

# Whilton Spring Newsletter



March - May 2018

## *Letter from the Editors*

*Spring 2018*

*Welcome to the first Newsletter of the year.*

*Every edition starts with a blank sheet of paper, so thank you to all our contributors who have supplied us with information about their groups and organisations.*

*Gradually in each edition a theme emerges and this time we are able to reflect on the wide variety of activities that take place in this small village and the scope for people to get involved.*

*All of this takes time, effort, energy and money so we would encourage all villagers to take part in and support these events. Not everything will suit everyone but there are many opportunities to become involved and meet new people.*

*We should not take for granted those who do give their time. In particular it is appropriate to thank on your behalf Maurice Clements who has recently retired from looking after the church clock.*

*Thanks to Mark Edkins who has agreed to take this on.*



*Thank you also to our Parish Council who support us by paying for the printing of this Newsletter.*

*We hope you enjoy reading about our village activities and events.*

*The Editors*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, a new year, and new challenges for your Whilton Parish Council. So what have we been up to and what have we got planned?

- **Whilton and Whilton Locks E-Mail Distribution List.**

The Parish e-mail distribution list continues to grow apace, with more and more people asking to be included so that they can be kept informed of the latest issues and information concerning the Parish. If you are interested in being added to the list for the Parish, please send your e-mail address to: [clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk).

- **Allotments.** The Parish Council are in the process of purchasing the Whilton Allotments from the Daventry District Council, thereby owning them outright for the Parish, and protecting the land from future development. This has been a long road, having seen 3 changes of solicitor on the Daventry District Council side, and 2 on our Whilton Parish side. But we now have a draft contract in place, which the 2 solicitors are combing through to read the fine print. So hopefully, we should have this finalised in the near future. However, the slight hurdle that was identified in drawing up the agreements regarding the ownership of the ramp area up to the allotments outside No 9 Main Street is still being resolved.

- **Broadband.** Faster broadband is coming to Whilton ... albeit a little slowly.

- **Northamptonshire Superfast Broadband Project.** Part of the government's initiative to roll out Superfast Broadband to rural areas. Their website with the latest details is here: <http://www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net> which will give the latest news on the venture. The chosen supplier is Gigaclear and the website is quoting that both Whilton and Whilton Locks are 'Planned to be live in 2018'.

- **Gigaclear.** Hopefully you will have heard of Gigaclear, who **WILL** be coming to the Parish and provide superfast broadband by end of 2018. Full details at [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com). The plan is that they will install a fibre network through the Parish between now and the end of 2018, and each resident can then opt to be connected directly to that fibre network if required (fibre to the home) to provide a much faster broadband speed. They provide a variety of packages and speeds of 50Mbps up to 1000Mbps. Of note, it is also worthwhile to register your interest on the site to try to give the Parish more precedence to get connected sooner.

- **Other Broadband Options Being Considered.**

**BT.** We are continuing our efforts to try to have a BT fibre enabled cabinet installed on the green in Whilton, which will hopefully provide an alternative to Gigaclear. We have already provided a small list of addresses and speeds to BT to consider. However, this is a low priority for BT since we are seen as already being connected to a fibre broadband network (albeit only to the exchange in Long Buckby), and hence satisfy their, and the Government's initiative to have everyone connected to fibre broadband.

That all said, if enough interest is gathered from the Parish by BT, it will push the initiative towards the top of their list. Hence, anyone in the Parish interested should register their details on their website here: [www.communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/northamptonshire](http://www.communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/northamptonshire)

- **Community Speedwatch.** We have been successful in our bid to repeat last year's Community Speedwatch programme. The last Newsletter outlined the success of the scheme in slowing the average speeds through Whilton village. We have a willing team of volunteers but we would be glad of more support. If you are interested in giving up a few hours per week in three different weeks, please contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk)) or Mark Thomas (Speedwatch Co-ordinator) at The Old Post Office, Main Street. New volunteers have to attend training on the morning of Saturday 10th March. The weeks that calibrated speed gun equipment will be in use are the weeks beginning 24th March, 7th April and 21st April.
- **Defibrillators.** Following the installation of the defibrillators in Whilton (by the Village Hall) and Whilton Locks (next to the BT phone box on the canal bridge), the East Midlands Ambulance Service will be holding another Defibrillator Use Training Course in the Whilton Village Hall on Wednesday 21 March 2018 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Each cabinet is locked with a code, which can be obtained from the emergency services when you dial 999. The Council have also distributed an 'aide memoir' card to each home in the Parish to provide details of the defibrillators, and what to do when, and if required. But this training course goes beyond this to show people how to use the equipment, and is vital for the community since you never know when you may need to use the equipment.

The course held last year was very well attended and received.

**If you would like to attend this latest and final course, please let the Parish Clerk know by contacting her at [clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk).**

- **Whilton Litter Pick.** Thanks to all those who took part in the Whilton Litter Pick on Saturday 13 Jan 18. A great chance to work off the Christmas Dinner whilst helping a good cause in the village. As we now have our own litter picking equipment, we plan for this event to be held on a number of occasions throughout the year. So watch out for notices via the Parish e-mail distribution list.
- **Tax Precept 2018/19.** The Parish Council are anticipating that the overall council tax bill will be increasing for households in the Parish. Hence, the Parish Council have decided that there will be no increase to households in the Parish for our tax precept for the coming financial year.

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

Many of you will be aware that we still have an old style red BT phone box on the village green in Whilton. As far as we can determine, the phone itself has had little, if any usage in recent years, but the Phone Box itself has been used on occasion as a bus shelter by some residents. Whilst it belongs to BT, they have the responsibility to maintain it, but we do have the opportunity to purchase it back for £1. The phone equipment would then be removed, and we would be left with the box. Now we have been approached with suggestions of alternative usage for the phone box.



A local resident would like to turn the box into a plant stall (as shown above), selling plants via an honesty box. Other ideas we have heard of is turning it into a book stall, where people can swap books, and leave others they have read, or a fruit stall if people have a bumper crop etc. Before we can do these proposals, we must firstly ask, does the village still want a working BT Phone Box with phone, or are we content to buy it back and use it for alternative means? The Parish Council will be discussing this at the next meeting on 14 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, but if anyone has any comments or suggestions or thoughts, please come to the meeting, or alternatively pass them on to the clerk at [clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@whiltonpc.co.uk).

- **Budding Communities.** With 1200 bulbs planted around the village green and the churchyard last year (all provided from the Daventry District Council Budding Communities Project and the World Polio Day campaign to eradicate polio), this spring should see a blaze of colour budding around these areas.
- **Whilton Parish Council Website.** The Whilton Parish Council also do have a website at <http://www.parish-council.com/whilton/> which details all the work that they are doing for the community, together with any notices of interest for the Parish. There is also an e-mail address should you wish to contact the Parish Councillors about any matters relating to the village and this is [councillors@whiltonpc.co.uk](mailto:councillors@whiltonpc.co.uk). The Council also hold a regular meeting in the Whilton Village Hall every 2 months, which is open to the public to attend and raise any issues.
- **Dates for the Diary.**
  - **The next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on 14 March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
  - **The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on Wed 9 May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Since this is the big meeting of the year and is often well attended, there will be refreshments and nibbles available.

Randal Smith, Rose Briar  
Chair of the Whilton Parish Council

**THE SPENCER BENEFICE  
SERVICE ROTA FOR MARCH, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2018**

Sunday 4 LENT 3	3.00	Service of Confirmation led by the Bishop of Peterborough	East Haddon
Sunday 11 LENT 4	9.15 10.00	Eucharist Messy Church leading to...	Harlestone Brington
MOTHERING SUNDAY	10.30 11.00 11.00 11.00	Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service	Brington Brampton East Haddon <b>Whilton</b>
Sunday 18 LENT 5	9.15 9.15 11.00 11.00	Eucharist Worship for All Eucharist Worship for All	Norton East Haddon Brampton Brington
Sunday 25 PALM SUNDAY	9.15 9.15 11.00 11.00 6.00	Eucharist Worship for All Eucharist Worship for All Eucharist	Brington Brampton East Haddon Harlestone <b>Whilton</b>
Thursday 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00	Eucharist	Brampton
Friday 30 GOOD FRIDAY	12.00 1.00	Worship for All The Way of the Cross Walk of Witness from Little Brington to Great Brington, followed by Service of the Passion	Harlestone  Brington
Sunday 1 April EASTER DAY	6.00 8.00 9.15 9.15 11.00 11.00	Dawn Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist	Brington East Haddon Brampton Norton Harlestone <b>Whilton</b>

## ST ANDREWS UPDATE



In 2017 we continued to offer services including the Reynolds memorial, two funerals and a christening. We made the building available to the Bell Ringers and Whilton Warblers, organised coffee mornings, the Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service. It was a year of change and we welcomed David Painter as our new Rector.

For 2018 we hope to play a greater role in village affairs but don't always have the people to help us.

Therefore we aim to

- Involve more of you in what we do, including an increase in attendance at our services
- Inform the village of our activities
- Run more community focussed events, starting with our Quiz on 23 March
- Increase membership of the Parochial Church Council
- Complete essential repairs to the roof

All of this costs money. Did you know that last year it cost us over £10,500. This includes paying for our Rector, insurance, electricity, insurance and general upkeep and repairs. We have to raise all these funds from your giving, donations, bequests, fees and fund raising.

In 2018 we will also have to pay for the roof repairs. We have the reserves to pay for these works. The church and the building are an integral part of the village and we need your help with ideas about how we can keep it so and increase our revenues to pay for our day to day costs.

If you can help in any way please let us know.

Jon Brierley  
Linda Treacy  
Churchwardens

**You are invited to St Andrews AGM  
Monday 23 April at 7.30 in church  
Drinks and nibbles will be served**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



*I write this shortly after the successful Snowdrop Sunday venture at Harlestone, which attracted a large number of visitors to the churchyard and the nearby woods. Warmest thanks go to all those who served tea and slices of delicious cake in the church - it was lovely to see so many people coming in and out during the afternoon. (Not to be outdone, Brington are planning a primrose week-end in April; so look out for further details in due course.)*

*Snowdrops have undoubtedly lifted our spirits on some particularly cold and grey days in February. The little white flowers seem so frail, especially when the wind catches them, and yet they are a powerful reminder that spring really is on the way. But this in turn is a reminder that spring is a traditional time for a spot of cleaning! Just as our houses (and churches) can all do with a good clear-out from time to time, so spring and Lent is an appropriate time of the year for a cleaning and decluttering of our spiritual lives. Do take time to reflect this Lent on what really matters, both in your own personal life and in the life of our church, and may this season be one of growth and discovery for each one of us.*

*Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of our services in March, including special services on Mothering Sunday and in Holy Week. This year there is to be a Walk of Witness on Good Friday, in which we shall take it in turns to carry a cross for a short distance, and pause at intervals to remind ourselves of the events surrounding our Lord's passion and crucifixion. After careful consideration and consultation it has been decided to walk from Little Brington to Great Brington, this being the route with the fewest number of potential traffic hazards. Do come along if you can, even if only for part of the way, for it is important to enter, in whatever way we can, into the reality of Christ's sufferings on that first fateful Good Friday. Our Easter celebrations will as a result be all the more profound.*

*Your sincere friend and Rector,*

*David Painter*



# VILLAGE QUIZ with PUDS

COME AND JOIN US FOR ONE OF



NEIL'S FAMOUS QUIZ NIGHTS

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 7.30

VILLAGE HALL

PUDDINGS WILL BE SERVED IN THE



INTERVAL



TICKETS £10 FROM PHIL GRANT

07962270355 phone or text

Philgrant56@hotmail.co.uk



BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

ORGANISED BY ST ANDREWS CHURCH

## Whilton Local History Society

### OUR NORMAN MEAL

25 members met for the Annual General Meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The Committee was re-elected as a body and the programme for 2018 was announced.

Members and parishioners were thanked for the tremendous effort and time put in to the successful centenary events for the winning of the Victoria Cross by Captain Henry Reynolds in 1917.



The AGM was preceded by a meal based on food which may have been eaten in Whilton Manor House in Norman times. There was a choice of casseroles with the main ingredients of pheasant and pork (wild boar!) or venison, both accompanied by a wide variety of medieval vegetables, and eaten with bread; potatoes had not yet been introduced. This was followed by various pear pies and cream. The Norman Conquest led to the introduction of Forest Law throughout England, bringing serious restrictions and punishment on those who hunted game illegally in the wooded and wild "forest" areas. In Saxon times there had been more freedom to hunt. The Normans re-introduced both rabbits and pheasants, which had become very scarce since their first introduction by the Romans. Rabbits were now in private warrens and pheasant and deer hunting preserved for the privileged.

Although the Normans brought pears as part of their heritage, these were hard and much less attractive than modern varieties which benefit from hundreds of years of breeding, especially since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Normans saw pears as a hard, cold fruit, which required long slow cooking and "warming" with wine or spices. Ovens for cooking pastry were not available in ordinary cottages, which still had a central fire and no chimney. Pear pies were thus also a taste for the rich.

We ate this food by candlelight, using spoons and knives, as forks had not yet come into use.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February members of the society had the opportunity to visit Althorp and hear Lord Spencer introducing his new book, "To catch a king", recording the adventures of the future Charles II as he escaped from Cromwellian forces. A number of people came away with a copy of the book signed by the author.

The next meetings of the Society will be as follows.

Whilton Local History Society

**"The story of the Spotted Cow at Whilton Locks."**



7.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall.  
All are welcome.

Membership for the year remains at £10  
and visitors are charged £3 per meeting.

Whilton Local History Society : Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

**AN OPEN EVENING TO REMEMBER CAPTAIN REYNOLDS VC, MC  
ON THE CENTENARY OF HIS INVESTITURE BY GEORGE V,**

**1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 1918.**

6.30 p.m.

Guided walk round village based on Whilton in World War I

7.30 p.m. in the Church

Audio-visual presentation on the wartime experiences  
of Captain Reynolds and his life after the War in the church

8 p.m. in the Village Hall

The exhibition of Captain Reynolds' life will be on show again and refreshments will  
be served.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE**

## THE LADIES POT LUCK SUPPER GROUP

The Ladies Pot Luck Supper group met in the village hall on 5th January, the first Friday in 2018, allowing their partners to join them for their once a year treat.

The evening started at 7.00 with canapés made and served made by Agnes and Adrian, followed at 7.30 by an excellent 3 course meal with multiple choices, all home made by those in attendance and equal to any restaurant I've been to recently, absolutely fabulous. The large rectangular table was laid out in the afternoon by a group of volunteers. Lynne Archer made and donated 4 beautiful table flower arrangements to set the whole thing off.

28 people attended the evening and every single one of them helped make it such a success. The flower arrangements didn't go to waste either as they were raffled off at the end of the evening and made £52 which was added to the money raised by the village Carol singers which was donated to two local charities.

What a lovely way to start the New Year and let's hope the men are invited again next year.

Philip Grant





# WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



We held our AGM on 7th February with 19 members attending. The meeting was followed by a quiz, accompanied by wine and nibbles. Our programme for 2018 is as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> April, Christine Vick, Growing and Using Herbs.
- 6<sup>th</sup> June, Theresa Wedderburn, Flowers for Health and Wellbeing.
- 1<sup>st</sup> August, Whilton garden visits and buffet, details nearer the time.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Craig Rudman, A Year in the Gardens at Cottesbrooke.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December, members' Christmas social

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

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## ♪ WHILTON WARBLERS ♪

The Whilton Warblers have come a long way since their initial rehearsal of 16 July 2013 and after only a few week's rehearsal performing at their first event on 3 August at the Whilton Bake-Off !!The choir has now grown to 34 members who regularly attend rehearsals on a Tuesday evening (term time). Rehearsals mean lots of laughter, some mistakes, many challenges (learning to pronounce different languages!!), some homework and still having an overwhelming enthusiasm for wanting to sing.

Our wonderful Musical Director, the very famous Soprano Judit Felszhigy, patiently teaches, supports, guides and steers the choir onwards and upwards to bring out everyone's sparkle.

To-date choir members have performed in –

5 x Christmas Concerts

4 x Summer Concerts

3 x Weddings

2 x Concerts in Budapest

1 x Concert in Bulgaria

1 x Concert in Croatia

7 x Christmas Carol Services/Events

and the very prestigious Whilton Celebrations of Captain Harry Reynolds.

We are currently in rehearsal for our 2018 Summer Concert to be held at 7.30 pm on Friday, 6 July in Whilton Church.

We look forward to entertaining you –

Linda Treacy, Choir Leader

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## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2017/2018

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WINNERS

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#### OCTOBER 2017

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	R Haynes	030
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	G Lye	087

#### NOVEMBER 2017

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	B Eyton-Jones	044
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	M Kane	070

#### DECEMBER 2017

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	T Treacy	145
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	R Smith	189

#### JANUARY 2018

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	S Davies	236
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	J James	127

#### FEBRUARY 2018

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	A Jack	193
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	A Wood	117

#### MARCH 2018

1 <sup>ST</sup> PRIZE	M & S Healey	203
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	I Hathaway	171

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### 200 CLUB

The Whilton Village Hall 200 Club finishes for 2017-2018 on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Our volunteer collectors will be round at the end of March to the beginning of April in preparation for the coming year April 2018 – March 2019. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, the subscription is £13 per year and there are two cash prizes for each calendar month drawn throughout the year, usually at the Social Lunch. It is for the benefit of the Village Hall which is a very important asset to us. It has paid for building repairs this past year which has been a great help.

For further information, please ring Shirley Brown on 842968 or email [shirley.brown.123@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.brown.123@btinternet.com)

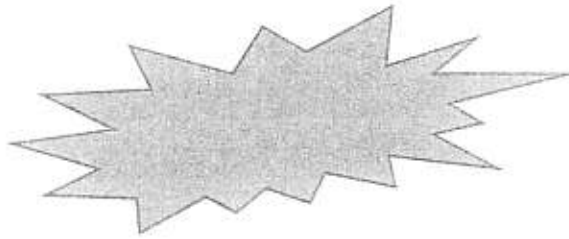
### THANK YOU

Whilton Carol Singers would like to thank everyone for their donations when they came round the village in December.

The sum of £340 was raised plus a £60 donation from the Pot Luck Supper for our chosen charities, the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the Neo-Natal Unit.



**MAKE A**



**DISPLAY**

At the Village Hall AGM, it was decided to offer parish organisations and societies some display space in the Village Hall.

The long wall opposite the windows has a 16 foot display area. Societies and organisations will be invited to use all or some of this for a few months to illustrate their activities as they wish.

The boards will be changed from time to time, to keep the display fresh.

Societies will need to provide one or more boards which can be attached and removed with Velcro.

There will be space for 5 boards and the Local History Society will provide the first two displays over the coming 12 months, using all the area, and starting in the spring.

If you would like more information or to arrange for your group to make a display, please contact Nick Busby, Secretary of the Village Hall [nickshonda@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nickshonda@hotmail.co.uk).

**Village Hall rents will remain unchanged for the coming year and details of hiring conditions will soon be displayed on the village website.**

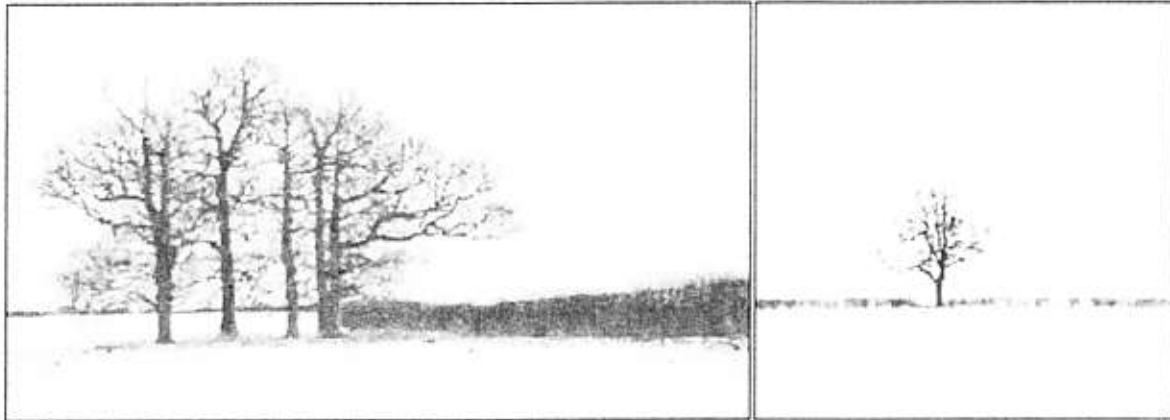
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### POST OFFICE NEWS

Since Long Buckby Post Office has closed, it may be helpful to know that the Post Office and Store at Great Brington is open every day of the week as follows:

	<b>Store</b>	<b>Post Office</b>
<b>Monday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 5.30 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 5.30 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 1.00 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 5.30 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 5.30 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m.- 5.30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 1.00 p.m.	9.00a.m. – 1.00 p.m..
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00 a.m.– 11.00a.m.	Closed
<b>Last mail collection</b>	Weekdays: 4.15 p.m.	Saturdays: 10.15 a.m.

# Aperture Photography Group



**The Aperture Photography Group** was formed in 2016 and we now have 30 members with various levels of knowledge and experience. The Group offers a range of activities, including regular meetings, training workshops and outings.

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

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

March 1st, 15th and 29th  
April 12 and 26th  
May 10th and 24th  
June 7th and 21st

For more information, contact  
Neil Phillips:  
Tel: 01327 844182,  
Email: [neil.apg@gmail.com](mailto:neil.apg@gmail.com)

**Like most hobbies, photography can involve spending some of your hard earned cash. For some people this can mean a lot of cash. However, kit is not the most important thing when it comes to taking better photographs. What you need is a good pair of eyes and your feet.**

I often hear people say "I've bought a new camera so I can take better photos." That leaves me thinking so if I bought a Steinway piano I could become a great pianist. Now if you've heard me play the piano, you will know that a Steinway will make no difference to my interpretation of chopsticks. Becoming a great pianist would require me to learn how to read music, learn how to play pieces of music and understand how to interpret them to bring out the emotion behind the piece. Actually, the same goes for photography.

It goes without saying that you will need a camera, but you also need to learn how to use the camera's controls, how to see photographically, how to enhance your photos and how to make images that express the emotion you felt when you took the photograph. Like playing the piano, all of this will take time to learn and a good teacher will help. Photography is so much more than just pressing the shutter button. A good composition, clear subject, the right viewpoint, great lighting and taking the photograph at exactly the right moment is how to take better photographs, not buying a new (probably expensive) camera. This has always been our view at the Aperture Photography Group and it is great to see so many members learning photography and how their images are improving over time.

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

[www.aperturephotographygroup.co.uk](http://www.aperturephotographygroup.co.uk)





## SOCIAL LUNCHES



TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

This was held on what seemed to have been the coldest day of the year. There was snow and ice on the ground and very low temperatures but 19 persons slipped and slithered their way to the village hall which fortunately was warm and cosy inside.

We were soon offered some welcoming mulled wine with many thanks to Ian & Teresa.

Delicious pork casseroles with vegetables and a vegetarian crumble were then served followed by desserts. Lovely comfort food for such a cold day! Shared wine and included soft drinks were also available. The meal ended with tea/coffee and chocolates. Lots of chatter and laughter as usual.

TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Once again the event was accompanied by snow and cold weather, but the food supplied helped to keep the cold at bay for the 20 who sat down to eat. The meal today was chicken and vegetable pies with extra vegetables and a choice of both hot and cold desserts; custard was also served which is a great favourite.

**THE NEXT SOCIAL LUNCH WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

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**CHURCHGATE FOR SALE  
240 YEARS AGO, 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1778**

*TO be LET, and Entered on immediately, at Whilton, in the County of Northampton,*

*A convenient DWELLING-HOUSE, with Out-Offices and a BLACKSMITHS-SHOP belonging to the Same late in the Occupation of Jonathan Newbold, deceased*

*The above Premises are in the Middle of the Town of Whilton, and are very convenient for a Blacksmith's, or any other Kind of Business.*

*N. B. A very good Pair of BELLOWS, and other Tools belonging to the Trade of a Blacksmith, to be disposed of. For Particulars, apply to Mr. S. Freeman, Whilton.*

## Roughmoor Spinney

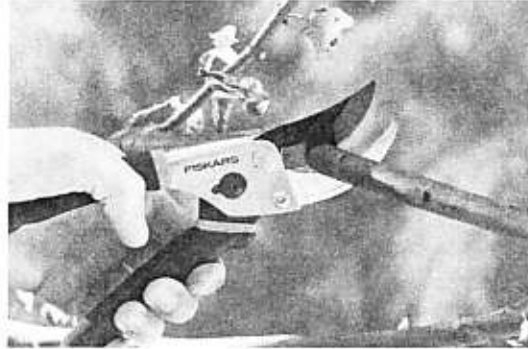
This winter has been alternatively wet and cold, and the planned work party in December was cancelled because of deep snow.

Our front cover features marsh marigolds which flower in spring in the Spinney.

### Any volunteers?

There is maintenance work to be done, including in the pond area, and we are hoping to be able to start on this in April.

If you would like to help or are interested in finding out more, please contact Roy Haynes (07879 861673) or Maurice Clements (842006), who will be happy to provide details.



We are also sorry to announce that from the summer our Secretary Linda Tibbs will be retiring. We thank Linda for all she has done.

We shall require a new Secretary from June. If you are interested in volunteering for this job, please contact Janet Bowers (842851)

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## WHILTON LOCKS GARDEN VILLAGE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SPRING

- **Mothers Day, 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Afternoon tea: 2-4 p.m.
- **Saturday Cuddle Session**  
17<sup>th</sup> March. 11 a.m. – 12 noon
- **Easter Cuddle Session**  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April
- **Whilton Wonderland Afternoon Tea**  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2 – 4.30 p.m.

<http://www.wlgv.co.uk/whiltonlocksgardenvillage/>

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE UPDATE FROM PCSO Kev Thompson

*When to use 999 or 101?*

*999 is for emergency as in - threat harm or risk to persons/property, serious traffic collision or crime in progress*

*101 is anything below that , discovered crime, antisocial behaviour etc.*

### **ALERT**

Northamptonshire Police has a free message alert system, to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area, and help us to keep their communities safe.

The messaging service, called Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert (formerly known as Community Connect), now has greater functionality than previously, enabling our frontline police officers to send alert messages direct from their mobile devices to thousands of local people. They can do this in real-time while they are out and about policing the county.

The alert service is free and simple to activate by registering at [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk) and is available to anyone living or working in Northamptonshire.

After signing up to the messaging system, people will receive regular alerts from Northamptonshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, keeping them up to date and informed about crime and issues relevant to them and the area where they live or work. Alerts are received either by email, text message or voice message – whichever suits. People will also be given the option of what they want to receive alerts about, and how often – they will only receive messages about topics that they have selected.

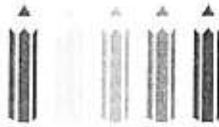
Our communities play a crucial part in helping us prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Police officers and PCSOs will be regularly sending out message alerts via Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert, appealing for help, highlighting suspicious activity, offering crime prevention advice, and keeping people up to date about general police work and safety events.

This community messaging system allows information to be shared really quickly and much more directly with the public about crime and activity in their specific locality, helping us to involve and protect the community much more.

If for example, there has been a spate of distraction burglaries in a particular district or an increase in vehicle crime, we can tell people immediately via the alert system. So they can better protect themselves and be more aware of any potential threats and risks. We can also very quickly share descriptions of suspects or appeal for witnesses – giving us a greater chance of arrest.

We want to encourage you to promote the alert system to friends, family and the public to get more people registered. The more people we have registered the wider and more effective our alerts will be.

Signing up to the messaging service is really simple and quick. The alert system is completely secure and registration is free. To register with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert visit [www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk).



## Brington and Whilton Pre-School

Whilton Village Hall NN11 2NN  
[www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk)

We are a small friendly pre-school which operates from Whilton Village Hall, we are at the hall all day on Monday and Wednesday, then Friday morning. Children learn to make friends, are given opportunities to play games, messy play, role play, listen to stories, have fun with sharing with others and lots more new and exciting activities under the watchful eye of well qualified, caring staff. We make good use of the village environment using the local Spinney and Allotment to extend the children's learning outside.

If you would like to know more about us bring your child along for our Stay and Play Sessions on Monday 12th March or Friday 16th March 2018 at 9.30am until 11.00am we would love to see you. We shall also be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Great Brington Church on Easter Saturday 31st March at 10.30am, there will be lots for the children to do as well as collecting eggs - see village notice board for more details. Bring your children or grandchildren along they will have so much fun.

The pre-school is proving very popular and places are being taken quickly. We are able to take children from 2 years upwards. If you have a child of this age and would be interested in sending them to pre-school, please get in touch with Jenny 01604 770083 or email through our website, so we can arrange a visit and give you more information. For more information visit our website or visit us on facebook.

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### *THE ALTHORP PARTNERSHIP OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS BRINGTON AND HARLESTONE*

We are now into the swing of another busy term. The children are working incredibly hard and are really enjoying discovering more about the countries they are studying. Children in class 1 are learning about Australia and have walked around Little Brington searching for Australian animals in the outback! Class 2 children are studying Spain and launched their topic with a visit to the cinema to watch 'Ferdinand'.

**Grandparent's Tea Party** Just prior to Christmas we held a tea party at Brington for Grandparents. The Grandparents were treated to tea, coffee and cakes as well as some songs and a performance from the choir.

**Tag Rugby Competition** On Thursday 23rd November a group of children took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Bugbrooke Rugby Club. The children performed really well and managed to finish 3rd in their league before playing in a series of play off matches which resulted in a final finishing position of 8th out 13 teams. Well done to all the children who took part.

**Sports Hall Athletics** On Thursday 7th December a number of children took part in a Sports Hall athletics competition at Campion. They competed in a range of throwing, jumping and running events against other schools. They competed brilliantly and finished in 7th position. Well done to all the children who took part.

**Basketball 'wow' morning** 10 of our Key Stage 2 children took part in a basketball 'wow' morning which was held at Campion on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. The children took part in a wide variety of games and activities which helped to improve their basketball skills. They also took part in some small sided games. The morning was led by players and staff from the Leicester Riders Basketball team.

**Play Leaders** At the beginning of February all of our Year 5 children were trained as Play Leaders.. The training was led by Pacesetter sports who already provide after school and lunchtime clubs for us. The children were helped to become effective leaders as well as being taught a variety of playground games that they will be leading and playing with other children. They will be using their new skills to help other children have a greater choice of games to play during playtimes and lunchtimes

**VIP assemblies** We have continued with our new VIP assemblies. A number of parents have been sent invitations to see their child walk along a red carpet to receive their certificates and badges to indicate that they are our current VIP's. These awards are given for reasons that are not just academic based – they are a reflection of a child's character and are a great opportunity to recognise the qualities that make each child unique and special.

**London Marathon** I will be running the London Marathon in April. I will be running for VICTA (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action) which is a charity that is very close to my heart. My youngest son, Freddie, is registered as severely sight impaired and VICTA have provided a great deal of support to Freddie, to us as a family and for thousands of other visually impaired children and their families. Both Brington and Harlestone have children that have a visual impairment (Sammy and Jack) and it is for children like them that I am running for such a great cause. If you would like to sponsor me you can do so at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnSarbutts> . I am aiming to raise £1500 and all donations will be very gratefully received.

We will also be holding a quiz night to raise money for VICTA at Brington Primary School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 and will include drinks and refreshments. Please contact Brington Primary School for more details and tickets (770286).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
John Sarbutts

Executive Headteacher

## Daffodils Finger Actions Rhyme

(Teach this as a spoken rhyme or choose a tune of your own.)

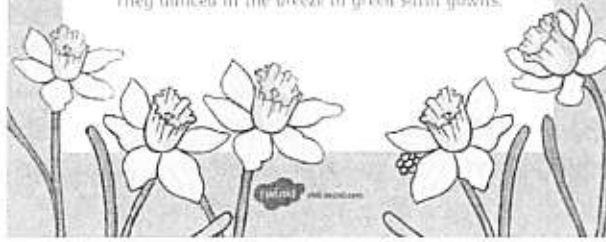
One little daffodil had nothing much to do,  
Out popped another one, then there were two.

Two little daffodils were smiling at a bee,  
Out popped another one, then there were three.

Three little daffodils were growing by the door,  
Out popped another one, then there were four.

Four little daffodils were glad to be alive,  
Out popped another one, then there were five.

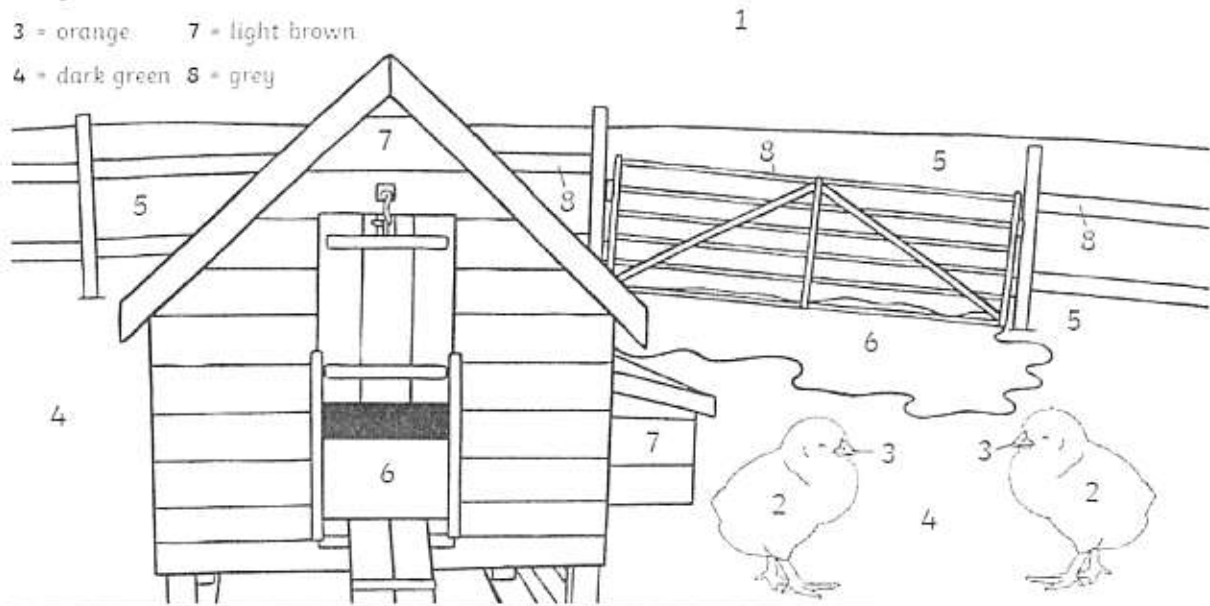
Five little daffodils were wearing golden crowns,  
They danced in the breeze in green satin gowns.



## Spring Chicks Colour by Number

- 1 = blue
- 2 = yellow
- 3 = orange
- 4 = dark green
- 5 = light green
- 6 = dark brown
- 7 = light brown
- 8 = grey

Match the colours to the numbers



## WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON SPRING 2018

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Sun	4 March	3 p.m.	East Haddon Church	Benefice Service of Confirmation led by Bishop of Peterborough
Fri	9 March	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Local History Society The story of the Spotted Cow
Sun	11 March	11 a.m.	Church	Mothering Sunday Service
Mon	12 March	9.30 – 11 a.m.	Village Hall	Stay and play session Brington & Whilton Pre-School
Wed	14 March	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Parish Council meeting
Fri	16 March	9.30 – 11 a.m.	Village Hall	Stay and play session Brington & Whilton Pre-School
Wed	21 March	7 – 9 p.m.	Village Hall	Defibrillator training
Fri	23 March	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Quiz and Puds
Sat	24 March	Speedwatch equipment in use for one week beginning today		
Sun	25 March	6 p.m.	Church	Palm Sunday Eucharist
Thurs	29 March	7 p.m.	Brampton Church	Benefice Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Fri	30 March	Good Friday services and walk of witness at Brington and Harlestone (See page 6)		
Sun	1 April	11 a.m.	Church	Easter Day Eucharist
Wed	4 April	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Gardeners Association Growing and using herbs
Sat	7 April	Speedwatch equipment in use for one week beginning today		
Sat	21 April	Speedwatch equipment in use for one week beginning today		
Mon	23 April	7.30 p.m.	Church	St Andrew's AGM with drinks and nibbles
Wed	9 May	6.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting with refreshments followed by Annual Meeting of Parish Council
Tues	22 May	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Village Hall	Social Lunch
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## WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON (cont)

Fri	1 June	6.30 7.30 p.m.	Village	World War 1 Walk in Whilton, leaving from Green Captain Reynolds VC MC: audio-visual presentation Captain Henry Reynolds exhibition and refreshments
		7.30 – 8 p.m.	Church	
		8 p.m.	Village Hall	

**Regular weekly events include:**

- BRINGTON AND WHILTON PRE-SCHOOL in the Village Hall:  
Term time: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Mon, Wed 1 – 3 p.m. for over 3's.
- BELL RINGING at the Church: Mon: 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
For further information please contact Justin Baker 844263 or Janet Bowers 842851
- WHILTON WARBLERS CHOIR in the Church: Term time: 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.
- For CHURCH SERVICES after Easter, please see notice board.
- THE APERTURE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP meets in Brington, see page 16.

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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, the editors will be happy to type handwritten articles for you.
- ❖ The next issue will be the Summer Edition, covering June – August 2018. The last date for contributions will be 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
- ❖ The Newsletter is published quarterly, but Whilton also has a website: [www.whilton-village.net](http://www.whilton-village.net). This contains details of the organizations in the parish, Newsletters and a Picture Gallery. It also has latest news and updates on parish events.