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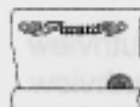
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EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Whilton have won a Gold Medal Certificate and a silver rose bowl in the Small Villages Section for the second year running



Let us congratulate ourselves

PETS' CORNER

Well, this is a novelty; writing for the village newsletter. I often sit on the newsletter when my humans are trying to read it but I've never written an article before. Of course, my favourite read is Catmopolitan and I always get excited when a Cat-alogue drops through the letter box only to find it's full of useless gadgets (well, pretty useless when you have paws).

Now, let me tell you something about myself. I'm roughly twelve human years old and have lived in Whilton for ten of them. Before that I lived in a cats' refugee centre - it was here that I had my two kittens but they went to live somewhere else. Before that I lived with a family who I hardly remember, I just remember coming home one day from my daily meanderings to find them gone - the door was locked and I never saw them again. I ended up living out in the streets - hard for a girl who is so fond of her creature comforts and particularly fond of regular mealtimes. That was when I was taken to the refuge and needless to say I never saw the kittens' father again.

When I arrived in Whilton I was so relieved to find myself back in a proper home with food dishes, warm beds, lots of carpets to scratch and Bobby. Bobby was an older gentleman, very refined and aloof but I turned his head. We became inseparable - an odd couple. Bobby with his sleek grey and white coat, long legs, always immaculate white socks and imperious manner and little me with my knotted tabby coat, bushy, wayward tail and loose morals.

Wherever one of us went the other followed, as he grew older I kept a close eye on him - if he was out at feeding time I would go to look for him and bring him back. Sadly, last year Bobby passed away to the great catnip lawn in the sky - he was about eighteen in human years, that's ninety in cat years. A grand old man, indeed.

Well I think that's enough about me for now, it would be good to hear your pets' stories. I've never had any contact with hamsters, guinea pigs, pet rabbits - I see plenty of wild rabbits in my garden but they never want to chat. Why don't you write in on behalf of your pets and let everyone know what they're up to - there are probably more pets than humans in the village so they really should have a voice.

By the way, don't forget the pet service on Sunday 7th October at St. Andrews. It's our annual jamboree so don't miss it.

Lots of love,
Molly



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

CONGRATULATIONS

Whilton has been awarded a **GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE** in the small village section of East Midlands in Bloom Competition for the second year running and will hold the Silver Rose Bowl for another twelve months.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

We are awaiting the judges' detailed report. The village looked splendid on the judging day. All credit to the parishioners.

In the hanging basket, tubs and window boxes competition judged by EMEB and prizes donated by Whilton Gardeners' Association the winners were:

Kathleen Wright - 2, Southview
Max Middleton - 1, Southview
Sue Wingrave - Foxhill, Brington Lane

Congratulations for the lovely colourful displays they achieved

Janet Bowers (Co-ordinator)

Whilton Photographic Club



Whilton 2008 Calendar – Out Soon

The club has been very busy over the last few months creating a village calendar for 2008. This is a significant milestone for the club, being the first time we have published our work to a wider audience.

Each month will feature a photograph by one of the club's members, next to an image of Whilton from the early part of the last century. We are also grateful to Anthea Hiscock from the village's Local History Group who has contributed some

information about the history of Whilton and Janet Bowers for the old images.



that

Apart from being an attractive calendar, this will be unique document for you to hold onto after 2008 so that you can look back in years to come at how the village has continued to change.

Only 100 copies of the "Whilton 2008" calendar will be printed and we hope that with your help we will be able to sell them all. The calendar will be A4 in size and will come in a carton pack. The price will be **£7.00**, so why not buy one for yourself and few more as Christmas presents for friends and family.

If you would like to order a copy ready for Christmas, simply fill out the form below and send it to me (Neil Phillips) at Cottam, Main Street, Whilton, Northants, NN11 2NN, or contact me by telephone – 01327 844182 or email neilphillips@hotmail.com

Next Meeting 16th October – Photography assignment: Candid Camera (to be held in Whilton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm):

Whilton 2008 Calendar

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PARISH MATTERS: August – September 2007

Once again the Parish Council has been busy since the last Newsletter was published. In fact there have been four meetings since my last article, and so this is an attempt at a summary of all of them.

CASUAL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Beryl Williams, who has now left the parish, there is a vacancy on the Council. As no election was demanded, the Parish Council hopes to co-opt a new Councillor soon.

The finalising of the **PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT** was part of the reason for the extra meetings. After preliminary consultations with the DDC, certain alterations were made in order to make it comply with the guidelines, including omitting references to the village confines. Following the earlier public forum, three letters of objection had been received. All referred to the confines, which have now been removed from the Statement, and one also to the lack of vision for the future. It was explained that vision for the future would be part of a "parish plan", which had not been attempted by the team.

The Parish Council held a meeting on 13th August to accept the Design Statement, which has now been submitted to the District Council for consultation. It is hoped that the Statement will be approved early next year, and that after that the District Council will treat it as a Supplementary Planning Document. This should mean that the District Council will take the Statement into consideration when making future planning decisions about Whilton. We understand, however, that there are likely to be more consultations about development boundaries/ confines later next year.

Philip Waights, the chairman of the Design Statement Team, and all its members were thanked for the many hours of their time and skills, which contributed to making such a professional document.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Whilton has had two successes this year, having won a "highly commended" certificate in the **Village of the Year** competition, and having won a first prize for **East Midlands in Bloom**. However there is still room for improvement. The Parish Council is investigating the possibility of installing a litter bin at The Locks, is requesting better attention to verges by NCC/Atkins, and drawing attention to the empty property, Rose Cottage, in the centre of the village.

As a preliminary to providing a replacement for the old village sign, the Local History Society will be asked for suggestions for a subject for the design. Other suggestions will also be very welcome, and should be given to the Clerk.

FINANCE

Since July payments have covered expenses of the Parish Design Statement, audit fees, Newsletter printing, and the Clerk's salary, amounting in all to £536.

The annual external audit has now been completed. The only issue raised was that the Council's fidelity guarantee should be reviewed, and this will be raised on the October agenda.

PLANNING

The planning application for loose boxes and a tack room at the **Former Coach House, The Green** (DA/2007/0826) was considered. The Council approved the application in principle, but considered the roofing material should be of a sympathetic material such as slate, in keeping with the house and its surroundings. Councillors hoped to be assured that waste and effluent will be handled in a way that does not detract from the amenities of neighbours.

This application has since been approved.

Mike Lewis reported on the meeting with Brington and Norton Parish Council. He said that, as applications for development in Daventry expect a population increase of 23,745, it is important that the three parishes co-ordinate their approach over problems on the Nobottle Road. This approach should be for the provision of alternative routes, economic benefits, and understanding the costs, real and notional, of putting extra traffic on a rural road, which is already a Red Route. He is hoping that another meeting will be arranged soon.

Mike Lewis and Greg Lye are also attending liaison meetings with West Northants Development Corporation.

THE ROADS

The Parish Council has been considering the **drainage problems** throughout the village, particularly in the lower part. Both NCC/Atkins and Anglian Water have been contacted, but as yet no action has resulted.

The next **Parish Walk** by the Parish Councillors to note problems with the roads, risk assessments and progress of approved planning applications will be on Saturday 10th November, starting at 10 a.m. at The Locks.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

The County Council, which is the Registration Authority, have now replied to the application to register the Green, stating that they are "mindful to reject the application" because it is publicly maintainable highway. The Parish Council was not satisfied with this reason, and the Clerk was asked to take more advice from the Open Spaces Society and respond accordingly.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall on Monday 15th October. All are welcome.

Anthea Hiscock (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Whilton Local History Society

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall

at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th October 2007.

THE STORY OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.



Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from **Brington Rectory** and can be contacted on 01604 770402 or E-mail chris@spencerbenefice.freemove.co.uk

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

OCTOBER 2007

7 th	11.00 am	Harvest Family Service at <u>NORTON</u>
	2.30 pm	Whilton Pet Service
14 th	11.00 am	Family Service
21 st	9.15 am	Holy Communion
28 th	11.00 am	Patronal Eucharist at <u>NORTON</u>

NOVEMBER 2007

4 th	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist at <u>EAST HADDON</u>
11 th	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service
18 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
25 th	11.00 am	Patronal Family Service at <u>HARLESTONE</u>

CHURCH NEWS

PET OWNERS – There will be a pet blessing service on church on Sunday 7th October, 2.30 pm when each pet will receive a blessing from the Revd. Chris Goble. Do bring your pet(s) along to this special service to recognise the love and companionship they give us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

Saturday 3rd November, 7.30 pm – **Concert by the Cantari Singers**

Sunday 9th December, 4.00 pm - **Christingle.**

Sunday 16th December, 6.00 pm - **Carol Service.**

St. Andrew's Church - Fundraising Committee

The church fund raising committee is in need of new blood.

We need people who

- have some fresh ideas for events that will appeal to the community and raise funds for St. Andrews
- are willing to be involved, along with other committee members, in organising events
- can attend a meeting every six to eight weeks for an hour or so to help plan forthcoming events

Whether you attend or not, St. Andrew's is an integral part of the village. As with all old properties the building requires ongoing maintenance and repairs to keep it in a usable state. The majority of these costs have to be met out of church funds, hence the need for fund raising.

Contact Janet Bowers (Chairman) on 842851 or Teresa Leadbetter (Secretary) on 843988 if you would like to help out or for more information.

Many thanks,

Teresa

The last official Working Party was on 24th June 2007 and we now need to arrange an autumn working party to carry out a number of maintenance jobs. The pond is in need of attention and there is strimming to be done and general tidying throughout the woodland.

On the last visit to the spinney one bench seat in the picnic area was found damaged and also the noticeboard. The noticeboard was quite an expensive item, being of very good quality, and it is extremely disappointing to find that wanton damage has been caused. This repair will require someone with woodworking skills to make good the frame at the bottom of one of the doors which has had a fairly substantial piece of the wood prised out.

It is proposed that the Autumn Working Party take place on Sunday 14th October at 2.00 pm.

Spinney Management Committee



**WHILTON GARDENERS'
ASSOCIATION**



NEW MEMBERS – COME AND JOIN THE CLUB

Why not come along and see for yourself why the WGA is so well supported by people in Whilton. Come along on 1st October to enjoy the garden visit evening and become a member.

Christine Phillips, Secretary, WGA

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AUGUST 2007

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Congratulations to the Winners

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL EVENT - ROUNDERS

This event took place on Saturday 22nd September and although it had been well publicised, and 19 people indicated they would like to play, only 13 turned up. This resulted in the two teams having to work twice as hard at fielding. However the game was thoroughly enjoyed and the refreshments which had been laid on at the village hall were well received.

Our thanks to Jenny Holman for organising the match and providing the equipment. Also thanks for all those who took part.

We hope that if another English village type social event is organised there will be more support.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Since my last newsletter I have only had one report and that related to an unknown person gaining access to the rear garden of a property on the west side of Brington Lane. There was no evidence of an attempt to break in.

The police have issued the following statistics for West Northamptonshire for an equivalent quarter to that last year.

Burglary from dwellings	-10.5%
Robbery	+ 2.3%
Vehicle Crime	- 7.8%
Criminal Damage	- 4%
Violence	+ 9.6%
All Crime	- 1.1%

There were 139 fewer victims of crime.

I am pleased to report that a volunteer has come forward to take over my duties. An announcement will be made after the Parish Council has approved the change.

Philip Waights Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Any suspicious or anti social behaviour can be reported on the Neighbourhood Watch dedicated phone number 01604 432436 or The Northamptonshire Police can also be contacted on 08453 700700.

Whilton Parish Plan Team

I am pleased to report that the Visual Design Scheme Report has been completed, approved by the Parish Council and submitted to the Daventry District Council and is now going through their procedures including a public consultation. This will take some months.

The report submitted includes the provisions which were the contained in the consultation draft amended to meet the requirements of the Planning Department in relation to format and one important omission. The report does not include the village plan boundary which the Planning Department considered was unacceptable because they are in the course of preparing boundaries for all settlements in the District and they consider one in the context of a VDS in advance of the others would cause confusion. As this was the matter which was the subject of written objections, their concerns were overcome but nevertheless these observations were submitted to the Parish Council.

The Daventry District Council is programmed to consult on Village plan boundaries in mid 2008 so those interested should watch out for this consultation.

Due to the fact that a lot of the work involved in the preparation of the Scheme was undertaken by the volunteers at their own expense the work was carried out well within the grant made by the National Lottery Fund within the timescale they laid down. We will, however, be asking to be allowed to carry the balance over to help cover the cost of professionally printed copies which we anticipate the DDC will require at the end of their procedure and for members of the public.

Final copies of the report area available to view on the village site on the net (www.whiltonvillage.net)

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Making Big Plans for West Northamptonshire - Tell Us What You Think

Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire Councils have combined their resources to form the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. The Joint Planning Unit has just started to prepare the plan that will shape the future development of the three Councils' areas over the next 20 years.

This plan is known as the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

The first stage of the preparation of the Joint Core Strategy is the Issues and Options stage. On 5 September 2007 the Joint Planning Unit published the Joint Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper for comments. Responses must be submitted by 31 October 2007.

The Discussion Paper asks a series of questions about the future of the area including how to provide 62,125 houses together with jobs, community facilities such as schools and open space, and the transport infrastructure needed over the next 20 years across West Northamptonshire.

A series of exhibitions are being held around West Northamptonshire to gather views.

For more information, including the travelling exhibition schedule, please visit their website:

**www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org
or telephone the Joint Planning Unit on 01604 837838.**

Important Consultation on Whilton Parish Design Statement

It is widely recognised that the local character and distinctiveness of settlements has come under increasing threat from standardised poor building designs. In order to influence this, the local community can prepare Town, Village or Parish Design Statements. The Design Statement (DS) aims to highlight design characteristics and issues that local people feel are important within their area. These are for example, landscape design, building details, important public spaces and views. The DS analyses the existing area's character and specifies design guidelines for future development and enhancement. Daventry District Council (DOC) will adopt these as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), which form part of the statutory planning system. They are then used to assess and guide planning applications in the local area.

The Whilton Design Group has now prepared the Whilton Parish Design Statement as a formal Consultation Draft.

Subject to Daventry District Council's approval (at Strategy Group on 11th October), Public Consultation is expected to take place on Whilton Parish Design Statement for 6 weeks between Friday 2nd November and Friday 14th December 2007. A copy of the Whilton Parish Design Statement Consultation Draft and consultation details will be made available on the District Council's website during the consultation period at w.daventrydc.gov.uk/atoz/planning1/consult.shtml

Alternatively, you can receive a copy of the consultation documents from:

**Karen Britton
Senior Planning Officer
Daventry District Council
Tel: 01327302581
E-mail: kbritton@daventrydc.gov.uk**

YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOMED

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	1st	Oct	7.30 pm	WGA -in village hall -
Sun	7 th	Oct	2.30 pm	Pet Blessing Service in St Andrew's Church
Thurs	11 th	Oct	7.30 pm	Local History Society - 'The story of St Andrew's Church'
Sun	14 th	Oct	2.00 pm	Working Party in Spinney
Mon	15 th	Oct	8.00 pm	Whilton Parish Council Meeting in village hall
Tues	16 th	Oct	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sat	3 rd	Nov	7.30 pm	Whilton Photographic Club in Village Hall
			7.30 pm	Concert by Cantari Singers in St Andrew's Church
Tues	6 th	Nov	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	13 th	Nov	7.30 pm	Whilton Photographic Club in Village Hall
Tues	27 th	Nov		
Wed	21 st	Nov		<u>Newsletter Deadline for DECEMBER</u>– Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition
Tues	27 th	Nov	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Thurs	29 th	Nov	12.30 pm	Provisional Date for Whilton Lunch -

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children and now also PETS

Please supply a disk with your contribution if not emailed so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY

Whilton Local History Society has met twice this summer in June and July. Both meetings concentrated on our aim to build up an archive of photos of the parish. In June we had a variety of pictures of people who lived in Whilton, mainly in the past. It was clear to everyone how important it is to identify the people in photos before they are forgotten. There were some lovely portraits of unknown Whilton ladies in crinolines. No doubt their relatives at the time assumed that they were well known to all!

The theme continued in July when more photos of people arrived, including an old Emery family album. These combined with photos lent by Grace Tooley, showed life in the time of Gordon's great grandfather, and of Emerys at Lower Farm, but there were views of buildings and aerial photos too. Both the Spotted Cow and the Plough featured, but not the pub at Whilton Mill. Does anyone have a record of this? There was once another pub, known as the Wheatsheaf, on the site of Woodview. Does anyone have any details about this?

We also saw a collection of May Day gatherings, with the crowned queen and her flower-bedecked attendants. These are mostly from the 1930s. We have been able to identify the May queens and some, but not all of the participants.

Although some of the photos dated back to the mid nineteenth century, others are of events within living memory. We were all interested to remember or see for the first time, how the Marina was built, Whilton Locks before the motorway, pictures of the farm buildings where Cherry Orton and Fallowfield now stand, and village views showing buildings which have gone and others which have been changed. More recently there was a reminder of the great changes as Roughmoor Spinney has been developed around the Millennium.

Neil Phillips from Whilton Photographic Club is working with us, making copies of these photos. Both societies will then have access to the photos on these CDs, and we hope eventually to organise an exhibition for all to see. Meanwhile the Photographic Club intend to make use of some in their 2008 calendar. See photograph below

During the autumn and winter we hope to have meetings about the history of the village school and the church. The next date for the Local History Society will be on Thursday, 11th October. Please watch the Newsletter and the notice board for details.

Meanwhile, if you come across any photos of old Whilton or its inhabitants, I would be very interested to see them.

Anthea Hiscock

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