

# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

## JUNE AND JULY 2008



Before the start of the work on the ceiling in St Andrew's Church.

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Everything had to be covered and scaffolding was put up.

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Now all is well

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## NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

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We have an article in this newsletter about birds in a Whilton garden this Spring.

It would be great if we could have observations in the next issue about wild life in the garden, village or spinney

**PARISH MATTERS**

**MEETINGS GALORE!**

There have been three Parish Council meetings since the last Newsletter, besides the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is not a Parish Council Meeting, but an occasion when any parishioner may come to express their views or concerns on any parish matter. This year we had a visit from our new **Police Community Support Officer**, Lorraine Humfress, who visits Whilton on a regular basis.

These are the crime figures for Whilton from April 2007-April 2008:

Burglary dwelling:	3
Burglary other:	6
Theft from motor vehicles	5
Theft of motor vehicles:	1
Vehicle interference:	0
Vehicle damage:	5
Criminal damage:	4



Lorraine emphasized the need for village residents to be aware of security, especially of outbuildings and would be willing to advise parishioners over the security of their property. All residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to the control room as soon as possible (0845 3 700700).

**Annual reports** were presented from the Parish Council, the Parish Design Statement Team, the Footpaths Warden and our District and County Councillors. The Management Groups of the Village Hall and Roughmoor Spinney also reported as did the Pre-school and Brinton Primary School Governors, and the trustees of Whilton Parochial Charities.

These reports can be made available by request to me. They record the regular work of many volunteers in the parish to enhance the environment and develop the community.

Among the achievements of the past year have been the production of the Parish Design Statement, the replacement of sleepers and netting of the Spinney boardwalk, a grant to a young person by the Parochial Charities, and improvements to the Village Hall kitchen. Among concerns was the fact that numbers are dropping at Brinton School, and that older residents, who may be eligible, have not applied to the Parochial Charities.



## **THE PARISH COUNCIL**

In Whilton we had an uncontested election, but we do have a new Council. There were the only 6 candidates for 7 places, and so we have a vacancy, which is currently being advertised. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

The first meeting of the new council was on 12<sup>th</sup> May and this was the Annual Meeting at which Mike Lewis was re-elected as Chairman.

Your Parish Councillors are now:

Ken Bowers	Jonathan Hanslip
Mike Lewis (Chairman)	Greg Lye
Nora Swinford	Michael Thomas.

## **FINANCE**

The Annual Accounts were approved at this meeting, the Parish Council having a balance of £5462.17 to start this year on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008, with the current year's precept being £5750. The internal audit by a Northants CALC auditor has been carried out and our annual audit return completed; we are now ready for our annual external audit in July.

Our insurance has been increased to cover all the street lights, and planned expenditure this year includes a new seat on the Green and a litter bin at the Locks. It is also hoped to move the old seat to the top of the village, and to remove the dangerous allotment steps. We have obtained a grant for the seat and hope that this will soon be installed. Payments already made this year amount to £1086.47. These include the mower service, lighting maintenance and electricity, Newsletter printing, insurance and payments to Northants County Association of Local Councils for internal audit and membership.

## **ROADS AND TRANSPORT**



In April the contractors for the County Council have changed from Atkins to May Gurney. Parish Councillors have had a meeting in the parish with their representatives, and have requested action on the drainage and other problems in the village.

There have also been concerns about parking on the narrow village street. Although no one is parking illegally, a request is made that all who have to park on the Main Street take particular care not to park opposite drives and entrances, where they make the entrance and exit awkward or impossible for home owners.

## PLANNING

Since our March meeting, planning permission has been granted for a replacement porch and other minor alterations at **Sira** (DA/2008/0318), but has been refused for the erection of a steel portal framed agricultural type building to house motor homes at **Felines** (DA/2008/0085).

An amended application has been put in for a swimming pool, changing and pump room at **Manor Barn** (DA/2008/0440). Parish Councillors have made no comments on this.

Two other planning applications are currently under consideration by the District Council.



One is for the conversion of a **barn off Brington Lane** into a holiday cottage. (DA/2008/1334). The Parish Council opposes this for a number of reasons, including the fact that it is outside the established development of the village, is contrary to the structure and local plans and the Parish Design Statement, that it has already been extended without permission. There are concerns about the safety of the proposed entrance, the destruction of hedgerow and the adverse affect on the privacy of the adjoining property

The other application is an outline plan for a new dwelling and off-road parking at: **7 South View**. Although this application conforms with the Parish Design Statement, the Parish Council is unable to support it because the proposed plans do not appear to meet the conditions in the Access Statement, with reference to the ability to park and turn four cars off the road. If cars are not able to drive our forwards, this will create a highway hazard. The Parish Council also considers that the building line should be moved to be a continuation of the line with number 6, so as not to detract from the privacy of number 6.

An important development for Whilton is that the **Parish Design Statement** was passed by the full District Council on 15<sup>th</sup> May, and so can now be published and have the status of Supplementary Planning Guidance. The Parish Council records its thanks to all the Team who worked so hard to produce this Statement.

The Council has also made a response to the national Planning Inspectorate concerning the appeal by the Danetre Consortium against the non determination of Planning Application 07/0096/OUTWND (Urban extension of Daventry to the east of Daventry and north of A45.)

### **THE ENVIRONMENT.**

On 17<sup>th</sup> May a litter pick was organized to remove litter, mainly from the verges. The working party was small, and as usual there was little litter in the village, but cans, cigarette packets and fast food containers littered the grass along the main road.



It has also been drawn to the Council's attention that there are several dogs which are sometimes left to roam in the village, with the resultant mess not being cleared up. If you are a dog owner, please be vigilant and responsible for the sake of all.

Whilton has entered both the Village of the Year competition and East Midlands in Bloom, and we are sure all residents will continue to keep the village looking as attractive as possible for ourselves and our visitors.

### **PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS**

The archives of the Parish Council, dating back to 1894 have now been deposited in the County Record Office and may be consulted there. At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May the Parish Council also agreed the following Publication Scheme for its records:

- The Minutes of the Parish Council shall be available for reading by arrangement with the Clerk.
- The unapproved Minutes of each meeting shall be published on the Whilton Village website.
- The Accounts shall be available by arrangement with the Clerk for 20 working days before the Annual Audit.
- Documents may be viewed at other times by prior arrangement with the Clerk.
- Copies of documents can be provided at a cost of 10p per A4 sheet.
- All planning applications will be kept and stored by the Clerk.
- Archives of the Parish Council may be read at Northamptonshire Record Office.
- The Parish Council will review whether it is appropriate to deposit more records every 2 years, beginning in 2010.

### **WELCOME LEAFLET**

It has been proposed that the parish should have a welcome leaflet for newcomers and a first draft has been produced. If you have suggestions for this, or would like to help, please contact me as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008. All are welcome.

Anthea Hiscock  
Clerk to the Parish Council ( 843319 )

## Chilli on the menu, chilled out evening.

A hot night of competition and wine, encompassed by chilli on the menu led to a memorable evening at the village hall for the latest quiz night. As you may know, it was to raise money for my Mongolia fund, and it was incredibly successful!

The format was as before (10 rounds and a picture quiz), admirably set and adjudicated by Mr. Neil Philips, a wonderful quiz master. The questions were very much varied, with plenty of head scratching and consulting the wine for answers; a case of message in a bottle!

After supper, the second part of the quiz started brightly, for most – the highlight being, when asked 'What is the capital of Chile?', 'Con carne' was the immediate response from one enthusiastic team member. The rest of the evening carried on in the same light hearted humour.

With the current champions unable to attend, new champions were in order, and congratulations to the **Bellringers** who hung on in there.

Thank you to all who attended, and the Village Hall Management Committee for making it a wonderful night.

Watch out for a third and final quiz night where I can finally show you what the quiz nights have been for! All proceeds will go into the village, through the Village Hall Management Committee.





## BRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



### A visit to Everdon Activity Centre

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Class 2 went on a residential visit to Everdon Activity Centre. The weather was glorious throughout our stay and enabled us to remain outside from dawn 'til dusk.

On the first day we went 'Stream Dipping' in the village stream, where the children caught and identified a wide variety of 'bugs'.

The following day's activities involved a visit to Everdon Stubbs, where first the children explored the woods on a 'Bear Hunt'; each pair taking the lead and making decisions on which directions the group should follow, the aim being to become as lost as possible! Next we went 'Tree Hugging': the children were led blindfolded by their partners to a tree to 'hug' and investigate, then led back (a different way!) to the start. On removing their blindfolds, they then had to locate the tree they had 'hugged' - a true lesson in disorientation! We then constructed animal shelters from sticks for 'Pooh Bear' and his friends. Katherine Waterhouse described the woods that day as follows: "We walked through a beautiful trail of blue-bells and it was such a great summer's day that the light was showing them. As I was walking through the blue-bells I realised that the trail wouldn't stop, it was very, very beautiful, I couldn't blink a blink".

On DAY 3 we visited a wood at 'Foxhill Farm', where the children had a great time learning how to build a fire, light a fire, whittle sticks, eat baked potatoes and cook marshmallows. Evie Buller described these activities well: "The first pile had to be very thin sticks, the second pile had to be as thin as a pencil and the third pile had to be anything bigger than a pencil size. Soon after that we did some stick whittling so we could roast our scrumptious, soft, chewy marshmallows. Meanwhile, the other group did Swedish fire lighting. What they had to do was rest one end of the block on something and scrape it with a blade until sparks came out. When you had lots of sparks, you do it on some cotton wool". George Meadows observed how the cotton wool "first went brown, then it set on fire and then blue and red flames, then when it had cooled down, we trod on it then repeated it for five times". Every boys' dream! The children also explored the woods and identified woodland 'bugs'.

In the afternoon, we climbed Newnham Hill, which the leader, Mike, told us was the highest spot between it and Russia! The children enjoyed 'Orienteering' their way about the fields, finding clues. In a nearby wood, we did a 'Blind Trail'. The children, again blindfolded, and wearing helmets, followed each other around the woods, one hand holding a rope, the other the person in front - a true test of trust! Georgia Darlington thought the day "was a great and fantastic day for everyone!"

On the last day, Mike showed us around Everdon Village and we learnt how to use a compass to locate directions and land marks. Lastly, the children enjoyed buying 'goodies' at the Centre's shop, before boarding the bus back to school.



## ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



The Management Committee are pleased to tell you that the work on the previously slippery boardwalk (some sleepers replaced and netting attached), has now been completed by a local firm. This project was funded by a grant from Whilton Parish Council

In the past few weeks we have been unable to get down to the spinney but we understand it is very wet and overgrown and we need to get to work there very soon.

We plan therefore to have a Working Party on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00 pm. We look forward to seeing all our usual volunteers and hopefully some new parishioners who have a keen interest in conservation and the environment.

Spinney Management Committee



### USED STAMPS



Teresa Leadbetter and I are collecting used stamps for the RSPB. British and foreign are acceptable.

If left for me, please leave on the windowsill by the back door of the Old Plough

Trudy Haynes

### Whilton Social Lunches



The next Whilton Social Lunch will be a Summer Lunch.

This will be in the Village Hall at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008.

All are welcome and details will be available nearer the time.

If you would like to help with preparing this meal, please contact Shirley Brown or Anthea Hiscock as soon as possible.



## Whilton Local History Society

The Local History Society met on 8<sup>th</sup> May to hear and share memories of life in Whilton during the Second World War. We were very pleased to welcome visitors, who were able to give further first hand information on the Haynes and Townley families.

The influx of many strangers during the war brought a variety of experiences to the villagers. Among those who came were the evacuees and London teachers, and British soldiers at the Rectory, manning the searchlight in Carpenters Field. There were American soldiers at Brockhall, who were glad to visit the Plough, and who helped to keep the pub a flourishing place at this time. Land Girls and prisoners of war, came to work on the farms, and there were townspeople who came for a week or fortnight to stay at the Rectory and do agricultural work. One of these young ladies met Harold Haynes here and later married him; as a result Mrs Trudy Haynes is still living in the village!

We heard about some of the young men who left to serve in the Forces, four of whom did not return, and who are commemorated on the War Memorial in the church. The people of Whilton continued as far as possible with their daily routine, but war brought changes and challenges. With the arrival of the evacuees came a frightening epidemic of scarlet fever, while country families and town children were still adjusting to each other. There was lack of sleep especially during the attacks on Coventry when the school frequently did not open until 10 a.m. Farmers had no choice but to plough up new land and grow the required crops, particularly potatoes. By the end of the war they were facing the change from the horse to the tractor and modern machinery.

Several members who attended the meeting were able to add their own memories and knowledge, which will all help to build up the story of Whilton in the past.

Anthea Hiscock

The next meeting of the Whilton Local History Society  
will delve further back in time:

### **“HARD TIMES”**

The meeting will be in the Village Hall  
at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008.  
All are welcome.

## **ST ANDREWS CHURCH**

### **ON TO PASTURES NEW.**

The sad news of the departure of our rector and his family was announced at the Benefice Sung Eucharist at East Haddon on 4th May. During his ministry here since November 2002, Revd Chris has brought much to the Benefice, especially drawing the young into the Christian life by attending school assemblies, forming BB (Benefice Babes) After School Clubs and Sunday School as part of the Benefice services. He has encouraged means of varied services - here in Whilton the Pet Blessing is one. Both he and Sharon have supported fund raising events which not only helped with the occasion but gave them an excellent means of meeting parishioners.

Chris has been a member of the ringers' band at many of the weddings at Brington hurrying down the side aisles to get to the ringing chamber by the time the wedding couple exit the church. Sharon has conducted some of the services and has played the organ on many occasions - a good working relationship which we are losing but the new parishes will gain.

In giving thanks for their ministry and friendship we wish them every happiness and success in the next stage of their ministerial life and their home at Ilmington Rectory south of Stratford-upon-Avon.

### **DAFFODIL DAY**

The Daffodil / Easter Egg Hunt event took place in the church due to the cold wet weather, perhaps that was the reason for the poor support but those who did come enjoyed the hunt and decorating the large cardboard eggs together with refreshments and a raffle. £50.50 was raised for church funds

**CAR BOOT** - Despite the cold wind and drizzle, hardy Whilton folk and visitors allowed the Car Boot to take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Cups of tea and coffee with homemade refreshments helped to keep the Booters warm. The event raised **£348.83** towards much needed funds for St Andrews Church.

Special thanks go to Gordon Emery for allowing the use of Wadd Close, to Linda and Tom Treacy for the organisation, to Mary Emery and helpers for the homemade refreshments, to Ryan Treacy for collecting donations and to all who helped with the parking

### **ROGATION - 27<sup>th</sup> April**

The Rogation Sunday service commenced in church with a hymn and a short sermon and then we made our way to the paddock at Dove Close to view and bless the donkeys and goats. Here we sung a hymn, during which the two donkeys joined in braying loudly, much to the amusement of all, (our singing was not that bad surely). Afterwards up at Hilltop Farm we blessed the sheep and the lambs and some of the young members of the congregation bottle fed the lambs. After visiting the cattle the afternoon finished with refreshments at the farmhouse.

We extend our thanks to Ros and Jim Gardner and Mary and Gordon Emery for their hospitality

### **CEILINGS**

After the service on 30th March the congregation moved all the church goods from the chancel and nave to the back of the church ready for Underwood & Weston contractors to commence work on the ceilings - due to last three weeks. Soon scaffolding was up, sheets covered organ, pulpit, pews etc. Then on the 10<sup>th</sup> we had a funeral, everything taken down, a good clean up, church goods back in place, flowers in windows (have we really got builders in ?) After the funeral all change round again. Work finished on 21<sup>st</sup> April. The ceilings look good and safe All is well again.

Many thanks to Mary Emery, Ann Heeley, Ros Gardner and Kathleen Wright for all the time and help - (given twice).

### **FUNDRAISING**

Plans in the pipeline for a Christmas Flower Festival on the theme of Carols and Christmas Songs together with a bazaar and teas. Any contributions, help, ideas or thoughts for this please contact **Janet Bowers, Mary Emery, Linda Treacy or Philip Grant**



**Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 770402 or E-mail [chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk)**

Later this summer we shall be surrounded by packing boxes, chaos, and uncertainty. For we are moving on! Why? Is a question a few people have asked. It isn't about promotion, or more prestigious churches, or power or pay. Instead it is seeking to listen to the voice of God. It has not been easy to decide to leave, and we have had a wonderful time here. I know I have not done everything right, or managed even to do what everyone has hoped or expected of me, and where I leave mistakes behind, may I go with your forgiveness. Where I have been able to show something of God's kingdom, and ministered in a right way, may I go with your blessing.

We are moving down to 6 churches in South Warwickshire, between Moreton in Marsh and Stratford-Upon-Avon, the parishes of Ilmington, Stretton-on-Fosse, Tredington with Darlingscott, Whitchurch and Preston-on-Stour.

Sharon is to start as part time chaplain to the Shakespeare Hospice in Stratford.

Biblically the people of God are on a journey, (often physically) but always going onto the new things. Paul writes that it is Christ who is supreme in the church. Leaders of church communities may come and go but Christ is the same. I want to here pay tribute to the many people who work hard in the communities and serve with devotion. I want to finish with some words from Brother Roger of Taize. "On this road there will be failures at times. Then we need to remember that the source of peace and communion is in God. Instead of becoming discouraged we shall call down his Holy Spirit upon our weaknesses. And, our whole life long, the Holy Spirit will enable us to set out again and again, going from one beginning to another towards a future of peace."

### **SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON**

#### **JUNE 2008**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist at <u>BRINGTON</u></b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist at <u>NORTON</u></b>

#### **JULY 2008**

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist at <u>BRAMPTON</u></b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>		
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b>BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT <u>WHILTON</u></b>

### **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS**

**Don't forget that for £10 you can still book to have the floodlights on for any special occasion during the year**

Please contact on Janet Bowers on 842851

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> AND JULY 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Brington & Whilton Pre-school**

The Pre-school has had another busy year and the numbers of children have increased throughout the year to a healthy seventeen.

During the terms we have enjoyed looking at various topics such as shapes, mathematical language and communication, stories, and mini-beasts. Throughout these topics we have been on a variety of outings to the local spinney looking for mini-beasts, Daventry library and leisure centre and also had our annual trip to the local farm to feed the lambs.

Parents play a large part in the running of the group as our Management Committee and have been busy this year ensuring we have had a successful year for fundraising starting with a Sponsored Bike Ride at the primary school. We have held a Pampered Chef Party, our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Brington Church and other various small fund raising projects. We are grateful for parents help as this enables us to replace toys and buy new ones ensuring the children always have plenty of choice.

If there is anyone in the villages who has pre-school children aged, 2 years 6 months up to school age, we meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whilton Village Hall. As the group is small, we are able to provide a friendly, caring environment where the children can learn through play, learn to socialise with other children of their own age and have fun learning about the world around them. Children who are aged three years and over are able to receive an Early Years Grant, this helps with childcare costs.

We still have places left for September and if you would like more information or would like to visit please do not hesitate to contact me, Jenny Holman on 01604 770083, we would be happy to show you around.

Jenny Holman  
Early Years Manager

## **NATURE CORNER**

**B**y the way .....

You might be interested to know that I heard a cuckoo in Whilton on 21<sup>st</sup> May – not so remarkable you might think, but I haven't heard one around these parts for several years. Perhaps I've just been unlucky, but somehow I suspect not.

Also, the Whilton whitethroats are back – the Common Whitethroat with its very obvious white throat and cheerful bursts of song are one of the signs for me that Spring is really here.

And finally, Red Kite spotted on several occasions over the A5 around the Long Buckby turns – are they moving west from E. Northants or east from Oxfordshire? Which ever it is, they're a great sight.

Ann Gilbert

# WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

## MARCH 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	049	A Tilston	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	096	M Seth-Smith	£25

## APRIL 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	049	A Tilston	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	006	I Walton	£25

## MAY 2008

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	017	B Eyton-Jones	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	009	G Denbigh	£25

### **Congratulations to All**

#### Race for Life – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

Alison and I are running the 'Race for Life' this year. I know it's only 5K but, for two people who don't 'do running' this is quite far enough. We are going to run in Bournemouth where Alison is at University; the run is along the seafront. The good thing about this is plenty of ice-cream and a Harry Ramsdens at the end!

The 'Race for Life' raises money which goes directly to research which aims to improve early diagnosis methods and the treatment of cancers. If you can spare us a little time and money, we should be very grateful for your sponsorship. It can all be done online on

[www.raceforlifesporsome.org/alisonkane](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/alisonkane) or  
[www.raceforlifesporsome.org/marykane](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/marykane)

Mary Kane

## DAFFODIL RUN 2008

April 27<sup>th</sup> was a glorious day for the annual Marie Curie Daffodil Run at Kelmarsh Hall.

Among the hundreds of runners taking part in the 10K run were Stephen Denbigh, Richard Bunce & Jo Grant. Although the route was picturesque it was incredibly hard work. We managed to finish the course and celebrated with a well deserved cup of tea!

Jeremy James completed the 15 mile course in an outstanding time of 2 hours 11 minutes.

We wish to thank all those who kindly sponsored us. Your generous donations have helped to raise hundreds of pounds for this worthy charity.

Thank you

# Whilton Photographic Club



## Upcoming Events

**Meetings** (all meetings are held on a Tuesday at 8.00pm Whilton Village Hall)

June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Assignment Review - Black and white landscapes
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Practical - Photographing Water
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Assignment Review - Water
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Talk - Landscape Photography
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Practical - Flash Photography
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Talk - Photographing in Tuscany
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	AGM

## Outings

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Lampton	Steam and Country Festival
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Spratton	Folk Festival
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Kelmarsh	Festival of History
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Stanford Hall	Firework Championships

If you want get more from your camera, contact me, or just come along to our next meeting.  
**Neil Phillips** (Tel: 01327 844182, E-mail: neiljphillips@hotmail.com)



## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



Members of Whilton Gardeners' Association (WGA) meet six times a year on the first Wednesday of every other month, in the village hall. This year we have a busy programme.

In April, a full meeting enjoyed an informative session provided by Green Thumb a specialist lawn company, about maintaining our lawns and coping with the various problems we experience on an all too regular basis.

WGA went 'abroad' for the first time early in May, for an extra outing, with an exchange visit to the Gardening Association to Woodford Halse. Whilton gardeners were treated to friendly and enthusiastic hospitality and visited several gardens in the village; a return visit will be paid by Woodford Halse members to Whilton in July, when we hope to provide our own kind of warm welcome.

The next scheduled meeting of WGA will offer a private viewing of the garden at The Old Rectory at Brockhall, courtesy of Mrs. J. Quarmby. The visit will be free to members of WGA although guests are welcome at a charge of £3.00. We will meet at the village green at 7pm where transport will be provided for those who require it and it has been proposed that some of us might wish to round off the evening at the Saracen's Head in Little Brington.

On Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> WGA will hold an Open Meeting, when anyone will be welcome to join us in the village hall from 7.30 onwards. There will be a plant stall with plants available to buy, all at the price of £1.00 each – do come along and join us to buy plants and socialise over refreshments. All donations of plants and cuttings in pots, are very welcome – please telephone Ann on 843169 or Jonathan on 842401 for further information.

Ann Gilbert  
Chair

Kidney Research UK

# London Bridges Walk 2008

Tower Bridge–London Bridge–Southwark Bridge–Millennium Bridge–  
Blackfriars Bridge–Waterloo Bridge–Jubilee Bridge–Westminster Bridge

## Sunday 6th July 2008

Starts at 11am, Pottersfield, near Tower Bridge  
Distance approximately 7 miles, takes 2–3 hours

- Special event t-shirt
- Medal & certificate
- Refreshments
- Closing date for registrations 20th June
- For further information on places to stay, public transport, fundraising tips and ways in which you can help, please visit [www.kidneyresearchuk.org](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org)

**Entry fee £8  
per person, (£10 to  
register on the day)  
all ages welcome**

Please ask your friends,  
family and work  
colleagues for sponsorship  
or why not ask them to  
attend the walk with you?

Call **08456 12 12 26**

Text **0777 562 6263**

Email [events@kidneyresearchuk.org](mailto:events@kidneyresearchuk.org)  
for more information or to enter the event

 **Kidney Research UK**  
Funding research to save lives  
Registered charity No. 252892

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	June	7.30 pm	WGA
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	June	2.00 pm	Working Party in spinney
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	8.00 pm	WPC Practical -. Black & White Landscapes
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	June		"Race for Life" - Mary & Alison Kane running in Bournemouth
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	July	11.00 am	London Bridges Walk - Kidney Research UK
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	July		Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	July	8.00 pm	WPC in village hall - Photographing Water
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	July		WPC - Outing to Spratton Folk Festival
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	July		WPC - Outing Kelmarsh - Festival of History
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup>	July	7.30 pm	Local History Society in village hall - "Hard Times"
Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	July	12.30 pm	Whilton Social Lunch
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup>	July		<b><u>Newsletter Deadline for AUGUST</u> Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition</b>

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