

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

JUNE AND JULY 2010

THE VILLAGE SUMMER SOCIAL LUNCH

This will take place on Thursday 24th June 2010

at 12.30 for 1.00 pm

In Whilton Village Hall

£4 per head

All welcome.

Please book your place by

Saturday 19th June

TUESDAY CHAT

The next Tuesday Chat will be on Tuesday 20th July 2010 at 2.30 pm in the village hall

All welcome to join us for this friendly occasion with refreshments.

PARISH PICNIC 2010

The Whilton Village Hall Committee are arranging a Treasure Hunt & picnic in the Spinney on Saturday 4th September from 4.00 pm

Further details to follow. Please watch noticeboard.

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PARISH NEWS

Annual meeting

The Parish Council now meets on a Wednesday evening and the last meeting, which was the annual meeting, was on 12th May when all the councillors were present. Highlights were-

Mike Lewis was elected as chairman.

The following people were confirmed or appointed of parish responsibilities –

Highways Representative – Jonathan Hanslip,

Tree and Footpath Warden – Maurice Clements

Salt Warden – Sue Wingrave

Representative on Village Hall Committee – Mike Lewis

Representative to DVT – Michael Thomas

Representatives to WNDC – Mike Lewis and Michael Thomas

Unfortunately there were no reports available from Steve Osbourne, County Councillor, Wendy Amos, District Councillor, Sarah Gray, Police Community Support Officer, Highways Officer and Brington Primary School

Thanks were expressed to Gerry Heeley for the running of the village website.

Progress has been made on the following – new fence has been erected at South View and the ditch at the Locks is to be drained, hopefully halting anymore flooding.

The parish boundary has been changed and now includes the spinney and Roughmoor farm.

The full minutes will be available on the village website or a paper copy available on request from the Clerk.

Alison Nicoll, Clerk to Whilton Parish Council

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The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** was held on Monday 26th April 2010 with 7 Parishioners attended, with Mr Mike Lewis, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the chair, and Mrs Alison Nicoll, Clerk to the Parish Council, as secretary.

Apologies were received from Keith Hiscock, Anthea Hiscock, Neil Phillips, Ann Gilbert, Ros Gardner and Janet Bowers.

The minutes of the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting were approved.

As there is a lot to report I am splitting it into 2 parts (one in this newsletter and the second part in the next edition).

Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council – Mike Lewis

CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

Parish Council actions are well documented in the minutes, website and newsletter so will address noteworthy areas:

- Our clerk Anthea Hiscock resigned and we now have Alison Nicoll to keep us in order. The parish boundary has changed and now includes the Spinney, Roughmoor Farm and adjoining dwellings.
- We still have a vacancy on the council and also for a Parish handyman.
- The internal audit as usual brought up a number of new issues- these cover risk assessment, health and safety, complaints and archiving of documents, which added to the new code of conduct run to well over 140 pages which we have to read then 'top and tail' for our use. The bureaucracy is I feel surely turning off a lot of potential councillors.
- Planning has been reasonably quiet in the parish but we must get more proactive and professional with our responses.

- The planning inspector and sec of state have rejected the Danetree and Church Fields appeals but this does not cancel the projected expansion and still means we have to get the best deal we can with respect to traffic management through the parish - the Flore/Weedon bypass was to be a major benefit of these proposals. A laser traffic survey showed increases of at least 50% compare with the one carried out in 2004. We are progressing towards a 20mph limit and lorry weight limit through the village and lower limit at the Locks but we still need to support our case with hard facts from our own traffic surveys.
- Highway problems remain ongoing with some success at South View but no real progress at Brington Lane and at the Locks. We will continue to push for these to be sorted out properly by any means available to us.
- The commitment needed to progress all these issues is high and we will need to refocus and decide what we can achieve with the resources available.
- Thanks go to all the councillors and to everybody who assisted in any capacity.

Report of the Village Hall Management Committee – Mike Lewis

Another quiet year, the main activities being as follows:

- The kitchen and store room have had new insulated floors, damp proofing and dry lining on the walls most affected by damp. The cooker socket was replaced and new outlets fitted to make the kitchen easier to work in. The drainage outside may still need to be reviewed and work carried out to try to remove all causes of damp ingress into the kitchen and storeroom.
- The playgroup are still in the process of obtaining a facility at Brington school and we should monitor this closely because of the large financial impact on our income.
- No social events were undertaken, there appeared to be sufficient run by other bodies all chasing the same money.
- As usual the 200 club continues to provide a high percentage of our income. Our thanks go to Derek and Shirley and the brave band of volunteer collectors for their essential and unstinting support.
- The hall only functions because people give their time freely. Without this small dedicated group we would not have this splendid facility, particular gratitude should go to Derek, Shirley and Mary for their vital contributions.
- There are still challenging times ahead but I am sure that we will be able to weather any financial problems and have a hall in the parish for posterity.
- Grateful thanks to all who have played their part in the last year.

Report of Roughmoor Spinney Management Group – Derek Brown

- The Spinney continues to flourish and the trees planted over the past few years are now well established. In the last 2 weeks a further 30 slips, donated to a Daventry School and not needed, had been passed to us and are now planted in the spinney. Our thanks to Rupert and Jim Gardner for donating the tree guards and canes and we are also grateful to Jim and Ros Gardner for planting them.
- Although we had a period of dry weather certain areas of the paths are still quite boggy and we need to remedy this as soon as possible. The pond is choked with silt and reeds and will probably need to be drained and cleared.
- I regret to report that the noticeboard has once again been vandalised and this time both oak posts supporting this have been snapped off at ground level. This is just a senseless wanton act and is a considerable drain on our finances to reinstate. The board and posts are made in oak wood and the cost alone for supporting posts kit cost approximately £100 when the board was installed 8 years ago. On Saturday 17th April 2010 a nearby neighbour heard an almighty crack in the spinney and went down to investigate. He found 3 youths there and the noticeboard lying on the ground. The board was then re-erected by the culprits at his insistence but is now some 24 inches reduced in height. This is now another task we will have to do to install it properly.

- The 10th anniversary celebration of the spinney took place on 2nd May 2009 with a guided walk around the spinney followed by a full English breakfast in the village hall. Sixteen sat down to breakfast.
- We have held two working Parties during the last 12 months and both were well attended by volunteer helpers.
- Safety audits have been carried out quarterly during the past 12 months.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to assist in the maintaining of the spinney for the benefit of residents in the parish.

Report of Photographic Club – Neil Phillips

- I am very pleased to announce that the Whilton Photography Club held its first meeting in 2010 on 26th February after a break of several months due to my work commitments. We currently have 15 members drawn from Whilton, the surrounding villages and from Northampton. We are always looking for more members and hope to increase numbers during the year.
- The aim of the club is to help photographers at all levels of experience to get more from their hobby. Our current membership contains semi-professionals through to complete novices and this range of experience means that newcomers to the hobby can draw on a wealth of knowledge and hopefully see their photographs improving over time.
- Our programme for 2010 will include meetings in Whilton Village Hall (normally on the first Friday in the month), with outings to events and locations during the summer. Our meetings are split into two parts, with the first section covering a learning topic, such as composition, camera technique or post processing using computer software; whilst the second section provides an opportunity for us to critique each other's photographs.
- In the past we have produced a village calendar and it is hoped to be able to repeat this later in the year to help us to raise funds for the club for 2011.

Whilton Gardeners' Association – Ann Gilbert

- The Association meets 6 times a year, bimonthly, on the first Wednesday of the month. There are currently just under 30 paid up members, most of whom are resident in the village although we do have a small handful of members who live in nearby villages. The membership fee is currently £10 per annum.
- WGA joined the RHS during 2009 and this provides us with insurance as well as a variety of other benefits including regular magazines and bulletins and one free visit a year for our group, to an RHS garden. This membership is proving to be a valuable addition to members' involvement.
- We have also decided as an organisation, to permanently move the AGM to February as opposed to December. This is to allow enough time to prepare the year's accounts since the financial year ends in November; these can then be presented to members, along with a report of the year's activities. Because of highly successful fundraising during 2009, funds stood at just over £600 at the beginning of our new fiscal year in December.
- During 2009, the Committee has tried to bring in some fresh ideas to the programme. WGA has been in existence for a number of years and some of the members are now very longstanding which means that they, in particular, are looking for new topics to be covered.. We try to ensure there are two or three visiting speakers, as well as trips out. Last year we went to Bert Manton's Craft Workshop at Woodford Halse as well as organising talks on Winter Gardening, Photography of Plants and Landscapes and, Organic Gardening. Our RHS outing was to Coughton Court in Worcestershire when WGA members teamed up with some of the Photography Club members for what turned out to be a glorious and very popular day out.
- On 4th July some of our colleagues from Woodford Halse Gardening Association, joined around 50 people from Whilton for an American themed garden party and it was this event which swelled our financial coffers so considerably. In August WGA opened up to non members once more, for a Plant Sale and presented prizes for the best hanging basket and tubs displays in the village. Finally in December, in place of the usual AGM, 26 members enjoyed a candlelit Christmas supper in the village hall.
- We have an interesting programme planned for 2010 and are happy that the activities of the Gardening Association extend beyond matters horticultural, to play our part in supporting village life.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sadly towards the end of April, an incident of vandalism which occurred in Roughmoor Spinney was reported. The notice board was broken from it's fixing when the two oak supporting legs were broken off at ground level. At the time the notice board was erected, the legs were set into concrete, therefore a considerable force must have been used to break the legs off. Three youths were approached by a member of the community, but it is believed was given false information. Needless to say the cost of repairing this notice board will be considerable as the legs were of strong solid oak and very expensive. The incident was reported to the police but if anyone has further information that may help to find the culprits, please contact PSCO Sarah Gray on one of the numbers given below.

A message for any horse or pony owners living in the Parish. It seems that horses and ponies are being marked, either by plaiting a small section of hair in the mane or tail or by painting a small cross on the animal. It is thought that this system of marking could be to identify an animal ready for stealing it within the next day or so. Please check animals regularly.

A timely reminder as summer approaches. If you go into the garden, please close windows and lock doors. It only takes a minute for someone to slip into your house and help themselves to whatever they may take a liking to.

The Neighbourhood Watch surgery dates for the next two months are as follows:-

Saturday June 12th 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall.

On Saturday July 24th between 12 noon and 2pm our PSCO Sarah Gray has arranged to bring along a Police CCTV van so that members of our community can have a chance to see this equipment in operation. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet Sarah and see how it works. Sarah assures me younger members of the community can have hands on experience of the CCTV.

The usual numbers to contact if you see or hear anything suspicious are Northamptonshire Police switchboard Tel: 03000 111 222 or the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch 01604 432436 or 999 in case of an emergency. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Ros Gardner NHW Co-ordinator



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



After a winter that seemed to go on forever we are now entering a warmer drier period but some of us are still not happy because the cold spell damaged plants and seeds and now the dry spell is doing the same!! – Gardeners can't win

20th June - The free garden visit this year will be to "FELLEY PRIORY", Underwood, Nottinghamshire. Founded in 1156 the house and its 2.5 acre garden nestles on the slope of a hill overlooking rolling countryside. There are pergolas, a knot garden as well as a medieval garden and shrubbery, plant nursery and tea rooms etc. This is a privately owned garden which has been in the family since 1822. Meet 10am at Village Green. Car-sharing - contact - **07921429228** for further details.

4th Aug – Three garden visits in Whilton finishing at Jo & Phillip's garden for refreshments and a sit down. Meet at Village Green at 7.00 pm

New members always welcome. Contact 0792149227 or 01327 843169

Please check noticeboard for future dates and events.

Thank you. Olive (General Dogsbody)

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

VISITS WHILTON EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE OLD PLOUGH, MAIN STREET AT 9.15 AM UNTIL 9.30 AM.

THE DATES FOR JUNE ARE 8th & 29th & JULY DATE IS 20th

POSTAGE STAMPS

Used postage stamps are still being collected in the village by Trudy Haynes (please leave on the windowsill by the back door of the Old Plough). The charity supported is the Leprosy Mission.

Teresa Leadbetter, Wood View, also collects stamps for charity



Roughmoor Spinney



As reported in the Neighbourhood Watch article, the noticeboard in the spinney suffered further damage on Saturday 17th April 2010. The noticeboard cost over £1200 when purchased and erected and we made it as robust as possible.

Approximately two years ago some unknown person(s) decided to practice their carpentry skills by cutting out a piece of the frame to one of the doors and also tried to force one of the glass panels on another door.

Although we are not certain of the identity of the culprits in both incidences, we believe they are mid-teenagers and residents in the village. Our Committee and a number of other residents are endeavouring to create and maintain a quiet and interesting nature area to visit. Working on a very limited basis of funding, we find it most distressing when wanton damage is caused.

On a happier note; 10 Rowan, 10 Silver Birch and 10 Wild Cherry slips which were donated to a Daventry school and not needed, were passed to us through Jonathan Hanslip and these were planted by Ros and Jim Gardner in April for which we are very grateful..

The next Working Party will be on Sunday 27th June 2010 at 2.00 pm. We will carry out general maintenance including coppicing and re -installing the noticeboard.

Whilton Spinney Management Committee

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ALERT

A white van, possibly with a trailer or a drop sided lorry with male occupants has been sighted in our area asking to tidy gardens. These people are targeting the elderly, giving a low price and then asking for a much higher price when the work has been carried out. Please make our elderly aware not to agree to doorstep sales.

If there are sighting of such a vehicle or people knocking at doors please notify the Police.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE 2010

THURSDAY 3RD	7.30 PM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>EAST HADDON FOR CORPUS CHRISTI</u>
6TH	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>
13TH	6.00 PM	SONGS OF PRAISE
20TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
27TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

JULY 2010

4TH	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>BRINGTON</u>
11TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
18TH	9.15 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
25TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

CHURCH NEWS

St Mary's Church, Gt Brington was filled to capacity on Tuesday, 27th April 2010 for the Institution and Induction of the Revd. Sue Kipling to the Spencer Benefice. The procession of choir, clergy, churchwardens, Archdeacon and the Bishop of Peterborough, Donald Allister numbered about 70.

After the readings and sermon Sue was presented to the benefice by her training incumbent the Revd. Peter Dyson and she then took the Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience. After which the Benefice Lay Chair asked the Bishop to institute and induct her to the benefice. The Archdeacon and one churchwarden from each parish took Sue to the door to receive the keys of the churches, to the tower to chime a bell and to other symbolic parts of the church finishing with receiving the Book of Common Worship and Book of Common Prayer at the altar by Rosie and Araminta Gow with Alice Gow saying the accompanying words.

After this inspiring service wine and canapés were served

We now look forward to the growth and future life of our churches.

COMING EVENT / SERVICE

On Sunday 13th June we are planning a Songs Of Praise evening at 6.00 pm in St Andrew's Church. Come and have a good sing and listen to your favourite hymns.

FUND RAISING

A pleasant day heralded the Car Boot on Sunday 18th April where people came and went both selling and buying. Profits from the booters, gate donations, church stall, lemonade sales and refreshments realised a total of £588.71.

Our thanks go to the Emery family for allowing the use of Wadd Close, to Linda Treacy for organising the event and to all who helped in any way.

J Bowers

Tales of the Locks—7

by Tom Price

The story of 'Britain's biggest little tourism board'

Whilton and Buckby Locks Association was originally launched in April 1993, partly as a bid to promote small businesses operating along or near the mile-long seven-lock flight.

Today tourism is still among the association's main aims, but its objectives are now much broader, with strong environmental, educational and social strands. Its 45-strong membership still includes local businesses, along with numerous residents from the area surrounding the flight, and boaters and other canal-lovers from many parts of Britain.

The idea of forming the grandly-named original group, Whilton and Buckby Locks Tourism and Commerce Association, was dreamed up by me when I was working as a journalist and public relations consultant and living near the bottom lock.

In true spin-doctor style, I dubbed it "Britain's biggest little tourism board." It was an instant hit. To everyone's amazement, some 30 local businesses were represented at the inaugural meetings.

The founder-chairman was Simon Ainley, at that time British Waterways' regional waterway manager based at Braunston. Three years later he played a leading role in moves to transform the association, and at an extraordinary meeting in March 1996 members voted unanimously to include local residents and canal enthusiasts in general.

The first secretary was Brenda Walker, proprietor of Anchor Cottage Crafts at Buckby Wharf, who held the post from the inaugural meeting in April 1993 until her retirement in 1999.

From the outset the "tourist board" not only aimed to help struggling businesses but also strove to increase the

attractiveness of the locks area and to publicise it as an important leisure and heritage site – aims that are still central to the association's operation.

One of its first events was a "Grand Union Walkabout" in August 1993, marking the canal's 200th anniversary. The event attracted more than 1,000 walkers from the Daventry district and further afield.

In succeeding years, members have undertaken many projects to improve and popularise the flight. One of the biggest was the creation of a haven for visitors at the sidepond of the roadside lock at Whilton Locks. This was done by teams led by Top Lock resident and association treasurer Ted Bavister, a former national president of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, who died in 2002, and Whilton's parish council chairman Mike Lewis, who was also chairman of the association for several years.. The project turned the derelict area into a peaceful and beautiful memorial to the flight's legendary lock-keeper, Henry Grantham.

Henry is also commemorated by the unique decorated bench created from old boat timbers by an association member Tony Forward and sited near the bottom lock.

Another bench, designed and made from lock beam timber by college pupils from Leighton Buzzard, who responded to a National Schools Challenge, is sited at Buckby Wharf.

For several years a miniature newspaper entitled "The Flight" was produced and distributed by the association. It contained stories of people, businesses and events connected with the locks area. Advertisements covered printing costs (some issues had a print run of 2,000 copies) and also boosted the association's funds.

Among those (in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this account) who have served or are still serving in an official capacity in the development of the association are Barbara Bavister (currently chair), Di Margetts, ceramic artist Peter Ilsley (an early chairman), Bryan and Shirley Eccles, Hazel Yates-Jones, Priscilla Steele, Steve Roe, Paul Whiffin, Ruth Roll, Ted and Sue Turk, Alan Webb and Richard Sallet. Many others have lent a willing hand in many projects.

At its top and bottom, the lock flight has magnets for visitors and boaters. Whilton Marina, at the southern end, was created by a local builder, David Steele, some 40 years ago. On the lockside is a chandlery packed with boating items, as well as groceries, books and canal guides. There is a small café where John Gilkes is noted for his all-day breakfasts. Nearby, on the Nobottle Road, is Whilton Mill's corporate leisure and go-karting centre. On the A5 at the top of the flight is the New Inn, the association's unofficial headquarters. Included in the hamlet of Buckby Wharf is a small industrial complex and a community hall, where association meetings (almost always featuring an outside speaker) and social functions are held.



There has always been a strong social side, with members working together on canalside events such as the annual Lockwheeling Day at the bottom lock (when boaters are treated to musical entertainment and various stalls as well as being offered a helping hand with their windlasses. In recent years, members have enjoyed outings to plays, concerts and other cultural events.

Under the present secretary, Alan Cornford, the association has produced two leaflets -- one about its work and the other featuring interesting walks in the locks area -- which have been circulated throughout the county. Alan has also driven a debate about future projects including the installation of appropriate works of artistic merit along the flight.

Says Alan: "The locks and the local stretch of canal form a wonderful leisure facility which is shared by people with many interests. We are privileged to be supported by folk from Whilton and other nearby villages. Our association is open to anyone who loves the relaxation, beauty and history of the canal, and we are united in our determination to conserve and improve the flight for the benefit of all."

There is more about the association and its work on its website, www.wbla.org.uk. The site includes minutes of meetings, pictures of the flight and stories about the creation of the marina, the Bannaventa pub (now the carpet centre) and the fascinating life of lock-keeper Henry Grantham.

Next issue: Dropping out – and falling in – at the locks

POTHOLES AND OTHER HIGHWAY HAZARDS.

The recent bad weather has produced a crop of potholes and 4 incidences of damage to wheels have occurred since January. The Highways contractor does inspect every month and carries out 'temporary' repairs. However, if they are not aware of potentially dangerous potholes the contractor/county council will NOT take responsibility for any damage. So, if you see any problem areas, potholes or other hazards please contact Street Doctor or the Parish Highways Rep, Jonathan Hanslip, to ensure that the authorities are aware and they have no 'wriggle 'room'.

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY THE PLOUGH: PAST INTO PRESENT

On Thursday 27th May, our meeting was based on the story of the house known as "The Old Plough," shown in this photo of about 1925.



This began with Richard Langton of Whilton, who sold a house in Whilton to Thomas Mutton sometime in the mid 1600s, probably after the Civil War. Thomas was a prosperous shepherd. He and his wife, Lucy, seem to have lived in this house, where they had two children, Alice and Thomas. In December 1656 Thomas Mutton was unwell, and "*considering the weake and fraile estate of my mortall bodye*" he made his will, and died in 1658. The house was left to his widow for life, and then to Thomas, his son, who was aged about six at his father's death.

Young Thomas Mutton grew up in Whilton. He became a husbandman, or farmer, and was active in adding to his property and building. Other houses were also being built in Whilton at this time of renewed confidence and prosperity After the Restoration. Thomas bought a parcel of ground from Widow Alice Dawson, on which she had built a new house. There was a yard and orchard adjoining it. He also bought an orchard from William and Hannah Cleaver to the west of Alice Dawson's house and orchard, and laid it all out together. William Cleaver kept his yard, which lay to the south end of this plot. Alice Dawson's house became the core of what was to become the Plough

In 1693, when he was 41, Thomas Mutton had, at least temporarily, left Whilton and gone to Long Orton near Peterborough. In that year he took out a mortgage of his Whilton property, borrowing £70 from Thomas Emery. Borrowing money in this way was common before the days of building societies and banks for all. The witnesses to the deed were Jonathan Newbold the blacksmith and Eleanor Edmunds, the cooper's widow.

Thomas Mutton was not away long. He is recorded in the poll book as being in Whilton in 1695. In 1697 John Ball, a Whilton weaver, died, and Thomas Mutton helped his widow, Mary, to administer his estate. In the next year he married widow Mary Ball at Long Buckby Church. By now Thomas was 46. I have found no record of any children of this marriage. Thomas and Mary settled to married life in Whilton, and it appears that they were living in Thomas' newly built house, almost certainly what we know as Dormer Cottage. Thomas was overseer of the poor for the year 1698.

By 1722 Thomas was 70 and had found someone to take over some of his property. George Judkin, a carpenter, took a lease of what had once been known as Dawson's House. The house had probably been enlarged, and consisted of four bays and part of a fifth, and with it part of the yard and orchard were leased too, with detailed instructions about the provision and upkeep of the mounds on the boundaries.

These were thatched cob walls, which required maintenance. Thomas Mutton was to make and keep a sufficient mound the whole length of 26 yards on the east side, and on the south end of the orchard the 20 yard mound wall belonged to George Judkins.

Thomas Mutton was a widower and getting old and described himself as in "*indifferent health*", and so made his will in August 1723, dying a few months later. He left his barn and part of the yard and homestead which "I sometime since agreed to sell to him, or leased to him, and which is now in his possession", to George Judkins. His other bequests were to distant relatives, and his administratrix was his kinswoman Barbary Daniell of Whilton. On 4 Feb 1723/4 she left her mark on the statement : "*I acknowledge Tho. Mutton received of George Judkin sometime since twenty pounds towards the purchase of a house he bought of the said Tho Mutton in Whilton witness my hand Barbaray Daniel.*"

Thomas Mutton had intended George Judkin to have the property, but George had only paid £20 at Thomas's death, and Barbary stood to inherit the residue of Thomas' estate. George Judkin considered that by his will Thomas had left the property to him and refused to pay the rest of the money. As a result Barbary and her husband, Sam, would not assent to the bequest. The dispute was finally solved by George Judkins agreeing to pay £11 5s of the £18 10s he still owed and by the Daniells assigning the premises "and the other part of the said fifth bay" to George in November 1724.

George Judkin and his wife Ann now became the owners of the house, where he ran a carpenter's business. The property stayed in Judkin ownership for generations, although after the first George Judkin they did not live in the house, but farmed from Roughmoor.

The property was let to a variety of tenants and other properties were taken in. These included the site of a cottage which was "*ruinous and much out of repair*", conveyed by John Blencow to tailor William Moss. William Moss pulled down the cottage, which was to the west of Dawson's house and built a new one with a brewhouse and outbuildings, borrowing £30 from George Judkins to do this in 1789. His fire insurance certificate noted that all these buildings were thatched. William Moss then became tailor, shopkeeper and publican. No doubt he needed every penny as he had twelve children, although one died as a baby.

Other tenants followed and the house was split up into smaller cottages, with a variety of people calling themselves "publican", but none depending on this entirely for a living. There can have been little profit from the pub.

By 1810 the publican was Joseph Emery, a carpenter as well, assisted by his first wife, Susannah, and then his second, Mary. After his death in 1835, Mary Emery and her step-daughter Zillah took over from her father at the Plough, as it was now known. Before long Mary found a new husband, and married John Kilsby, a mason and victualler, yet again combining the pub with another job. But John Kilsby died in 1844. Mary, his widow, conveyed her pub to John Hyde in 1851. She remained in one of the little cottages adjoining the Plough. Her gravestone, dated 1857, is in the churchyard near the gate. It was John Hyde who took out a mortgage with Phipps Brewery, which by 1894 had taken over the Plough.

The brewery also acquired a little cottage near the street between the Plough and the modern Dormer Cottage. This cottage had once belonged to John Facer, who died here in 1760. He sold it to John Jellis, a Whilton woolcomber. His son and grandson, both called James, inherited the cottage, but were farmers in Leicestershire and so let it out to tenants. The younger James sold the cottage to Phipps in 1894.

Despite a boost during the Second World War, when soldiers from Brockhall and Whilton used the pub, trade gradually declined, and the pub finally closed its doors at Christmas in 1954. It seems fitting that Harold and Trudy Haynes were able to acquire the pub as a home. Harold had Dunkley ancestors, and Harry Dunkley ran the Plough and a carrier's business in Victorian and Edwardian times.

Details of the next meeting will be on the notice board and the website, when it is hoped there will be information on the progress of the new history of Whilton.

Anthea Hiscock

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2010

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO
THIS YEAR'S TOTAL**

COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO : £250.81

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE
TO GIFT AID HALF THIS TOTAL
ADDING A FURTHER: £25
EVERY LITTLE COUNTS**

**Keith Hiscock on behalf of the Daventry Area Committee
23.05.10**

WHILTON PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

**WE ARE SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE CLUB HAS NOW
CLOSED DUE TO THE FALL IN MEMBERSHIP**

LOCAL SERVICES OF WHICH YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE

CLOVERLEA CATTERY

Luxury Cattery

The cattery located in Flore offers the most modern cattery facility available within a beautiful secluded rural setting.

Your cat's health, safety and comfort is the priority and the light and spacious heated chalets promote relaxation and well-being.

Call Christine or David on **01327 341475**
Or just go along and take a look around

Book early for peak periods to avoid disappointment!

Cloverlea, Brington Road, Flore, Northants, NN11 4BQ

www.cloverleacattery.co.uk

WHILTON LOCKS CHANDLERY

The Chandlery supports our Village Hall 200 Club and if you find you have run out of any items, this is our equivalent of the corner shop and could save you travelling a greater distance.

BRINGTON & WHILTON PRE-SCHOOL

This successful Pre-School meets three mornings a week in Whilton Village Hall.

If you have or know of any child aged 2yrs 6mths to rising 5yrs who would benefit from attending a caring setting, please do not hesitate to contact **Jenny Holman 01604 770083** or **07948724415**.



SMILE PLEASE



One Liners

Memories of the late, great Tommy

Cooper:

- Two blondes walked into a building - you'd think at least one of them would have seen it.
- Phone answering machine message - "If you want marijuana, press the hash key."
- I tried to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- I went into the butcher and bet him fifty quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."
- "Doc, I can't stop singing *The Green, Green Grass of Home*."
"That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome."
"Is it common?"
"It's not unusual."

Exam Time

Incorrect answers maybe but we are sure that you would have been proud to have thought of some of them!

HISTORY

- Q: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?
A: *Unusual names.*
- Q: Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.
A: *Learning to speak Latin.*
- Q: Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?
A: *At the bottom.*

SCIENCE

- Q: Give a reason why people would want to live near power lines.
A: *They get their electricity faster.*
- Q: What is a nitrate?
A: *Cheaper than a day rate.*
- Q: Name six animals that live specifically in the Arctic.
A: *Two seals and three four polar bears.*

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wed	2 nd	June	7.30 pm	WGA meeting in village hall 'The Natural History of Salcey Forest' by Mr Andrew Patmore
Tues	8 th	June	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Sat	12 th	June	10.30 am	Police surgery in village hall
Sun	20 th	June	am	WGA Outing to Felley Priory
Thurs	24 th	June	12.30 pm	Social Summer Lunch in village hall
Sun	27 th	June	2.00 pm	Working Party in Spinney
Tues	29 th	June	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Weds	14 th	July	7.30 pm	Parish Council AGM in village hall
Tues	20 th	July	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
			2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in village hall
Sat	24 th	July	12 noon	Police with CCTV van in village to meet young people
Fri	23 rd	July		DEADLINE FOR AUG/SEPT NEWSLETTER

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