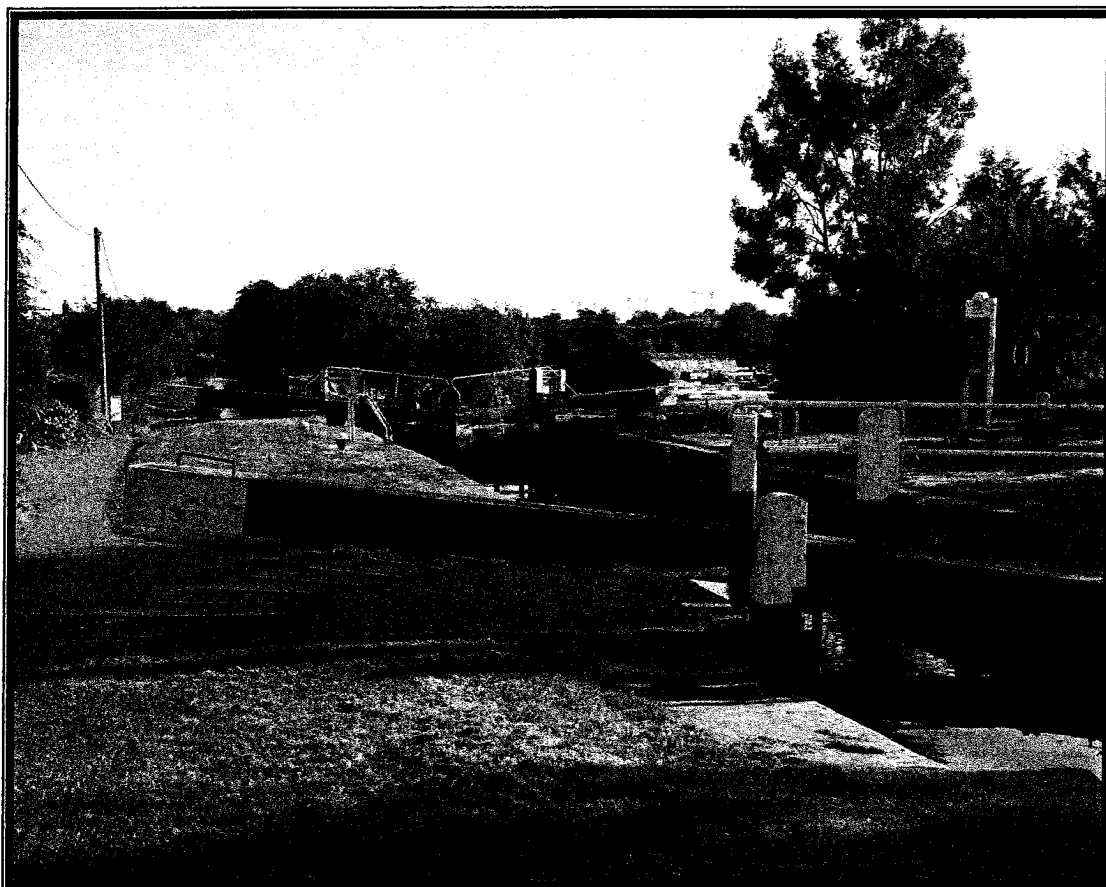


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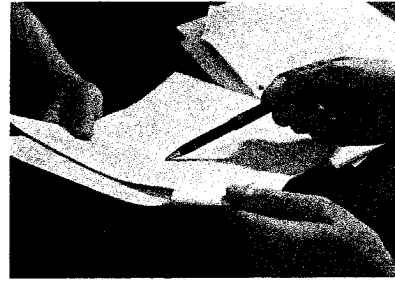
A sunny day at Whilton Locks

Image by Richard Oliver

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



As you will find in reading the contents of this issue, the last few months have been busy, with several significant family events.

Spring has been late in arriving, but at last we are feeling that summer is on the way, and the village is looking colourful with flowers. We thank Richard Oliver, a volunteer lock keeper, for his front cover photo of the lock gates in summer.

We note that our Parish Councillors have been out litter picking, a reminder to all of us to pick up any rubbish we find in our own part of Whilton. We are also very pleased to report that since the article about the dog mess in Whilton, people have reported a marked improvement. Thank you to those who are taking on this responsibility.

Readers are reminded that it is possible to advertise through this publication. If you have a flyer about your business, it can be delivered with the Newsletter at a cost of £10. The money will then be used towards production costs. Please contact one of the editors if you are interested.

Meanwhile we hope you enjoy the following articles and will be inspired to join in some of the planned summer activities.

The Editors

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The month of June will mark a special celebration of all the work that our retiring churchwarden has done over many years. When Will Adams died in 1993, Janet Bowers was already a member of the PCC and she replaced Will, working as churchwarden with Harold Haynes. This means that Janet has given 20 years of service to the church and community, as a churchwarden, and even more as a member of the Parochial Church Council.

Over the years Janet has faithfully attended services, prepared the building for worship, liaised with priests, readers and organists, and organised many special events in the church. These have included flower festivals and open gardens, concerts, and special events, such as pet services and Christmas celebrations. She has worked with a number of rectors and priests in charge of Whilton, including Canon Jim Richardson, David MacPherson, Chris Goble, and now Sue Kipling.

Janet has also given her energies to working with the fund raising group for the church, and dealing with everyday matters of repairs, maintenance and benefice business. She has seen us through difficult times of inter-regnums, and has done her best to encourage all ages to be involved in church life.

She has been not only been our churchwarden, but also secretary of the Parochial Church Council, organising our own meetings, and attending others in the benefice on our behalf.

Janet is now retiring and we are able to welcome a new team to replace her. We hope she will have more free time to enjoy her garden, her bell ringing and other activities, and that she will be able to worship in St Andrew's unhindered by the duties she has fulfilled for so long.

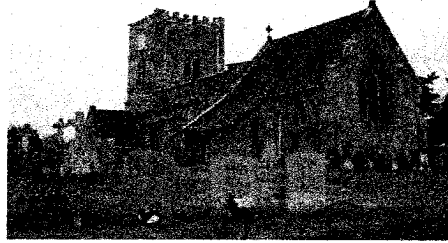
**THANK YOU, JANET,
FOR YOUR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.**

Sue Kipling and the members of Whilton PCC

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NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S



We are looking forward to an exciting period at St Andrew's.

Dave Stoddart and I are ready for the challenges of our new appointments as Churchwardens. We also have newly appointed members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which now comprises Sarah Bennett, Phil Grant, Nicky McKeever, Jane Stoddart and Trish Woods.

Over recent months it has become apparent that attendance at Church services has been falling and this is not a sustainable position. The new PCC team is determined to tackle this and also bring the Church more into village activities.

There are a number of areas that need to be addressed. The following is not an exhaustive list but provides some food for thought:

- *how do we encourage and connect with families with young children?*
- *are the services and the timings appropriate in 2013?*
- *what other events could we organise?*
- *how can we involve teenagers and young adults in our activities?*

With this in mind we will be holding an **open meeting in the Church** at 7.30 on Wednesday 19 June. We hope that you will be able to attend and provide us with your views.

In the meanwhile if you want to contact us, Dave is on 842167 and I can be contacted on 843380 or by email Jbrierley1@aol.com.

Jon Brierley
7 Langton Rise

CHURCH FUNDRAISING NEWS

The Spring Quiz held in April was once again a sell out. As on previous occasions Neil Phillips provided a varied and challenging quiz with the option to play a joker on any one of the ten rounds. This was supplemented by another round where we had to add back the vowels to Oscar winning film titles – far trickier than it sounds. Well, it was for our team anyway.



During the interlude we enjoyed fish and chips and the winning team this time was the Reds and Reds comprising Tricia, Pauline, Jean, Helen, Kerry and Jon. Combined with a raffle the event raised nearly £280.

The following weekend the weather was reasonably kind – though a bit breezy – for the Car Boot Sale.



Held in the field next to the church by kind permission of Mary and Gordon Emery, the event was well supported by villagers and visitors and raised £374.

Thanks to all who helped and supported to make the Quiz such a fun evening, and thanks to all the helpers – too numerous to mention by name – who assisted in the smooth running of the Car Boot Sale and of course to everyone who supported.

Teresa Leadbetter

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

A big thank you to the generous people of Whilton.



The envelope collection which took place in the village amounted to

£312.99

Thank you to those who delivered and collected the envelopes and to all who gave so willingly.

FAMILY NEWS

CELEBRATIONS



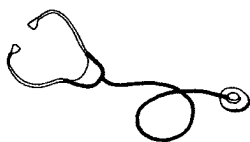
Congratulations to Rupert Gardner and Jo Smith, who were married in St Andrew's Church on Saturday, 9th March 2013.

Rupert grew up in Whilton and is the son of Jim and Ros Gardner of the Dove Close.

We wish them every happiness in their married life.



We send our best wishes for the future to Trevor Tack and Mary Hayle, who were married at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 13th April. Trevor is the brother of Linda Tibbs of South View, and was brought up and lived in Whilton for 20 years. During the service the bride and groom used the two kneelers in the church, which were made by Trevor's mother, Celia Tack. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Katie Green of Brington Lane, who has just qualified as a doctor. See the article she has written about her student experiences.

If you have family news, which you would like included in the Autumn Newsletter, please contact one of the editors.



Derek Brown

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Derek Brown of Cherry Orton, Main Street, on Saturday 4th May 2013. We extend our sympathy to Shirley and all the family.

The funeral at St Andrew's Church, led by Rev David Macpherson, with whom he had worked as churchwarden emphasized the respect and affection in which he was held in the community. One parishioner summed up Derek's life in Whilton: a good man who will be sadly missed.

Derek was born in 1931, the third of seven children. During the war the family moved to Peterborough, where Derek became an altar boy in the high church they attended and later met Shirley. They were married in 1955, and remained in the Peterborough area until their move to Oadby in Leicestershire in 1970. Derek's career had changed from working in accounts and book-keeping to insurance. In 1977 he and Shirley moved to Whilton with their four children and became part of the local community. The family remember his interest in football and wrestling, his gardening, DIY projects and his love of walking, as recorded in the Parish Appraisal in 1994, when he contributed the article on local walks.

It was particularly since his retirement that Derek became a vital part in the life of Whilton. Looking back, it is difficult to find a village activity in which he was not involved, often taking on responsibilities with it. These responsibilities were fulfilled with efficiency, reliability and patience, coupled with his quiet sense of humour over our many human foibles.

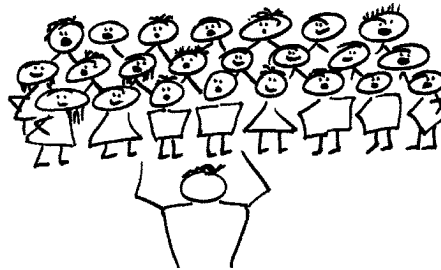
He enjoyed his learning experiences in the Photographic Club, and the Gardeners Association, He retired as Churchwarden in 1999, but also served as Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council and was a Parish Councillor. He frequently wrote Newsletter articles on behalf of the Parish Council, and then was an editor of the Parish Newsletter for about 13 years. At the time of his death he was still Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee and 200 Club, Treasurer of Tuesday Chat, the Social Lunches and the Local History Society, and Chair of the Spinney Project.

Generous with both his time and his money, Derek enabled many village organisations to function well, going the extra mile to make sure events were successful, and not avoiding the less glamorous tasks of litter picking, filling in forms, or cutting the church grass.

Not only did he carry out existing jobs, but it was through his initiative that some new undertakings took off. Derek was instrumental in introducing Neighbourhood Watch in West Northamptonshire, and into Whilton, where he assisted with co-ordinating. He was also the instigator of the Spinney Project and its chairman. Many will also testify to his kindness and generosity to individuals within the community. He will be remembered and missed for his own special and unique contribution to Whilton parish.

ST ANDREW'S NEWS

Singing Group



One of the new ideas that we have is to organise a singing group for all ages in the village. Nothing too serious. We will need singers and also musicians to make this work.

If you are interested in taking part, have ideas as to how to get this group started or would like to help, please contact Linda Treacy (lindahalltreacy@gmail.com)



WHILTON GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



On the 3rd April Mr Michael Brown delighted members to a talk and slide show, with a journey through "The History of Gardens". He was very interesting. His knowledge of what, when and how from around the world of gardens was outstanding.

On 5th June our speaker will be Pauline Pears, with her talk entitled, "Pests and Predators. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

On 3rd July there will be a visit to Chris Leftley's garden at Nobottle. Meet at the Village Green at 7.00 pm for transport arrangements.

On 7th August there will be three open gardens in Whilton, finishing at Roughmoor Grounds for wine and refreshments.

New members and guests welcome.

Tel 07921429228 or 01327 842401.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2013/14

January 2013

1 st Prize	118	J Thomas
2 nd Prize	050	T L Cons.Services

February 2013

1 st Prize	060	T Leadbetter
2 nd Prize	126	T Baker

March 2013

1 st Prize	207	J Clements
2 nd Prize	084	T Treacy

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

The next draw will take place at the Social Lunch on 11th June.

WHILTON SOCIAL LUNCH



The Fair Trade Social Lunch was held on 19th March, when we enjoyed a meal of cassoulet, followed by a choice of puddings, including rice pudding and apricots, pineapple upside down pudding, and chocolate banana fudge pudding, all of which contained as many Fair Trade ingredients as possible.

Our Summer Social Lunch will be on Tuesday 11th June at 12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m.

Please book your place by Saturday 8th June, by contacting Anthea Hiscock(843319) or Ros Gardner (842324)

Bon appétit!



TUESDAY CHAT

The last Tuesday Chat was held on 16th April, and we shall meet again on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 2.30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea, a choice of cakes and conversation.

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.

There will then be an August break before we start again in September.

WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

From the Clerk's desk

Many of you will have noticed a bigger than usual increase in your council tax from 1 April. This has come about because Government implemented new arrangements for council tax from 1 April 2013 that involved scrapping the Council Tax Benefit scheme, reducing the funding, and devolving responsibility for any replacement scheme to district councils. Daventry District Council decided to cap the amount of discount awarded to working-age claimants to a maximum of 91.5% of their Council Tax liability for 2013/14, making up the shortfall between those charges and the Government's funding by changing some council tax discounts and exemptions for all residents.

The new arrangements meant that all councils' tax base and collection rate fell. Daventry District Council was given funding for 2013/14 to cover part of the extra burden on parishes, but, as there was no legal requirement to pass this funding on, they decided not to do so, resulting in an increase additional council tax increase of 2%. The Parish Council's real terms increase was 3.46%.

I'm happy to report that another six streetlights have been upgraded to more energy-efficient 36watt lamps in March 2013 and that, apart from the verges and the flooding down at Home Farm Grounds, the drainage problems on Brington Lane have been more or less been sorted out.

The Parish Council has also lodged an objection to a planning application submitted in October last year for the construction of nine pit garage for use in conjunction with Whilton Mill Kart Circuit, on the basis that noise levels on race days would rise to an unacceptable level. Daventry District Council's Environment and Health dealing with Public Health, Nuisance and Pollution Control have expressed concern about the additional noise and air pollution too and early this year they asked the planning case officer to request the applicant to appoint a noise specialist to monitor noise levels. There has not been any further progress since then.

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 10th April 2013, when thirteen parishioners attended.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Peter Wingrave, reported that substantial progress had been achieved with regard to protracted drainage issues on Brington Lane. A total of eight lights have now been upgraded to low energy lamps and the remainder will be dealt with over the next couple of years in order to minimise the impact on our precept.

He thanked the Clerk for her patient direction in the conduct of affairs enabling Council to confidently address issues and conclude outcomes, within legal parameters. This structured approach combined with the considerable experience and commitment of Councillors provides, a solid base going forward.

The impact of the Localism Act on council business, the apparent inability of councils to halt the progress of wind turbines and the noise levels emanating from Whilton Mill are examples of what council is dealing with behind the scenes and in some of these areas the Parish Council will be seeking assistance and guidance from other members of the village community. This we believe to be entirely sensible to optimise our responses in such important matters.

Lastly, the Chairman thanked representatives of the many groups in the village for their hard work in making Whilton such a community-spirited village to live in.

Reports were also received from, County Councillor Steve Osborne, and from representatives of village and parish organisations.

Our Parish Councillors are:

Peter Wingrave (chair)

Ken Bowers

Jonathan Hanslip

Greg Lye

Nora Swinford

Michael Thomas

Sue Wingrave.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday 10th July 2013.

Messages from Lucy Gow

The Whilton Village Fete

Next year we would very much like to put on a Whilton Fete. Imagine a plant stall, splat the rat, ferrets, a dog show, pony rides, competitions, and much more with your help and support.

It would be great to have a really good fun day, in which everyone could join. Please let me have your ideas, and for inspiration visit The Maidford Fete which takes place in 8 June, 2-4 pm.

The Whilton Bake Off

As a taster, we thought we could have an August Whilton Bake Off, with a judge, I'll try for Mary Berry, to judge all the cakes, tarts, roulades and even baking disasters from lots of categories such as bakers 10 years old and under, 16 years and under, men, and a general category for everyone else. There will be an opportunity to come and buy the cakes too, which will raise money for charity.



The Stoddarts have kindly agreed to let us set up shop at The Coach House. So let's eat cake in August!

Lucy
lucy@gow.co.uk



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Please note that the number for David Stoddart, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is:
842167

It's good to talk

There are occasions when you have missed the deadline for The Whilton Newsletter, which might be because you learn about an event once the newsletter has dropped through the letterbox. Or you might want to give a gentle nudge about something that is happening in the village that might need extra support, or you might have something to sell, or news comes in that should be shared immediately!

If you would like to join in on an opportunity to digitally communicate your last minute news, give away those bunk beds, tell everyone about it, then let me have your email address.

I will email to all, but with respect to all email addressees and addresses. I will not publish email addresses, or pass those details on. I will make introductions where appropriate but will not make such information public.

This is not to take the place of The Whilton Newsletter, but to enhance it!

For those who do not use email, or who do not want to take part, but would still like the information, let me know who you are and I can pop a note through the door, or give you a call.

It will be a great way to talk.

Lucy
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When I grow up I want to be a Doctor...

I still remember the day my parents dropped me off in my halls of residence at Brighton Medical School; armed with my own body weight of groceries and enough stationary to compete with WH Smiths. I was excited, nervous, and eager to take my first step of what was to be a very long and challenging road ahead. I write this five years later, and with 2 important letters before my name- Dr. As a girl who grew up in the village of Whilton, I would like to share a few brief experiences of my life as a trainee doctor with any of you who might find it interesting. I can't promise you casualty or ER, but I do promise to keep gore to the minimum, though it is safe to assume there has been plenty along the way.

What is it like to be a medical student?

After A-levels and a gap year partly spent volunteering in a remote hospital in Tanzania, I commenced the first 2 "science" years of my degree- four days of didactic lectures with a fifth day in the hospital, both to ensure I learnt to realise that "patients" were not in fact aliens but human beings, whilst also ensuring that whilst cramming the intricate and complex mechanisms of glucose metabolism, the reason for appreciating such details (to benefit patients) was not entirely forgotten. For those of you concerned that my two years of science consisted of pushing my liver function to its extreme, by way of any alcoholic beverage available at the student bar, I would like to reassure you that, in addition, it also consisted of many exams, which none of us could fail to take seriously and work hard for.

I would like to share with you my experiences of "George" and his dissection during these 2 years...each one of us students received our own cadaver- ours to (under close supervision and tight instructions) dissect and master anatomy in 3D. I appreciate that for many of you this will seem shocking, and most likely also completely undesirable. In fact, I had nightmares for weeks about family members being 'cut up'! The truth is, however, it was an essential part of my development of a professional "get on with it" approach, and definitely taught me more anatomy than any 2D book ever could. I owe a lot to "George" and his selfless wish to benefit healthcare in the future.

My last three years were spent almost entirely on the wards; a glamourised apprentice, if you will. I belonged to a team for 8 weeks at a time, rotating around each and every specialty, where my job was to answer, "yes of course" to any request made by my consultant- often the appropriate response to "Coffee?".

Aside from my partially jovial role as a medically educated tea girl, however, I was in charge of writing in the notes on ward rounds, chasing test results, seeing new patients in A&E, some of who I was able to clerk and manage almost independently, and others who required additional senior supervision and intervention. Then, there are the dreaded junior jobs- Bloods, Cannulas, Catheters, and all manner of physical examinations. My biggest regret is not taking a photo of poor 'Charlie'... the boy 'lucky' enough to experience my first ever attempt at a plaster cast for his broken wrist... where the kind trauma nurse permitted me exactly two minutes to revel in any success I could possibly cling to before swiftly removing it and applying a humiliatingly perfect cast herself.

What did I really learn about medicine?

Well, I learnt early on that I will never know everything there is to know about the human body, and the value of the quote imprinted upon me by the professor of medical education at Brighton, "your job is not to know, but simply to know when you don't know" more true than ever as I face embarking on my role as a doctor with full responsibility this August.

Of course I learnt a lot of science- hundreds of muscles, nerve supplies, drugs and their mechanisms of action and side effects, not forgetting thousands of three letter acronyms (TLA's, ironically) often shouted out on chaotic ward rounds- RTA GCS8, BIBA, #NOF, DVT and PE- that's a patient in a road traffic accident, brought in by ambulance, semi conscious with a fractured neck of femur, a clot in the legs and lungs in case you were wondering, AKA a very sick patient! I learnt that things often go wrong, that there are bad days and good days in unpredictable patterns, and that whatever is going on around you, you have to dig deep to find a smile and a brave face.

It really is impossible to explain the hundreds of patients I've seen on my journey: patients who treat you with such trust and respect it is sometimes worrying. Seeing patients through a tough and difficult journey, no matter their age, sex or disease, gets me up in the morning with a genuine excitement for who I will meet today, and when successful, repays you with such happiness and reward.

My only criticism of "Casualty" and "ER" is that it neglects the reason most people long to work in medicine- a five year degree with NO payment and an awful lot of debt; the emotional burden of seeing people suffer, and worse, not make it.... it's not for the money, the non-existent perks of a work car or celebrity status as the media would have you believe, but for the patients, who literally place their life in your hands; to treat them with dignity and respect, to get to know them and to do your absolute best to improve their health.

What are my best memories of being a medical student?



Hands down my best memories are my time spent at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. With a keen interest in children's medicine, I was fortunate enough to complete my intensive care training in what I can only describe as an inspiring Paediatric Intensive Care Unit; inspiring not just because of the technology capable of keeping so many children alive and from such grave consequences, but amazing because of the strength of the families who's children sadly arrive there, and the strength of the doctors, who despite seeing truly horrific things, still get up in the morning with a smile on their face and a caring bedside manner. Following this attachment I spent a further year at Great Ormond Street completing research- a project which

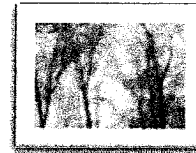
went on to be published, which investigated the depth of anaesthesia of children- in simple terms, are children as deeply 'asleep' as we think they are, and are they 'asleep' enough for their operations to occur without distress. This brings me to my favourite memory of all time; the memory of a feisty 8 year old girl Chloe; scared and adamant that she would under no circumstances have her operation, whether teddy was invited or not, who minutes later fell asleep under anaesthesia holding my hand tight.... only to wake up hours later with a huge smile on her face, challenging me to a game of Uno.

My medical degree has taught me many important life lessons, most notably how to handle competition, how to achieve a work life balance, and how to be human despite a need to be professional. When constantly surrounded by medics, your normality becomes different to the one you previously knew- and dangerously so; without an obvious transition. It is easy to forget that your mum has no idea what Giant Cell Arteritis is, or that to most people, Burger's angle is something assimilated with McDonald's and not the classification of distal limb ischaemia. To all the children in the village, I would like to encourage you to follow your ambitions and dreams, whatever they are, because with enough hard work and determination; they really can come true.

What Next?

After receiving my official title and license to practice (not quite James Bond, I know) in July, I will begin a two-year house officer and senior house officer job in central Birmingham. After this, I hope to become a paediatric registrar, where I would love to return to Great Ormond Street once again, this time as a fully qualified doctor.

Katie Green.



Roughmoor Spinney

Please watch the village noticeboard for details of a planned work party. We hope there will be the opportunity to lay more granite chippings on the Spinney footpath before the end of this season.

Whilton Spinney Project Management Group

Sasha's column

Hello everyone. I am doing really well with my weight still. I haven't been to the vets in a while but my family can tell that I've lost more weight and by all the comments that I have been receiving lately, it looks like the rest of you can see it as well.

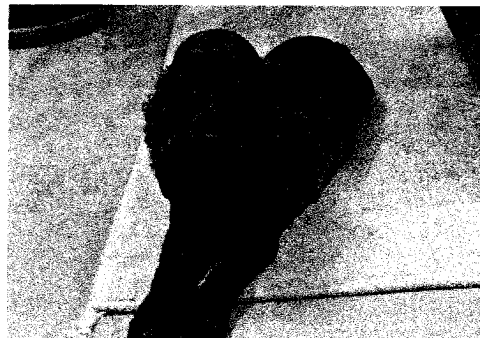
I'm so glad that you all seem to find my column of some interest. I enjoy writing it, although I do have to get a grown up to write it up for me. Apparently paws and computer keyboards aren't a good mix.

At the moment I enjoy sharing pretty much everything, with everyone. The couple of nice days that we have I have found myself sharing a sun lounger, with either Rochelle or mum, not that it is very comfortable for them but I am sure they don't mind and recently I have been sharing other people's property.

If dad stops during our walk to talk to someone in the village I get bored quite easily so I just invite myself to wonder, whether it is someone's garden or garage, sometimes if I am feeling particularly adventurous, or as you humans call it, naughty, I will just wonder into people's houses. I guess I am just lucky that people in the village

are so kind and allow me to do what I do.

With the weather that we have been having recently, the back grass keeps growing at a substantially fast rate and this means that the outside hoover keeps making an appearance. It is an alien from another planet and I feel like it is my mission to get rid of it by using my super-sonic barking skills. So far I am sad to say that I have failed my mission.



However, do not fear people of Whilton, I will one day succeed. I am sorry that there isn't much to report on this time around but I am sure once the weather gets better, I will find myself getting up to all sorts of mischief. Until next time.



CAKES GALORE AT WHILTON LOCKS!

If you visit the Whilton Garden Centre, and make your way to the back of the plant area, there you will find the new centre for "Character Cakes." Run by Ruth Button of Whilton Locks, the business opened here early in 2013. Ruth has 24 years of experience running her business in Birmingham, but now finds it more convenient to work very near her home in Whilton.

Ruth gained her City and Guilds qualification back in 1966, which means she has a long experience in both making and decorating cakes. Her service could well be described as comprehensive. She can make celebration cakes to order, whether for a children's birthday, a wedding, christening or any occasion. If you make your own cake, she can ice it for you, or advise those who prefer do-it-yourself. Inside her premises is a wealth of useful equipment for sale, including various colours of sugar paste, cake boards, ribbons and figurines, and customers can hire wedding cake stands, or tins for baking their own.

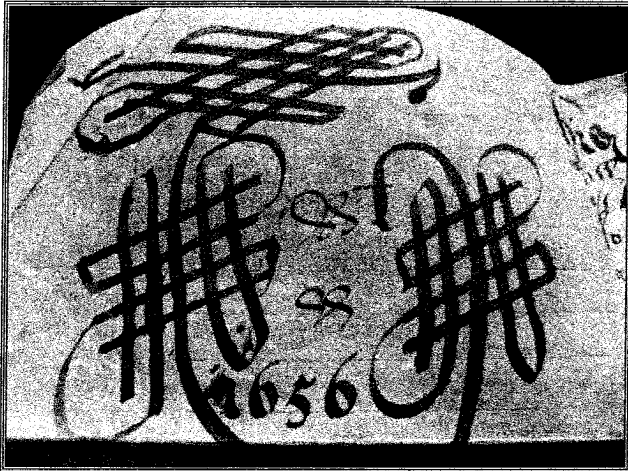
A visit to "Character Cakes" will ensure of the enthusiasm and personal vocation which Ruth brings to her work, whether reproducing a camper van in cake, or checking the lighting in the fairy castle crowning another. Talking about her work, Ruth simply says: "I just love it."

This April she had a special opportunity when she made the cake for the opening of a new brain injury facility in Northampton. The Oak Leaf Group opened the specialist residential home in Cotswold Avenue, Duston, to complement the other brain injury services they run in Northamptonshire. Popstar from Spandau Ballet and former East Ender, Martin Kemp, who has survived two brain tumours, opened the unit on 23rd April. Ruth was there too, and able to give him a special viewing of her brain-shaped cake!



*Ruth, Martin Kemp
and the cake!*

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



The lawyer's clerk seems to have enjoyed decorating the date with his inky squiggles.

The Local History Society met on 7th March 2013, when the subject was:

“1656: one document’s story.”

A document has recently come to light, which is dated 1656, during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. The document records the sale of a Whilton house by Robert Hill to William Langton. The price was £28 and at the time the house was let to Widow Linnell.

Who was Robert Hill?

During the evening we heard that Robert Hill came from a Whilton farming family, who were here in the time of Mary Tudor. His house had been in the family since at least his grandfather’s time, possibly longer. Grandfather John Hill had married Elizabeth Salorcke in Whilton Church in 1598. When John died he left the farm to his son, Robert. Robert and his wife Joan spent the rest of their lives on their Whilton farm. They had two children; their son, another Robert, was baptised in 1635, and a daughter, Elizabeth, arrived two years later, no doubt named after her grandmother.

By 1656 young Robert’s father was dead, and at 21 he had inherited the farmhouse, with its sitting tenant. Robert would have grown up during the Civil War, and maybe experienced the possibilities of leaving the land. During the Civil War Northampton had supported the Parliament and provided footwear for its Army. Young men learning the skill of shoemaking would have realised that the place to make your money was in the town, not a little village like Whilton. By 1656 young Robert had departed from the family farming tradition and had become a shoemaker, living in Daventry. By selling the house, Robert was closing his links with Whilton. The document we looked at was William Langton’s part of the indenture; he would have signed the document which Robert Hill kept as a record, and from other evidence we know that William Langton could write. But Robert Hill could not write. He just “made his mark.” After this the Hill family disappears from Whilton’s records.

Who was Widow Linnell?

When the house was sold in 1656, Widow Linnell was living in it. Because there were a number of Linnell families, it is impossible to be certain, but it is most likely that Widow Linnell had been born Elizabeth Phillips in Whilton. She had married farmer Thomas Linnell in 1615, and they had gone on to produce 14 children, some of whom did not survive childhood. The last child, a daughter was baptized in 1641 and so would have been seen as able to fend for herself by the time her father died in 1655. After all this child-bearing, however, Elizabeth may well have seemed an old woman.

Who was William Langton?

The Langton family had been well established here since early Tudor times, but the Langtons of Whilton are very difficult to disentangle at this period. However, we do have some clues.

On 1st April 1681 William Langton, husbandman of Whilton, made his will, leaving certain property to his son, Thomas Langton. This property was “the house which I bought of Robert Hill” and all the goods therein at my decease and 30 shillings more for taking my grandchild Thomas Davis to be his apprentice. This must surely be the house in our document. William’s other son, Robert Langton, was executor and received all the rest of my goods, chattels and cattle, both within doors and without, with crops of hay and corn growing on the ground at my decease.

After old William died in 1683, an inventory was taken of all his possessions. These were:

<i>“His wearing apparel and money:</i>	<i>10 shillings</i>
<i>An old cow and a small heifer</i>	<i>£2</i>
<i>Ten sheep</i>	<i>£1</i>
<i>An old garner and chest</i>	<i>6 shillings and 8 pence</i>
<i>An old brass pan and other refuse trumpery</i>	<i>3 shillings and 4 pence”</i>

The total came to £4.

All this sounds rather pathetic, and we may well ask: how did such a man find £28 to buy a house in 1656? But we need to read behind the lines. Old William had been a farmer. He had adult sons. He was no longer really farming, but kept a few animals for interest. He was probably living with his son Robert in the main farmhouse, where he had always lived. Robert was the farmer of the next generation.

In 1683 Thomas Langton received the house which had been bought from Robert Hill. Old Widow Linnell was no doubt long gone. Perhaps Thomas was already living there? There is no suggestion that Thomas was receiving land or even that Thomas was a farmer. There is a real suggestion that he had a different trade and had taken on a nephew as an apprentice. He may well have been the Thomas Langton who was a weaver. This was the time when the worsted cottage industry was thriving around Long Buckby, and does not preclude Thomas from being a farmer too.

After this the story becomes more murky. A number of Langtons died in the mid 1680s, including a Robert Langton, which may mean that the farm descended to his brother Thomas. The house deed remained in Langton hands, and the house itself may possibly have been on the site of today’s Langton House, but that cannot yet be proved.

We finished the evening by remembering the last descendants of the Langtons here, who were the twins Beatrice and May Gammage, who died in 1976. Their mother had been Julia Langton before her marriage. Like them we tasted seedie cake and currant cake, which they used to bake in Langton House.

Whilton Local History Society also met on 23rd May, when the subject was an introduction to **THE BROOK PROJECT**.

This will be a study of the history of the stream which rises in Brington, flows down past Roughmoor and the Spinney, crosses Whilton, runs along the Long Buckby/Whilton border, and then flows south past Whilton and Muscott Mills, through Brockhall to Flore, where it joins the Nene.

On its course the stream passes the sites of a shared open field, medieval fish ponds, a fifteenth century enclosure, Roman Bannaventa, three mills, eighteenth century water gardens, and possibly more yet to be found!



Old Whilton Bridge

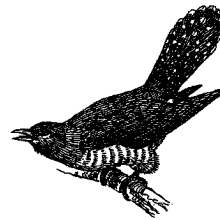
Coming events

The next meeting of the Local History Society will be at 7.30 p.m. on **Thursday, 11th July**, with an opportunity to hear:

“A VOICE FROM WHILTON’S PAST.”

All are welcome.

Cuckoo?



When I first came to live in Whilton in 1999 I used to hear a cuckoo calling every Spring. Richard and I saw a cuckoo once or twice around Whilton and in the fields surrounding. Sadly though and in line with the fact that the cuckoo is on the ‘declining’ list of birds, we haven’t heard or seen one for many years.

However, this year I thought I heard one in early May, just briefly – eventually I put this down to hearing things and then I met someone else in the village who told me she thought she had heard one. Then this morning, (26th May) Richard and I were sitting in the garden having breakfast (YES!) and we both heard one calling from the direction of the top of the village the same direction as previously. For all of you non believers, it definitely wasn’t a collared dove, so call us cuckoo if you like

Ann Gilbert

Update from Rochelle

One of the best days of my life



Those who know me well will know that I love everything to do with musical theatre and always have done. I suppose I first got the bug when I was the singing narrator in Brington Primary School's version of Joseph and the Amazing Techni-coloured Dreamcoat. It was a very long time ago now but I still remember it and having everyone's parents come up to me at the end of the performance to congratulate me, still gives me an overwhelming sense of pride.

I was recently pulled back into musical theatre, this January when I saw Tom Hooper's, award winning, film adaptation of Les Miserables. It just so happens that a friend of mine, from work, is also a huge fan and we both celebrated this, on the day of the DVD release in style. It is something that neither of us will forget.

The day started at St Pancras Station. I know what you're going to say... what does a station in London have anything to do with Les Miserables? Well it was there, at exactly one o'clock in the afternoon that the famous opera singer, Laura Wright, started a huge Les Miserables pop up performance. All in all, there must have been around 500 people, who burst into a rendition of "Do You Hear the People Sing". A song about standing up for what you believe in.

There is a video available, which you can view online. Of course I pop up in the corner every now and then, singing with as much conviction as I could muster. It is something that I can tick off the bucket list and I sure won't forget it in a hurry.

We then decided to be a bit spontaneous and see if we could get relatively cheap tickets to see the show in the West End that evening and we were incredibly lucky. Two tickets on the first row of the Dress Circle for a very cheap price. The only restriction was the bar in front of us but all we had to do was to rest of the velvet padding and that enabled us to see the whole stage area.

The theatre itself was stunning and I was surprised at how small it actually was. However, the show itself was incredible. Not only was it beautifully put together but it was clever as well, with a circle in the middle which spun to create the feeling of movement and time. How the actors didn't trip, was beyond me.

I was an emotional mess by the end of the night and I would have loved to have waited at the stage door to meet the cast and to thank them for a beautiful performance. However, my friend and I had a train to catch and also had to be at work early the next day, so this wasn't possible. Instead we took to Twitter to thank our favourites of the night.

I would recommend the show to anyone and I felt so privileged to do the things that I did on such an important day of my life.



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.

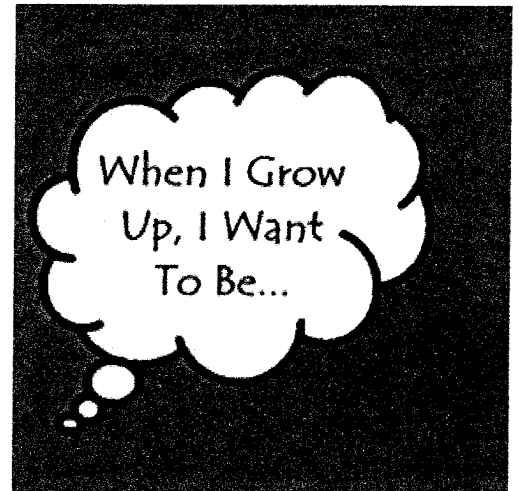
When I grow up I want to be...

This issue we have asked some of the younger residents of Whilton what they would like to do when they grow up.

Georgia (8) : I either want to have a farm with horses and teach people to ride or I would like to work with people who don't speak English to teach them the language, and maybe live in another country.

Maria (9) : I think I would like to be a teacher, teaching at a primary school.

Miles (11) : When I am 16 I would like to take my lifeguard exam, so I could be a lifeguard whilst I carry on studying.

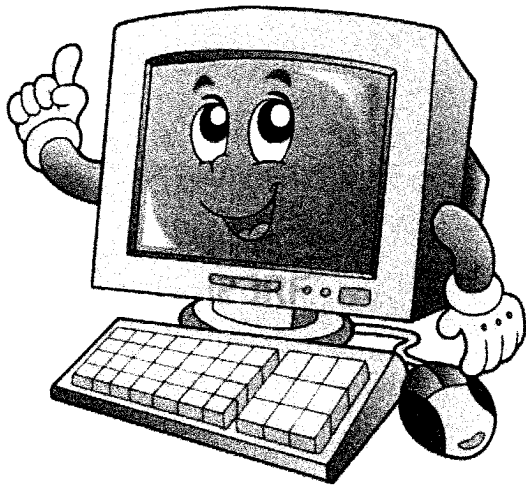


Hannah (9) : I would like to be a doctor, one that looks after sick children.

Louise (7) : I would like to teach little children at school.

The editorial team would like to wish good luck to **Miles Baker**; he finishes at Brington Primary School this summer and continues his studies at Northampton School for Boys.

Fun Stuff



Friends of Brington School launch website

The friends of Brington school committee have recently launched their brand new website.

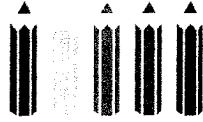
www.friendsofbringtonschool.org.uk

Take a look at the events both past and future, where the money raised gets spent and how you can get involved.

The Great Outdoors Wordsearch

- Picnic
- Sunflower
- Mini beasts
- Woodland
- Nature
- Pond dipping
- Bike ride
- Camping
- Wildlife
- Countryside
- Scarecrow
- Garden
- Fruit Picking

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Brington and Whilton Pre-School

Are you looking for a pre-school for your child – we have spaces available. If your child is 2 years old or over, we welcome them along, we offer excellent education and care. We are led by very well qualified and caring staff who engage with the children and get to know the children well in our small, but friendly environment.

Our sessions are:

Monday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch
Wednesday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch
Friday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch

If you would like further information or would like to visit the pre-school please contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083.

We have been busy during this term as we have been to Forest School, having fun in the fields and the woods. We have looked at all aspects of Spring, the birds, pond life, blossom and baby animals. We have enjoyed Rhyme time, listening, dancing and singing.

Looking for mini-beasts



Jumping off logs



Pretending we are on a train!



Please support our quiz on Saturday 15th June 2013 in Great Brington Reading Rooms – all funds raised will go towards the pre-school to enable us to continue to give the children the support and early education that is so important to their development.

NEWS FROM BRINGTON SCHOOL – May 2013

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

This term the whole school indeed the whole federation are working on the same topic- the seaside.

Our Stunning Start, held on one of the better days of Spring was a beach party! The children and staff came dressed for a day at the beach, played beach games, carried out beach related activities, watched a Punch and Judy show and learned about its history, enjoyed an ice cream from the ice cream van, and then the highlight of the day; a wonderful waterfight! Special thanks to Mr Marriott and Mrs Smith who got completely involved and completed soaked!!

VINTAGE MAY FETE



Thank you to all of you who braved the weather to attend our May Fete. It was a lovely occasion with a wide variety of stalls and activities. The May Queen looked lovely, the dancers were fantastic and the choir sang beautifully. We raised a very creditable £852 which we hope will be match funded. The money is going towards replacing the rubber bark in the play area with a safer, more attractive and above all cleaner surface.

PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER

We are looking forward to welcoming our new reception children later this term for their introductory sessions. As we stand at the moment we have just a couple of places left, so if you know anyone who didn't get their first choice school and may be interested in our fantastic little school please let them know.

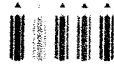
COFFEE AFTERNOON

We are holding this term's charity fundraising event on Wednesday 26th June at 2.00. Proceeds will be going to support the work of the Addisons Disease Self Help Group. This is a life threatening disease that affects one of our pupils. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served and there will be activities for children. Please join us.



*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken.*

~ James Dent



Brington & Whilton Pre-school

quiz night



15th June 2013

At the Reading Rooms, Great Brington
Doors open at 7.30 to start at 7.45

£10.00 per person (teams of six)
To include a Cold meat and Salad buffet
Bring your own Drinks!!

Tickets available at Brington Post office from
Thursday 23rd May

A raffle will be held on the night

All proceeds to Brington and Whilton Pre-school



Victims' Voice

The Victims' Voice campaign is running from 1st May-5th July. We want to hear from victims and witnesses about their experiences and views of criminal justice agencies, the support services that work within it, and how they can be improved.

If we were to build a new criminal justice system in Northamptonshire, shaped by what victims and witnesses want, giving them choices, giving them back control, giving them a voice, supporting them in overcoming their victimisation and rebuilding their lives... what might this look like?

For too long victims have not been at the centre of how we prevent and tackle crime and anti social behaviour. People choose to offend; no one chooses to be a victim.

There are several ways that people can take part:

- Completing the Victims' Voice online survey at www.victims-voice.org.uk
- Telephoning **0300 303 1947** and Victim Support will take feedback on our behalf
- Requesting a postal survey by emailing contact@victims-voice.org.uk or by telephoning the number above
- Writing to our freepost address at:
FREEPOST RTCH-XSCX-XSAH, Northamptonshire Police & Crime Commission,
Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ.

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The Editors welcome material for the Newsletter. If possible, please send your contribution 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 2013. The last date for contributions will be 20th August 2013.

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, latest news and a very comprehensive Picture Gallery.

WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON: Events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Sun	2	June	10 a.m.	Benefice Service with Sunday School at East Haddon
Wed	5	June	7.30 p.m.	Gardeners Association: Pests and predators in your garden
Sun	9	June	6 p.m.	Evening Communion Service at St Andrew's Church
Tues	11	June	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Summer Social Lunch
Sat	15	June	7.45 p.m.	Pre-school Quiz Night at Great Brington
Sun	16	June	9.15 a.m.	Worship for All at St Andrew's Church
Wed	19	June	7.30 p.m.	Open meeting at St Andrew's Church
Sun	23	June	11 a.m.	Worship for All at St Andrew's Church
Sat	22	June	2.20 – 2.40 p.m.	Mobile Library at the Green
Wed	26	June	Afternoon	Brington School charity event
Sun	30	June	8 a.m.	1662 Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church
Wed	3	July	7 p.m. Leave Village Green	Gardeners Association outing to Chris Leftley's garden at Nobottle.
Sun	7	July	10 a.m.	Benefice service at Harlestone
Wed	10	July	7 p.m.	Parish Council meeting
Thurs	11	July	7.30 p.m.	Local History Society: A voice from Whilton's past
Sun	14	July	6 p.m.	Church service: see notice board
Tues	23	July	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Tuesday Chat
Sun	21	July		Church service: see notice board
Sat	27	July	2.20 – 2.40 p.m.	Mobile Library at the Green
Sun	28	July		Church service: see notice board
Sun	4	August	10 a.m.	Benefice service at St Andrew's Church
Wed	7	August		Gardeners Association visit to three open gardens in Whilton
Sun	11	August		Church service: see notice board
Tues	20	August		Last date for Newsletter contributions
Sun	18	August		Church service: see notice board
Sun	25	August		Church service: see notice board