 1975 during my lunch break. I was taking my driving test. My one and only driving test I'll have you know! After just ten lessons, the first three in the narrow, stone lined lanes of coastal Devon where I was on a working holiday and the final lessons in my home county of Leicestershire driving a purple, twin carburettor Ford Escort belonging to my instructor Joe. And at the tender age of seventeen I was unleashed onto the roads in my pale blue Morris 1000 Traveller. The car had originally been intended for my fourteen year old brother who liked to remove, rearrange and then replace car engines but Dad suddenly decided it would be handy for me, once I had passed my test, for carting around tack and feed for our three horses. I can remember every detail of that test, it had been impossible to cover everything in the lessons in the time allowed so Joe had tried to teach me how to do an emergency stop on the way to the test. The first couple were okay but then I went to pieces, we skidded several times then Joe shouted at me to get out of the car and he drove us to the test centre. The rest, as they say, is history.

Fast forward an impossible number of years and here I am heading for Midsummer Meadow in Northampton in Bob my beloved car for an assessment drive with the Northampton branch of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. John is assigned as my assessor and, after a few preliminary checks of car and driver we're off. As I exit the car park I cross my hands over on the steering wheel though I've been trying hard not to. John tells me that arms can do a lot of damage to your head if the airbag in the steering wheel were activate unexpectedly. He then goes on to regale me with stories from his friend who works in A&E - tales of removing pieces of wristwatch embedded in the brain in just such cases. Enough said, I won't cross my hands on the steering wheel. Ever. He then advises me not to wrap my thumbs around the wheel, apparently this same friend tells him a steering wheel can do a lot of damage to thumbs if the wheel spins unexpectedly. I suggest to John that he should reconsider his circle of friends but my thumbs now point vertically up the wheel.

Just as we are the only ones who are allowed to criticise our own family so it is we are the only ones allowed to criticise our own driving – should anyone else criticise your family or your driving it's practically pistols at dawn! So why was I doing this? Like every other driver on the road I consider myself to be a pretty good and safe driver but I was curious, remembered how much I enjoyed my driving lessons and realistic enough to know there was room for improvement so why not. The assessment drive through unfamiliar areas of the county lasted about an hour but felt much longer, I cringed at each messed up manoeuvre but he was patient and offered constructive criticism. I was encouraged and at no point did he scream to be let out of the car!

We returned to the start point and I reversed the car into a space at what I considered to be a jaunty angle, others might be less kind. He filled out the assessment report and to my delight confirmed that I was already a good and a safe driver and just needed tidying up around the edges. He would like me to go through with the course and then consider becoming as assessor myself. Thrilled and flattered, I joined up on the spot.

Bob's Driver

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY "DOWN MEMORY LANE"

Members met on Thursday, 10th May to look at a variety of photos of people who have lived in the parish at some time during the last sixty years. The pictures roused memories and stories from the past, and an interesting evening was enjoyed by all.

By the time of this issue these photos and many more will have been assembled to show in the church during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 3rd June.

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The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 July, when Barry Smith will be giving an illustrated talk on "**Ridge and Furrow**".

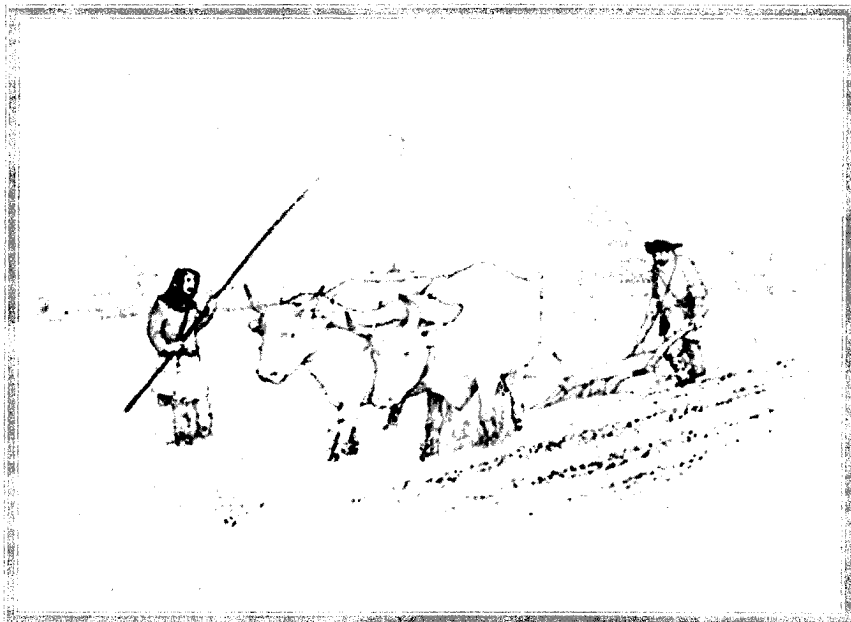
All are welcome in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The September meeting will be: "**Who was who in South View?** A history of South View from the 18th to the 21st century"
Details will be in the next Newsletter.

Whilton Local History Society

RIDGE AND FURROW

An illustrated talk by Barry Smith



**In the Village Hall
7.30 p.m. Thursday,
12th July 2012
All are welcome.**

**Please bring £1.50
to cover expenses**

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

We have now taken delivery of 10 new stacking chairs which are upholstered, and encouraging comments have been received from those who have sat on them regarding looks, design and comfort. **The new chairs will not be for hire outside the village hall.**

Maybe at some future date we should consider further replacements as and when finances permit.

Further meetings have also taken place regarding arrangements for the Jubilee Celebration on 3rd June 2012.

Whilton Village Hall Management Committee

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB - April 2012 - March 2013

Our volunteer collectors are making good progress and we are pleased to report approximately 50% of our existing membership had been visited and renewed their tickets for a further 12 months.

We hope that the collections will be completed in the very near future so that the first draw for April and May can take place.

Whilton Village Hall Management Committee

JUBILEE

One definition of the word Jubilee is "a season of general joy".

We wish all our readers just such a season in 2012.

Does Poor or Failing Eyesight cause you difficulties with:

- *Reading - even when wearing glasses?*
- *Everyday activities around the home?*
- *Identifying money and dealing with finances?*
- *Finding or keeping a job?*
- *Getting out and about?*
- *Are you feeling anxious, sad or isolated?*

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DAVENTRY CONTACT

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Moving house? Downsizing? Replacing furniture?

Most people own all the furniture they need and occasionally wish to change it for new, or it is just simply more than they need. This extra furniture that is no longer required can be extremely useful for someone else, especially those in need who don't have any. Folks we help quite often are not so fortunate and live in accommodation lacking in essentials. They do not have enough beds, furniture and white goods. Some families even struggle to afford the basics for their children.

Items needed (with free collection)

- **BEDS***
- **BEDROOM FURNITURE**
- **SOFAS AND SOFA-BEDS***
- **CHAIRS***
- **DINING AND KITCHEN TABLES**
- **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**



* Please note:

For us to be able to re-issue anything with soft furnishing material, it must display a fire label confirming compliance to the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire Safety) Regulations 1988.

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Sasha's Column

First of all, I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who read my last column. I was stopped so many times by people in the village, I felt like a celebrity. Also I would like to thank everyone who has commented on how well I have been doing on my diet.

My diet is going really well. I now don't have any problems with taking my food and also I am walking a lot more and it's even more fun when I am walked by two family members. I have been to the vets recently and the nice people there have told me that I have lost 2kg and I am now the lightest I have been for a very long time. Everyone in the family is really happy with me, but I know I still have a long way to go.

As well as eating my diet food I also have to take some "special ingredients" during the day, otherwise known as hay-fever tablets, but no one calls them that in the house. Sometimes I am really naughty and when the tablet is put in my food, I eat everything else around it, leaving it behind, which means that the tablet then has to be hidden in my favourite foods such as ham or cheese.

Because I am doing so well with my weight lost I thought that I was the best dog in the whole of Northampton, but I now understand that that has changed after Pudsey the dog won a television show, called Britain's Got Talent. What's that old phrase about you can't teach an old dog a new trick? Well I agree, at the grand old age of 6, (I will be 7 in a couple of months) I feel that I am too old to learn new things, no matter how hard Rochelle tries to get me to stand on my rear legs, I won't do it.

My last note will be similar to my first

column in that I absolutely adore attention so don't forget to come and say hello and give me a stroke if you see me out and about on walks. Also you can now tell me what you think of my column and possibly give suggestions on what you would like to hear in the next edition. I hope to see you all soon.

Much love

Sasha

Rochelle's musings

I would first like to update you all on how the Olympic interview went. I have been put on a reserve list, so I hope I may get the opportunity to work in the media department.

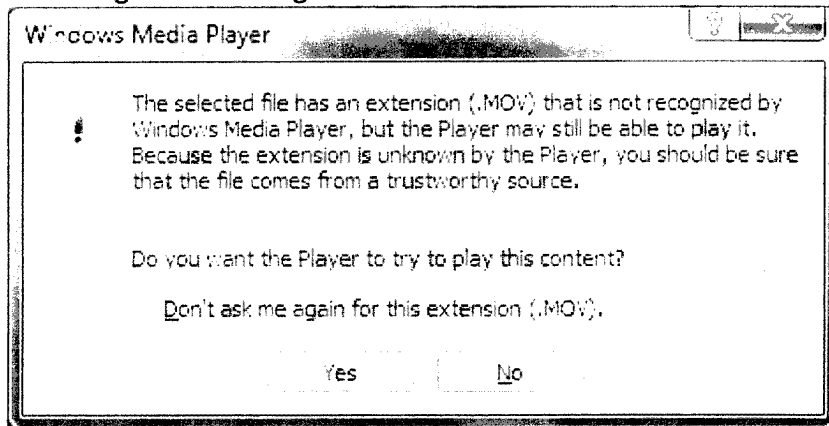
Speaking of media it is with great pleasure to tell you that I have now finished my three year journalism degree. These past couple of months have been really strenuous. I have had to hand in four different and big projects and assignments in four consecutive weeks, including a dissertation and three different radio projects.

So now comes the really difficult part in finding a job and at the moment I am applying for everything.. I would like to either get a job in print (either local papers or London based magazines) or local radio. But at the moment the industry is so competitive and there are very limited jobs. I am even determined that if all else fails then I will volunteer at media departments such as BBC Radio Northampton or the Daventry Express, as it looks good on your C.V.

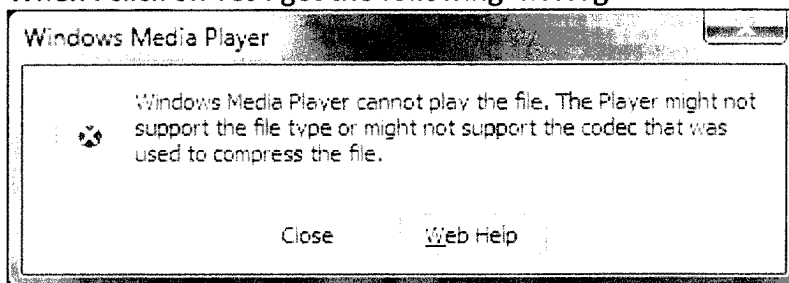
My actual graduation ceremony isn't until July, but I am very excited about what the future holds for me and my future career.

A problem shared....

I would like to share a problem with the brains of Whilton in the hope that someone may be able to provide a (simple) answer. When I take a video with my little Kodak digital camera I am unable to play it back on my laptop which runs Vista and Microsoft Office 2007. The files have an extension of .mov (Windows Media Player) and is the system default. I have no problem playing them on my Windows XP desktop. When I try to play a video I get the following error message.



When I click on Yes I get the following message:



Any ideas? Please email me on teresa@tlc-uk.co.uk, any help would be much appreciated.

A Stranger Arrives

The stranger was dark, with black glossy hair; he was long limbed and overly lean. Even with his straggly beard he was handsome. He coolly appraised the unfamiliar surroundings and the man accompanying him handed over papers, important papers.

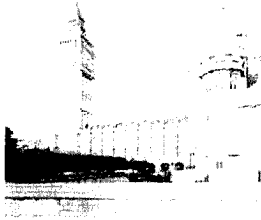
The people looked him over as the enormity of their decision began to hit them, they knew so little of this character yet they had invited him into their house. What had they committed to?

Norman approached, unaware of the stranger's presence and then he spotted him, froze for a moment, turned tail and fled. The people had expected that reaction of Norman, he was young and nervous. But what of the others, Bertie and Pip were older and more experienced, how would they react? They were to find out soon.

To be continued...

NEWS FROM BRINGTON SCHOOL

CREATIVE CURRICULUM



The children and staff are very excited about this term's topics. We are of course studying the Olympics but are spending much of this half term looking at 'Lovely London'. Key stage two children have been personally asked by Boris Johnson to help him prepare for the Olympics by making fact files or a film to teach children from other countries all about our capital city. The children have been working very hard to help the Mayor of London, even learning how to welcome foreign children in their own languages!

Class 1 are also learning about London and started their topic with a huge red London bus in the playground. Recently they have had a visit from a lost lion who arrived in a box from London. The children have written letters to London Zoo, the Queen and the Houses of Parliament to discover who he is and how to look after him and it appears that he has come from Trafalgar Square where he usually spends all his time just sitting on a concrete plinth. By the time you read this article he will have been returned to London by the children!

We are loving learning like this and there is a real buzz in our school with so many parents and visitors saying how they wished they had had these experiences when they were at school.

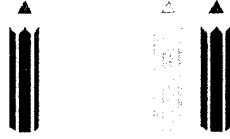
GREAT NEWS

We are really pleased that we have a full complement of children for the Reception class in September and have a waiting list with several parents desperate to get their children into our fantastic school.

READING

Never have time for a quiet read? Now is your chance! We are starting a Big Read at school every Wednesday afternoon at 3.00pm. Everyone who is at school at that time will be asked to join us in reading for 15 minutes. Please bring your book, newspaper or Kindle with you and join in. We would love to have you come along and provide role models of real people enjoying books. You can participate regularly or on an ad hoc basis but please come!





Brington and Whilton Pre-School

The Village Hall, Whilton, Nr Daventry, Northants

Spaces available for September For children 2 years and over.

Join a local pre-school
offering excellent education and care.
Led by very well qualified and caring staff.

Children enjoy a variety of activities including small world play, role play, construction, crafts and physical play.

Monday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch,
Wednesday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch,
and Friday 9.30am – 12 noon.

For further information or to visit –
contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083.

During this last term we have been busy decorating out the village hall for the Queen's Jubilee putting up homemade bunting, painting flags and pictures of the Queen.

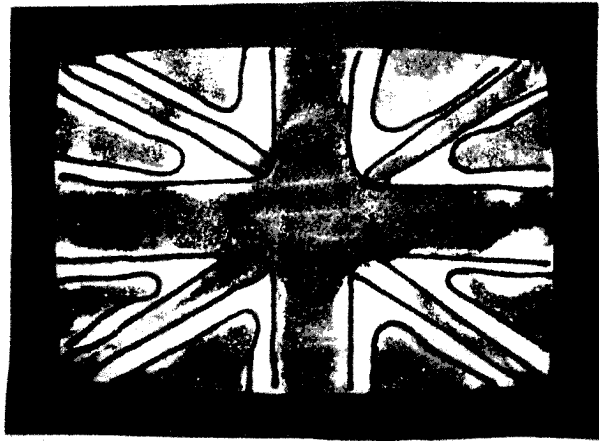
We have had a very wet, yet enjoyable time at Forest School, it has been great fun jumping in the puddles and rolling down the wet hills, slipping in the mud and bug hunting under the logs. We would like to thank Brington Chantry for helping towards the cost of the children attending Forest School.

Next term we hope to go down to Whilton Spinney to do some planting and digging and also enjoy learning about the Olympics – even having our own mini Olympics!!.

FUN STUFF

How to....

Make a Union Jack Window Display



You will need:

Sticky back plastic
Black card
Black wool
Red, White & Blue glitter

1. Cut the black card to the size required, and cut the sticky black plastic to the same size.
2. Peel off the backing of the sticky back plastic & stick to the card.
3. Use the black wool to draw the outline of the flag, press down hard onto the sticky plastic to ensure it stays in place.
4. Using one colour at a time, fill the areas with the appropriate coloured glitter by tipping on a small amount & spread around within the wool boundaries. Repeat until all areas are filled.
5. Once complete shake off any excess glitter & if you wish cover with cling film. Fix to the window for all to admire!

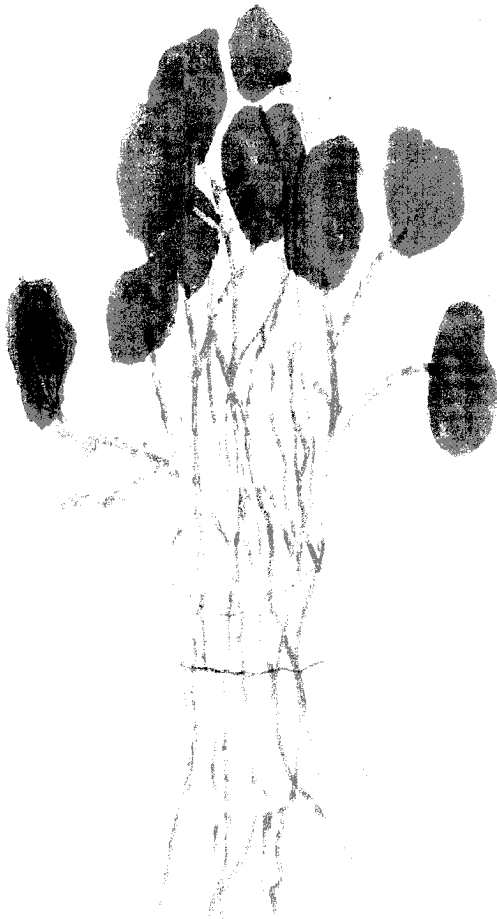


All About Me!

This page is for you – the children of Whilton to tell us about you. You can include photos, drawings, games or anything else you want to share. We're looking for lots of ideas so please get in touch with anything you want to include.

Introducing.....

This issue Louise Whitcombe, from Main Street has told us all about herself and we have a fabulous picture from Georgia of Langton Rise.....thank you very much.



Name: Louise Whitcombe

Age: 6

What pets do you have and what are they called?
2 Cats called Brandy and Holly.

What do you like best about living in Whilton?
My friends

Is there anything you don't like about living in Whilton?
I wish there was a park in Whilton

What do you like most about the summer?
When we get to play in our paddling pool

What do you enjoy the most about Brington School?
When we get to go on the climbing frame

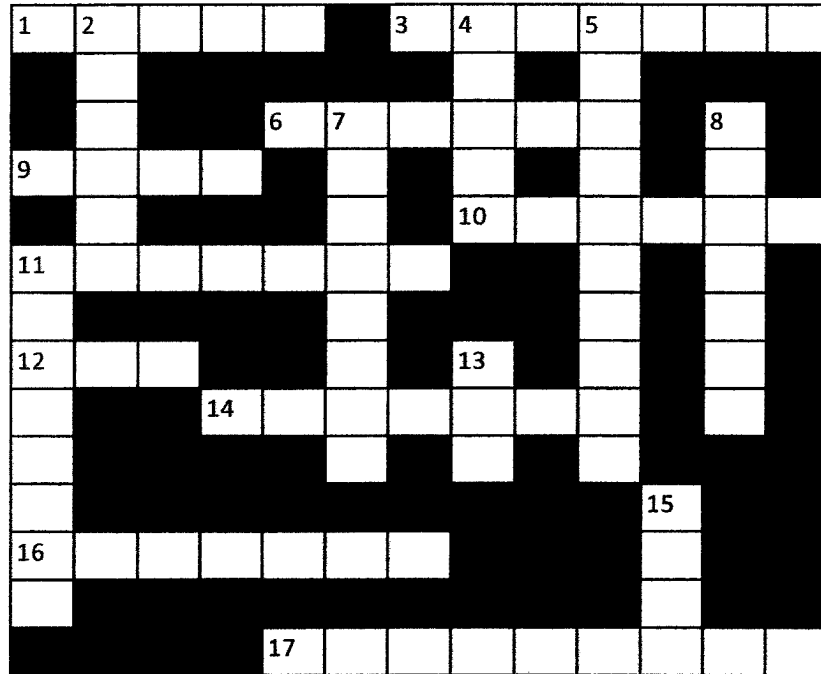
What do you enjoy doing outside of school?
Going to a funfair, but most I like at the funfair is going on a helter-skelter

What would be your perfect day?
Go to a funfair and a park next to it. I would also like to eat big pancakes.

Is there anything special you are going to do this year (eg. Watch the Olympics, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or holidays etc)?
Going to a wedding.

Whilton Crossword

Can you solve the Whilton related crossword and solve the anagram from the shaded boxes?



Across

- 1 Long standing farmers of Whilton (5)
- 3 Millenium Gift to Whilton Parish (7)
- 6 Patron Saint of Whilton Church (6)
- 9 Latest addition to The Green (4)
- 10 Fields of this colour surround Whilton Parish in spring (4)
- 11 House, Cottage & Street name in common (7)
- 12 See 8 down
- 14 Domesday name Whilton was known by (7)
- 16 Weekday Whilton chat club (7)
- 17 Whilton's local convenience store (9)

Down

- 2 Whilton's harbour (6)
- 4 The Green will be playing host to one for the Jubilee (5)
- 5 Quarterly village written update (10)
- 7 Access road to Whilton (8)
- 8, 12 across & 15 down
Dotty Moo Street? (7, 3, 4)
- 11 The locks cafe (8)
- 13 Lucky Supper? (3)
- 15 See 8 down

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The Editors welcome material for the Newsletter. If possible, please supply a memory card with your contribution, or send it by e-mail. If you do not have a computer or typewriter, the editors will be happy to type handwritten articles for you.

The next issue will be the Autumn Edition, covering September – November 2012. The last date for contributions will be 20th August 2012.

Whilton is also proud of its website – www.whilton-village.net. This contains details of the organizations in the parish, previous Parish Council Minutes and Newsletters and a very comprehensive Picture Gallery. If you have the facility, why not take a look at the content?

WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON? SUMMER 2012

Events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Sun	3	June	2 – 8 p.m.	Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Whilton
Sun	10	June	6 p.m.	Evening Praise in St Andrew's Church
Wed	13	June	7.30 p.m.	Whilton Gardeners' Association: Stuart Phillips: "Propagation"
Sun	17	June	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns at St Andrew's Church
Wed	20	June	7 p.m.	Parish Council informal coffee evening
Sat	23	June	2.50 - 3.10 pm.	Mobile Library at the Green
Sun	24	June	11 a.m.	Worship for all at St Andrew's Church
Sun	1	July	10 a.m.	Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Andrew's Church
Thurs	5	July	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Summer Social Lunch
Sun	8	July	3 p.m.	Pet Service at St Andrew's Church
Wed	11	July	7 p.m.	Parish Council meeting
Thurs	12	July	7.30 p.m.	Local History Society: Barry Smith: "Ridge and Furrow"
Sun	15	July	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns at St Andrew's Church
Sun	22	July	11 a.m.	Worship for all at St Andrew's Church
Fri	27	July	8 a.m.	Bell ringing at St Andrew's Church to mark start of the Olympic Games
Sat	28	July	2.50 – 3.10pm.	Mobile Library at The Green
Sun	29	July	8 a.m.	1662 Holy Communion
Wed	1	August	7 p.m.	Gardeners' Association visit to Farthingstone
Sun	5	August	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist at Norton
Sun	12	August	6 p.m.	Taizé Service at St Andrew's Church
Sun	19	August	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns at St Andrew's Church
Mon	20	August		Deadline for Newsletter articles
Tues	21	August	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Tuesday Chat
Sun	26	August	11 a.m.	Worship for all at St Andrew's Church