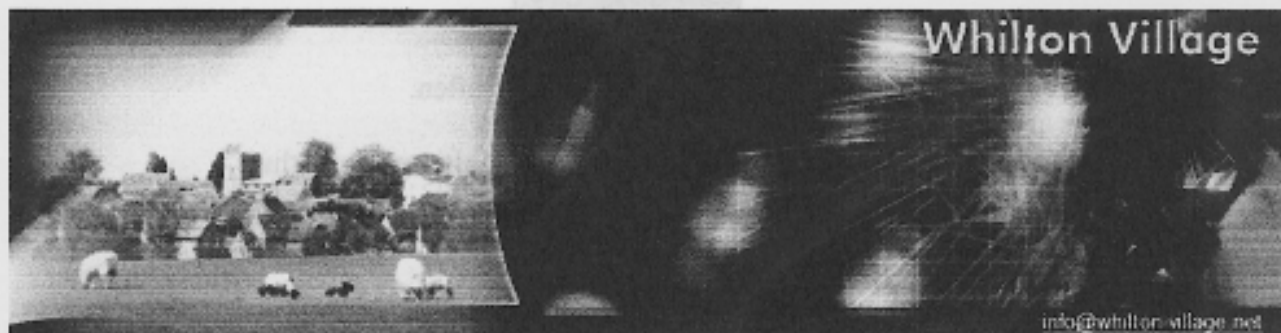


WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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The Village website is back

Please take a look.

*Any suggestions for improvements
or additional content welcome at
any time.*



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NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

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MONGOLIA 2008

Jacob Mitchell has now returned from his trip to Mongolia and China.

Please read his very interesting report inside

TEXTILE RECYCLING (in aid of the Air Ambulance)



The textile recycling bags are now to be collected more often.

Bags will be collected in Whilton in the second week of alternate months. In the week before collection, a bag will be delivered to you. This will be printed with the day of the week on which to put it out on the following week.

In April 2008, DB Collections picked up 32 tonnes of textiles for recycling. In July, this increased to 36 tonnes. This has so far raised £3400 towards keeping the air ambulance flying.

The air ambulance is funded entirely by voluntary donations and responds to around 110 calls per month. It costs £1.4 million a year to operate – approximately £3 per minute – and can reach anywhere in Northamptonshire within 15 minutes.

PCSO SURGERIES



Lorraine Humfress, our Police Community Support Officer will begin holding a monthly surgery in the Village Hall from October.

The surgeries planned for the rest of the year are as follows:

Friday	24 th October	4- 5 p.m.
Saturday	29 th November	1- 2 p.m.
Friday	19 th December	2 - 3 p.m.

Anyone may go to the Village Hall during these times to talk with Lorraine or to seek advice.

WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors are:

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall on **Monday , 3rd November**.
All are welcome to attend.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

LIFT TO DAVENTRY

A lift to Daventry, weekday mornings (except Tuesdays) to arrive just before 9.00 am., would be appreciated by Daventry College student living at Whilton Locks.

Please phone Penny Price on 01327 842395

Whilton Photographic Club



Future Meetings

October 14th - Get the most from your camera

Still not too sure what all those buttons on your camera are for? Want to learn a few new techniques? Well that's what our November meeting is all about. Then bring your camera (and a tripod if you have one) to our October meeting and learn from the more experienced club members.

November 11th – Travels in Italy

Neil Phillips will be presenting some of his best images from recent visits to Italy. If you would like to come along, we would be delighted to see you. The evening will be free of charge and the event is open to everyone, not just club members. So invite your friends.

December 9th AGM

A chance to review the club's activities in 2008 discuss the topics you would like the club to cover in 2009.

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)

Mongolia 2008 (and China)!!

I'm back and incredibly tanned!! What a month it was, which could not have happened without everyone's help over the last 18 months, so a huge thank you from me.

We flew into China after our build up day where roles of cooking etc. were designated, team kit re-checked. Beijing airport was incredible (gigantic!). Our accommodation at the 'Beijing Far East Youth Hostel' was not quite what we had hoped for - the showers ripped your feet apart - I am sure the floor mats were designed with us in mind to ensure we were not tempted to spend more than 5 minutes in the shower!

Whilst in Beijing we visited Tiananmen Square where you could see a large police contingent - it was all quite breathtaking being there. The Forbidden City, which is a large palace that was forbidden to the public in past centuries, was absolutely beautiful - the palace was designed on such a magnificent scale.

After only one day in China we were off to Mongolia, flying into the tiny 'Chinggis Airport'. We then took a rollercoaster ride in the taxis (they have no idea about how to drive in Mongolia...). We stayed in another hostel which would become our base when in Ulaanbaatar (affectionately known as UB), the capital.



The inside of a ger
- the traditional
habitat of the
Mongol people.)

We visited the 'Black Market' in Ulaanbaatar the main market in UB; here anything you need is sold; clothes, food etc. Pick pockets are rife here and the second time we visited some of us encountered them. It was a different culture completely here, if you stopped to look at one item, you could be swarmed by others from stalls trying to sell you their similar items.

It took 3 days of travelling in some Forgoes (8 man vehicles) across a spider-web of so called 'roads' - dirt tracks with many holes and bumps, to arrive at our base camp for the trek.

Our four days on horse back was a great experience, although my horse insisted on kicking certain other horses – the Mongolians told me he had a personality problem! We went galloping on the third day around a 20km lake; having never galloped before I found it exhilarating. That night the wranglers (guides) gave us a barbeque and we played a Mongolian game with them - 'the white stick game' –



similar to American Football but it can only be played in the dark, as we were told! With no light pollution it was certainly very dark! We also experienced Mongolian wrestling which was unforgettable!

The foot trek followed; 80km trek over 5 days! Thankfully it only rained one night – well it poured! The other nights we were able to sleep under the night sky and watch the shooting stars that were on view every night. Each night of the trek we had to cook our own dinners, these would be a dry powder sauce mixed with either pasta or rice. Getting the fire going was the fun bit and also maintaining it, so we had a campfire to shelter by as night fell.

A further 3 days of very bumpy rides again in the Forgoes: and we had sightseeing trips to the Kharkorin Monastery, Tsetserleg (renamed 'sexy legs' because of how to pronounce it) hot springs and a trip to the top of a volcano, were enough to get us back to UB.

After that, it was time for the project phase which we were eagerly anticipating – all hoping to 'make a difference' in some small way to the local community. Upon arrival, we found a happy vibrant orphanage. Even though the facilities were basic, some children had to share beds and the menu included MUTTON; the children were lucky to have a home like this and they were so happy.

As they were due to go back to their winter home the next week (9 months there and 3 months at the summer encampment), there wasn't a chance to build anything physically, however the development of friendships and characters was extraordinary. The way you felt when you played games with them was that these were just normal kids wanting a good life. They gave us a concert at the end of our stay where they sang and played instruments. One of the young boys made my hairs stand on end, his singing was so unbelievable! We did so many wonderful things with them, like walks, games, arts and crafts, and they showed their appreciation with the concert and gifts. We made a large donation to them of money, also sports equipment and food utensils. We hope to arrange a charity for the orphanage now that I am back at school, to maintain our relationships and continue to contribute to the community in Ulaanbataar.

We said a very sad goodbye, you could see tears on all our faces, even though we had made a difference, all of us felt that we could have achieved more but for the restrictions of time.



The Worldchallenge team and all the children at the orphanage

Arriving back in Ulaanbaatar we had some rest and relaxation time where we visited the largest monastery and attended a traditional Mongolian theatre which included traditional throat singing, dancing, contortionists and their national orchestra (they play different instruments to what we do!).

Finally it was time to head back to China, so after fond farewells to our interpreter who had been with us since the start of the trek (where we would have been without her?!) we made our way back.

In China we went for a last meal together, and then visited Tiananmen Square for a summary and thank-yous, although the police thought we were political activists until our leader managed to persuade him otherwise; we were still moved off the square though!

So that is my trip in very brief detail, but I hope it has given you an insight into some of the things I experienced this summer. Mongolia was a stunningly beautiful country to visit, the people were incredibly warm and hospitable, and my experience of working in the orphanage will stay with me for a lifetime. You may also like to know that we will be holding another quiz night (no, not for me), one where I can hope to share some pictures with you. Keep your eye on the notice board for details!

Jacob Mitchell

A HARE-RAISING EXPERIENCE

or

(Having A Good Hare Day)

Whilst walking English Setter Sophie one morning recently I spied a Hare crouched in a field so we stopped in the gateway to watch. Leaning on the gate and with one foot on the bottom rail, Sophie sitting close to my side we waited and it was so rewarding as the hare came lolloping towards us to within a few feet before returning back across the field but we remained perfectly still and waited. Having braved our presence with no adverse effects the hare came back to us, this time to within two feet of the gate, sat down and looked at us. Neither Sophie or myself hardly breathed, we were so surprised and the hare remained just in front of us for a little while before hopping through the gap between the bottom rails of the gate and at the side of my foot, before turning and lopping off along the verge. What a treat and privilege to have had such a close encounter with a normally shy creature. I have often spent time enjoying watching them at play in the fields but only ever at distance, surely this was a once in a lifetime experience.

Janet and Sophie



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The Whilton Gardeners' Association held a very well attended and successful Open Evening on 6th August, with a Bring and Buy Plant sale in the village hall.

This proved to be a considerable draw for gardeners who love to share plants and as a bonus WGA raised nearly £60.00 towards general funds.

All plants supplied were of 'garden centre' quality and their planting will undoubtedly enrich the gardens of all whose purchases contributed to the financial success of the evening.

The evening was concluded with a presentation to the winners of the best hanging basket and best tub or window box, as judged by the East Midlands in Bloom representative and sponsored by Whilton Gardeners' Association. Special Congratulations therefore, go to Kathleen Wright and Anthea Bartram for their fantastic flower displays.

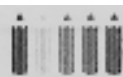
Finally, two dates for your diaries are the next WGA meeting which will be Wednesday 1st October in the village hall at 7.30 and the topic will be growing your own vegetables and Wednesday 3rd December when the WGA Annual General Meeting will be held.

Ann Gilbert, Chair

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM CONGRATULATIONS TO WHILTON RESIDENTS

Whilton have been awarded 1st placing in the competition with a 161 points out of a possible 200 (10 above the 2nd place winners Ranby in Nottinghamshire). We now hold the Silver Rose Bowl for the next year. In their report the Judges stated "the residents of Whilton continue to maintain very high standards in the presentation of private and public areas. The judges were impressed with all aspects of the judging tour of the village which typifies most peoples idea of English rural life".

We also receive a silver gilt standard certificate to join the others hanging in the village hall.



Brington & Whilton Pre-school

The summer holidays have gone by so quickly and we are now back into the new term of Pre-School. We have welcomed some new children in to the group and presently have 11 children, hoping that our numbers will build up throughout the year.

This term sees the start of a new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum which ensures that Every Child Matters and operates under six areas, Personal Social and Emotional, Physical, Creative Development, Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Communication, Language and Literacy and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. This has implications for us in planning and recording children's learning journeys, but the major change which will impact on us greatly is 'In provision where outdoor play space cannot be provided, outings should be planned and taken on a daily basis' (Pg 35) EYFS Statutory Framework. At present we are unable to offer this facility as it is not practical taking children out every day because of safety issues.

As many of you may now be aware, or seen in the local papers, the Pre-School is looking at moving on to Brington Primary School site, Little Brington as this will give us access to an outside area. At present this is all in the early stages, consent has been received from the Local Education Authority, but planning applications, funding and grants are the next step, as well as looking into different buildings available. So we continue to meet at Whilton Village Hall and will do for the next year or two.

Our topic this term is 'All about me' and we are covering, our body, feelings, our family, our favourite toys, keeping safe and clean and celebrations.

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 9.30am – 1.00pm and Friday mornings 9.30 – 12noon 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 aged three and over are eligible to receive an Early Years Grant which helps with childcare costs.

If you would like more information or would like to visit please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Holman on 01604 770083 as we would be happy to show you around.

😊😊😊😊 **SMILE** 😊😊😊😊

After a disappointing summer:

**SMILING IS INFECTIOUS – YOU CAN CATCH IT LIKE THE FLU
WHEN SOMEONE SMILED AT ME TODAY, I STARTED SMILING TOO
I PASSED AROUND THE CORNER AND SOMEONE SAW ME GRIN
AND WHEN THEY SMILED, I REALISED I'D PASSED IT ON TO THEM
I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT SMILE AND REALISED ITS WORTH
A SMILE JUST LIKE MINE COULD TRAVEL ROUND THE EARTH
SO, IF YOU FEEL A SMILE BEGIN – DON'T LEAVE IT UNDETECTED
LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC, QUICK AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED.**

We wanted to write and let you know we've settled into the village of Ilmington, and we're looking forward to starting our ministries here. We had such lovely messages from people, so thank you for them, and should you be in the North Cotswolds feel free to look us up –

The address is **The Rectory, Ilmington, Warwickshire, CV36 4LB –**
E-Mail is ilmingtonrectory@btinternet.com and
Phone number is **01608 682282.**

Ben has started school, and Fliss her preschool, and both seem to be very much enjoying it.

Chris and Sharon Goble

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

OCTOBER 2008

12th	11.00 am	Family Service
19th	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist

NOVEMBER 2008

2nd	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist at <u>NORTON</u>
9TH	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service
16th	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist
23rd	11.00 am	Family Service
30th	11.00 am	Patronal Eucharist

We are now in an interregnum with services being taken by visiting priests or a lay band member, the pattern remaining much the same, so that church life continues peacefully.

Our church was filled by members of the benefice and beyond for the farewell service of Revds Chris, Sharon and family after which Chris was presented with a clerical cloak and cheque, and Sharon with a print of a painting of the benefice churches. The children also had gifts, Ben a tractor and some farm animals and Fliss a large cuddly toy.

Service, speeches and presentations over, a social -wine and savouries -was held in the garden of Stone House by kind permission of Mark and Benny Eyton-Jones. Unfortunately representation from Whilton was poor with only eight people attending. We now await a new rector and hopefully this will not be too long but at this stage do not know the length of time of the interregnum. The life of the church must go on and your support will be needed.

At the benefice service at Harlestone on 7th September Revd April Richards was licensed by Bishop Frank as assistant self supporting minister to the Spencrce Benefice. She will be taking some services on two Sundays a month across the benefice and also officiating at weddings and funerals when possible. She has taken some services here in the past notably when they were held in the village hall while the chancel ceilings were being repaired

SERVICES TO NOTE

Remembrance Sunday	9 th November 6.00pm
Christingle	14th December 4.00pm
Carol Service	21st December 6.00pm
Christmas morning	25thl December 11.00am

Fundraising CHRISTMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL and BAZAAR 7th December 2008

Can you help in any way to make this a successful and enjoyable event to raise much needed funds for St Andrews? Stalls already planned are Christmas fare, crafts, cakes, toys, books and white elephant. It is hoped to have a tombola and raffle and volunteers would be appreciated to organise these.

Janet Bowers, Churchwarden

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 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 OCTOBER ARE 7TH & 28TH AND NOVEMBER 18TH



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



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



Due to the very wet conditions in the spinney this summer, very little maintenance work has been carried out. There has been a terrific growth of all plants including some of the more invasive ones, which in normal conditions, by now would have died right down. e.g – Butter Burr -known locally as wild rhubarb (don't try to eat it though).

However we hope that by Sunday 19th October conditions will have improved and we can have an Autumn Working Party. There will be a notice on the village board nearer the date.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration will be postponed till Spring 2009.

Roughmoor Spinney Management Committee

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WHILTON FIELDS

At our workshop on 21st August, we looked at some of the old field and furlong names, and shared memories of some areas of Whilton. As a result we have moved a little further towards plotting more places on our map of Whilton, both before and after the enclosure of 1778.

Some of the field names have lasted through many centuries. Among these are *Anglends*, earlier known as *Hang Lands* and, in 1501, as *Hanging Furlong*, probably meaning "land on a slope". The fields called *Flimbres* were once *Flintborough Furlong* in the open fields. *Windmill Close* is where the windmill stood from at least 1500, but was in ruins by 1827. The name *Mill Leys* goes back to at least 1500, near the water mill. There was a dove cote in *the Dove House Close*, and some people still have a memory of the white house which stood in *White House Fields*.

Other fields recall the names of those who farmed them. *Joe Langs* is the field allotted to Joseph Langton in the 1778 enclosure, *Butlins* to John Butlin, and *Dunkleys* to John Dunkley. *Parson's Close* was allotted as part of the glebeland at the same time. *Barker's Meadow* was probably so named because William Barker, a maltster and farmer, was renting it from the rector in around 1800.

Some names give clues to old uses, such as *Wheatlands* and *Great Sheep Pen*. In the eighteenth century woad was grown in *Wadd Close*. Edward Tarry, who was born in Chapel Brampton, but farmed here in Victorian times, had fruit in *Tarry's Orchard* on the way to Roughmoor Spinney. The *Laundry Field* was by the laundry which served Whilton Lodge into the twentieth century.

Other field names await further enlightenment. What is the origin of *Knavecote*, and was a man's head or skull dug up at *Man's Head Furlong* near the Roman Watling Street?

THE NEXT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Local History Society will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 13th November, when the subject will be the **WHILTON CHARITIES**.

All are welcome.

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wed	1 st	Oct	7.30 pm	WGA – in village hall – Growing your own vegetables
Tues	7 th	Oct	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Tues	14 th	Oct	8.00 pm	WPC - Village Hall - Get the most from your camera
Sun	19 th	Oct	2.00 pm	Proposed Working Party in Roughmoor spinney
Fri	24 th	Oct	4 – 5- pm	Police Community Support Surgery in village hall
Tues	28 th	Oct	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	3 rd	Nov	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in village hall
Sun	9 th	Nov	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church -.
Tues	11 th	Nov	8.00 pm	WPC – in village hall – 'Travels in Italy' by Neil Phillips – Open Meeting (no admission charge)
Thurs	13 th	Nov	7.30 pm	Whilton Local History Scty. - 'Whilton Charities' in village hall
Tues	18 th	Nov	9.15 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Fri	21 st	Nov		DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER / JANUARY NEWSLETTER Please hand in your contribution before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Sat	29 th	Nov	1 – 2 pm	Police Community Support Surgery in village hall
Wed	3 rd	Dec	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Assoc. Annual General Meeting in village hall

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Please supply a disk or memory card 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.