

WHILTON NEWSLETTER



Thatcher at work on the Thatched Cottage in Buckby Lane

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Letter from the editors

Over the summer there has been much interest in the work of Russell Fox, as he worked on the roof of the "Thatched Cottage". The story of his work is shown in pictures here, using photos taken by Neil Phillips.

Once nearly all the houses in Whilton had a thatched roof, but now only two remain. The ancient craft of thatching is still needed and many villagers were amazed at the skill and time required to achieve this wonderful finish.

We also include a record of another old skill, hedge-laying, in which two Whilton men excelled 150 years ago. If you would like to highlight other local skills and crafts, we are always pleased to receive new articles.

After the holiday period of the summer, when many regular activities have a break, this issue looks forward to some of the activities planned in the parish as the evenings draw in.

We hope many people will enjoy taking part in the life of our community. As usual food is included!

The
Editors



Parish Council News

The new Parish Council have now all settled in nicely and have a few meetings under their belts. Each Parish Councillor has an area of delegated responsibility and I list these for your information:

- The Spinney – Jonathan Hanslip
- Village Hall – Randal Smith
- Allotments – Adrian Lee
- Highways – Keith Hiscock
- Parish Paths/Trees – Maurice Clements
- Capt. Reynolds Working Party – Ann Gilbert and Mark Thomas
- Finance/Internal Checker – Mark Thomas

There is now a new 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

The Parish Council are looking at community defibrillators for the village and Whilton Locks, and a demonstration will take place at the meeting in August. This would be of great benefit to the community and a welcome addition.

As I close, I would like to inform you all that I still have vacant allotments, should anyone like to take one on.

Sue Porter - Whilton Parish Clerk

Picking Up

We're fortunate in Whilton that here in the village, we rarely have a problem with dog fouling in the street. However, there is a bit of an issue with some of our public footpaths, especially close to the village.



Everyone should know that it's now the law that people should 'pick up' after their dog in a public place, but did you know that this also applies to public footpaths, even those across fields? This might seem a bit bizarre and one could argue that the fields are full of farm animals, so what's the difference?

Well, there is the disease Toxocariasis which can be transmitted mainly to small children, but also though rarely, to adults, through contact with dog faeces and there is also some research which indicates that dog faeces may pose a health threat to farm animals. It's also just not pleasant to have to negotiate it, when out walking.

So the parish council has installed a dog waste bin by the footpath sign at the bottom of Bucky Lane and we do hope that this will assist dog walkers - please make use of it - and if there's a case for locating another somewhere else in the village, or indeed at Whilton Locks, then please let councillors know.

WHILTON ROAD CLOSURE 26 – 28 SEPTEMBER



Anglian Water are requiring to carry out repair works to a main which is situated in the centre of the carriageway. This is at the top of the village.

To undertake these repairs will require that the road is closed to through traffic from **Monday, 26th to Wednesday, 28th September 2016**. There will be a diversion route, which will not be through the village. If you require more information about the works please contact Luke Payne on 0800 145145.

Residents should all have access to their properties and will be contacted by Anglian Water at least two week before the works commence with full contact details to ensure as little disruption is caused as possible

Grants of up to £10,000 for Home Owners



Home owners over the age of 18 who are receiving a means-tested benefit can now access up to £10,000 to make essential repairs to their homes.

Housing Repairs Assistance grants can provide up to £5,000 to fund work including: replacement or repair of central heating boilers and radiators, new security measures, replacement windows, doors, roof repairs and so much more.

If the work required exceeds £5,000 eligible homeowners can also access a further £5,000 of funds in the form of an interest-free loan repayable only when the property is sold.

Grants of up to £30,000 for Disabled residents

Disabled Facilities Grants can be used to fund a wide range of improvements and adaptations within the home including, installation of ramps, ground floor bedrooms and bathrooms, level access showers, widening of doorways, driveway and parking solutions plus lots more.

To qualify for this grant you or a person living within the property must be disabled and be receiving a qualifying means-tested benefit. If a disabled person is under the age of 18 they will be automatically entitled to apply for the maximum grant of £30,000 but if you are over 18 the amount you can apply for will depend on your income and savings.

Why not give Care & Repair a call today to see if you could be eligible: 01327 871100, visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/CareandRepair or email CareandRepair@Daventrydc.gov.uk

WHILTON IN NEED CHARITIES

ARE YOU IN NEED OF SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

The Whilton in Need Charities, with their investments of £4500, exist to provide basic requirements, or relieve debt, or stop the incursion of it, in circumstances where it will assist those with insufficient resources. Some will be starting new training or university courses this autumn and may wish to consider applying. Others may be seriously affected in various ways, by the economic downturn, or by rising prices for commodities, lighting, or heating fuel while trying to manage on a fixed income.

If either you, or someone known to you, has one of these concerns please contact the Rector Sue Kipling, Ann Gilbert or me (Keith Hiscock) to see if the Charities can be of some help.

Permanent notices remain on both the Village and Locks notice boards. This reminder is published now to remind those about to embark on university study or new work training. This is also a reminder that there are safeguards for the confidentiality of applicants. We will also discuss any 'What If' situation before any name is mentioned if you or an agency approach one of us, either on your own or another's behalf.

This fund remains for anyone normally resident within the Parish boundaries and we would urge you to mention the possibility to those who should benefit from the forethought of previous wealthier generous parishioners.

Keith Hiscock
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

As Northamptonshire's sight loss charity, we are here to help anyone of any age come to terms, and cope with poor or failing eyesight. Our community workers can visit you in your own home to offer friendly advice, information and practical assistance. We're here too for parents of visually impaired children, family, friends and carers, who also feel the impact and need support.

Drop-in to our Sight Centres in Kettering or Northampton or go on board our Mobile Sight Centre when it's in a town near you. There you can see, try and buy from the wide range of specialist aids and equipment we supply.

NAB MOBILE UNIT VISITS THIS AUTUMN

Long Buckby: GP surgery, Station Road :

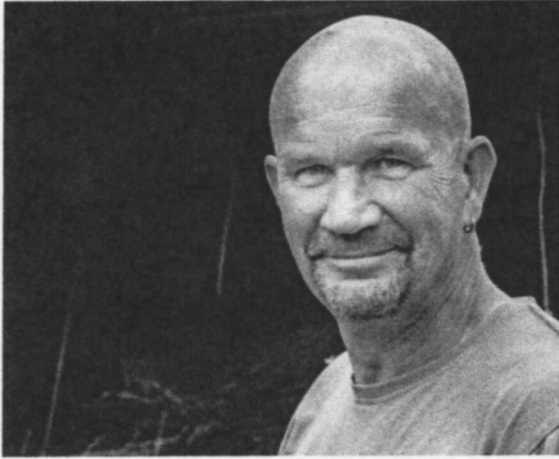
Wed, 14th September, 2pm – 3 pm.

Daventry Town Centre: Near Shopmobility, New St: 10am-1pm

10th, 14th, 17th & 21st September, 12th & 19th October, 9th, & 16th November.

To find out more about services provided by Northamptonshire Association for the Blind please call their Helpline: **01604 719193** or visit **www.nab.org.uk**

A craftsman at work



Russell Fox

During several weeks of this summer the thatcher Russell Fox from Northampton was quietly busy in Buckby Lane, where he replaced the thatch on the home of Richard and Jenni Patching, "The Thatched Cottage."

34 years ago Jenni's father and brother Don and Bill Welch stripped the roof for new thatch. Some timbers were renewed, but where possible the old ones were retained. When stripped again, these timbers appeared like new this year. Unexpectedly the reed in the previous thatch proved to have been diseased, causing rot and requiring replacement.

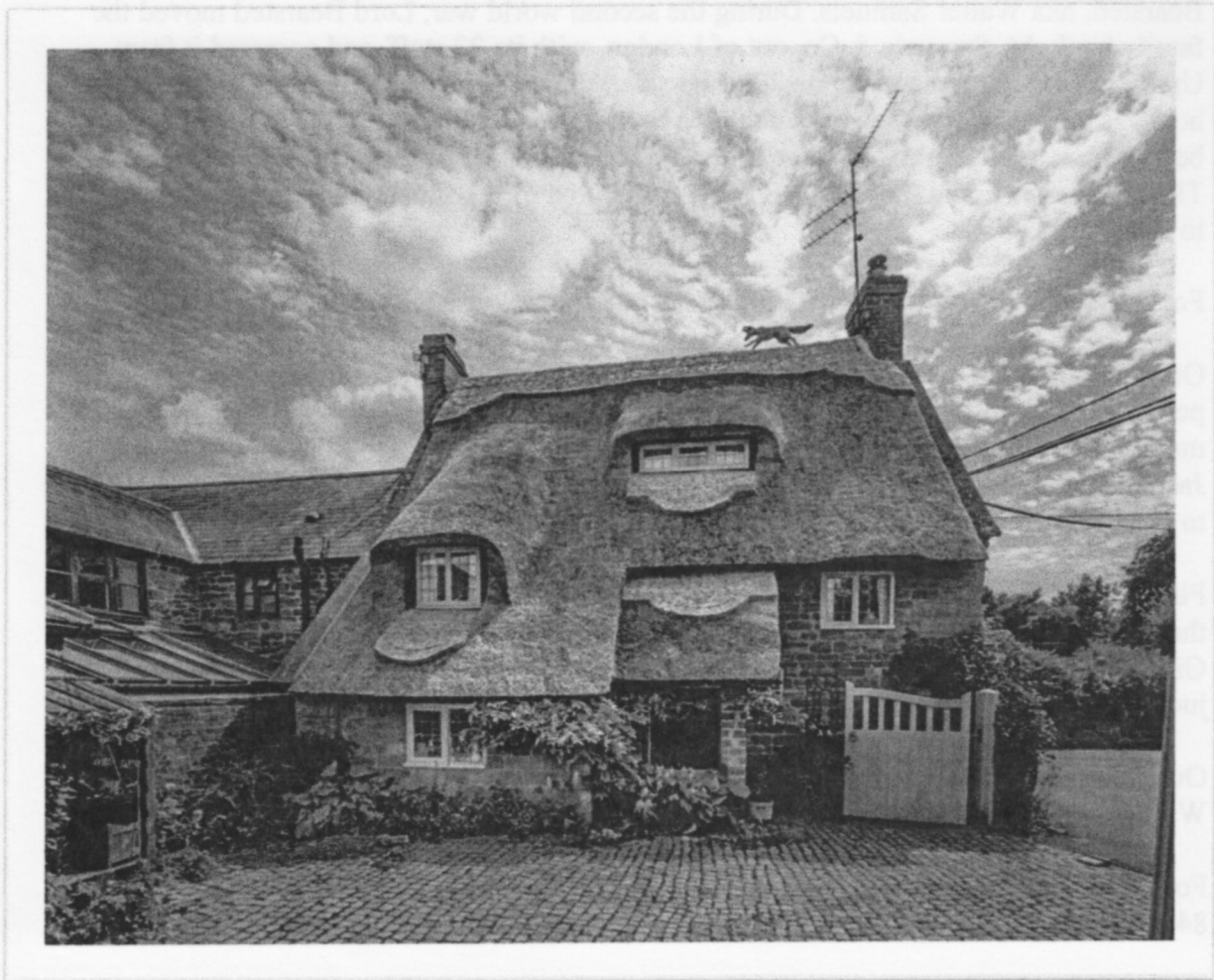


The new thatch of water reed has been meticulously and methodically built up, with Russell working alone in all weathers – wind, heavy rain and sunshine. His pride in his craft shows in the beautifully completed roof and the running fox on the roof, his trade mark.



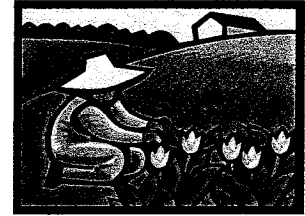


How the roof of the house was repaired in 1908 the property was owned by the Viscount





WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



At our June meeting, Brian Ellis, who runs Avondale Nursery, near Coventry, spoke about 'Texture and Foliage in the Garden'.

Brian has an art college background and approaches his planting schemes by choosing plants, first and foremost, by their shape and foliage, any flowers being regarded as a bonus. Avondale nursery incorporates a half-acre show garden where plants can be seen in a proper garden situation, and their full potential can be assessed. Customers are initially sent into the show garden, armed with a clipboard, to choose which plants they would like to purchase. If a chosen plant is not in stock, customers can put their name down to be contacted when it becomes available. Avondale Nursery sounds well worth a visit.

On 16th July, 21 of us visited Upton House and Gardens, near Banbury, a National Trust property. In the morning we enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens. After lunching in the Pavilion restaurant, most of us chose to look around the house.

From the mid 1920s, until his death in 1948, the property was owned by 2nd Viscount Bearsted, aka Walter Samuels. During the second world war, Lord Bearsted moved the family bank, M. Samuels & Co, out of London, with its 22 staff, and operated it from Upton House. To commemorate 70 years since the victory celebrations took place, the house is currently set up as it would have been during the war, with the long gallery becoming a typing pool and some of the bedrooms being dormitories for the bank staff. The garden has a 'dig for victory' theme with some of the flower borders being given over to vegetables.

For those who did not come with us, a visit to Upton House is an excellent day out.

Our Whilton open gardens and buffet, on August 3rd, was a great success with nearly 40 people attending. We visited, firstly, the garden of Christine and Neil Phillips, before moving on to Jonathan and Sue Hanslip's garden and finally up to Margaret and Andrew Jack at Roughmoor, where Margaret, once again, made available a splendid room in which to enjoy our food and drinks. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Finally, the 'Best Tubs and Hanging Baskets' competition was won by Meadow House for the second year running – well done Wendy. The 'Best Front of House Garden' went to Gill and Steve at Dormer Cottage – congratulations to them. Both competitions were judged by Jake from Whilton Locks Garden Village.

Our next meeting will be on October 5th, when Linda Smith will talk about 'Attracting Wildlife To Your Pond'.

For further information about WGA contact Maurice Archer on 843081 or Roy Haynes on 844673.

Calling all budding photographers

Some time ago Whilton had a successful photography club and it seems like a good time to see if we can restart it. So, if you would like to learn how to use your camera, take better photographs or meet others to share your interest, then please get in touch.

If we get enough interest I will arrange a meeting to discuss what people want from the club and how it will work.

Thanks

Neil Phillips

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WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Members and friends of the Society met on Sunday afternoon, 9th July, for a walk through part of the village centre. Over 25 people attended, moving gently down the village from Langton Rise and ending at the Village Hall for refreshments.



Some of those who gathered at the end of Langton Rise to start the walk.

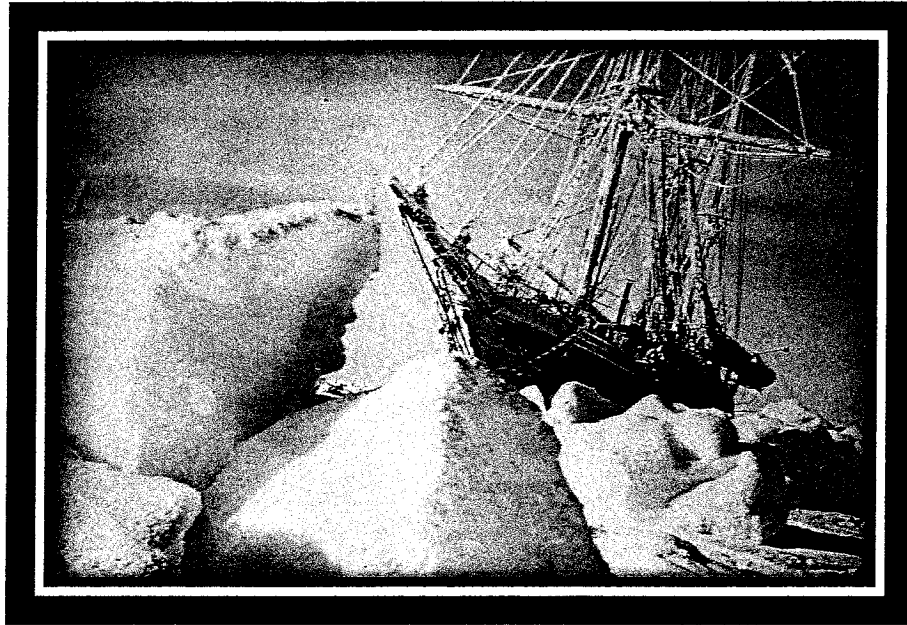
We heard about some of the characters who lived here in the past, including Ben Marks who made his coffin and kept it ready for when it was needed, the pianist and composer who lived in Main Street before the First World War, and the poverty of some who lived in tiny cottages, especially in Buckby Lane. We looked at the site of the medieval manor, church and rectory, and of the old central farm held by the Emery family for centuries.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 16th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Whilton Local History Society

SHACKLETON AND THE ENDURANCE EXPEDITION

**An illustrated talk by Tricia Wood,
member of the Local History Society**



7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Friday 16th September 2016.

All are welcome.

Non-members: entrance £3

The following meeting of the Local History Society will be

ROMAN BANNAVENTA IN THE LANDSCAPE

Speaker: Stephen Young

7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Friday 11 November 2016.

All are welcome. Non-members: entrance £3

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2016/2017

JUNE 2016

1 ST PRIZE	A Hiscock	148
2 ND PRIZE	R Clarke	27

JULY 2016

1 ST PRIZE	C Battison	168
2 ND PRIZE	I Hathaway	171

Congratulations to all the prize winners

WHILTON SUMMER SOCIAL LUNCH - 19TH MAY 2016

19 people sat down on, what was so far, the hottest day of the year.

The meal was thankfully cold and refreshing with coronation chicken, mushroom and hazelnut loaf and goats cheese and red pepper tart. These were served with new potatoes and various salads and dressings.

For dessert we were offered summer pudding, banoffee trifle, apricots and raspberries with cream and ice cream.

Soft drinks were served during the meal and tea and coffee with chocolate mints were offered afterwards.

Despite the heat everyone ate well and enjoyed themselves socially.

THE NEXT SOCIAL LUNCH

will be on Tuesday 4th October 2016
12.30 for 1.00 pm in the village hall

You can book in advance by phoning
Jane Thomas 843395 or Anthea Hiscock 843319

**The Lunch on Tuesday 29th November
will be a special occasion as we shall be celebrating
THE 10TH BIRTHDAY OF THE SOCIAL LUNCHES.**



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences to the family of Grace Tooley who died on 2nd June 2016. Grace was 90 years old, born in 1925. In 1950 she married Howard Tooley in Whilton Church. They had two daughters and lived for a few years in South View in Whilton, then went to Duston, where Howard worked for his father in law at Kingsthorpe.

Some years later Grace inherited Corner House from her aunt, Laura Emery. Eventually Howard was able to take over Glebe Farm in Whilton. Once the old stone Corner House had been demolished they built a new bungalow on its site, renamed Home Field. The family lived there from 1972, where Grace was renowned for her baking skills.

Grace is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held in St Andrew's Church on 22nd June.

FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

We send best wishes for the future to Luke Hawkins and Natalie Durham who were married on Saturday 2nd July 2016 at Westborough Church, Grantham. Luke is the son of Sarah and Ray Hawkins of 6 Southview.



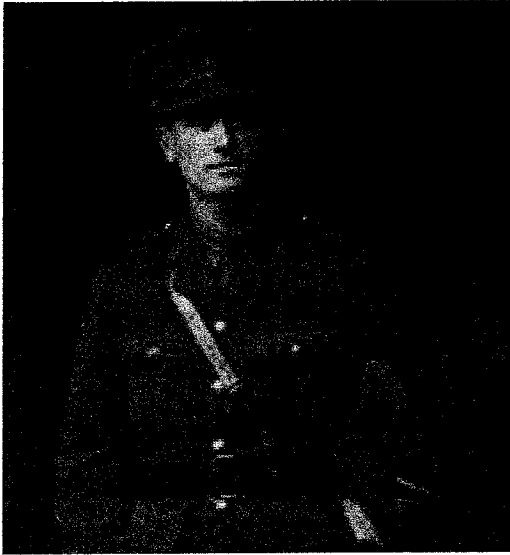
It was a perfect day enjoyed by everyone.

...AND MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Mark and Sarah from 'The Old Post Office' are proud to announce that Mark's son Harry has graduated from Loughborough University with a 2:2 degree in Mathematics. Well done Harry!

(We are always pleased to include your news; just let us know. The Editors.)

Captain Henry Reynolds VC, MC



The working party is continuing to make plans for the celebration of Captain Reynolds winning the Victoria Cross in September 1917. The official event will be on Wednesday 20th September 2017, and we hope there will be more activities on the following weekend.

We shall be holding an open meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Monday, 17th October, to which everyone is invited.

We hope to explain what has been planned so far, and that various organisations and groups in the parish will then be able to decide how and if they wish to be part of this.

If you, or your group, are interested, please come, or send a representative, so that the whole community is aware of this special occasion.



Whilton Warblers

Summer Concert – A Perfect Day

The Warblers' summer concert, a culmination of many hours of practice, was held in St. Andrew's Church on Friday 1st July. Sue Kipling, Rector, opened the concert with a short welcome address.

The theme – A Perfect Day – was drawn from the lovely Lou Reed song of the same name and was performed as a solo piece with backing provided by the choir. Another solo piece, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins was accompanied enthusiastically by the audience. It was once again an eclectic mix of songs, some of them quite challenging for us as a choir of mostly non-musicians but we thoroughly enjoyed singing through the programme. Post concert we were delighted to receive positive feedback from members of the audience. After the concert Sarah Bennett presented Judit, our Musical Director, with a bouquet and paid tribute to her talent, expertise and patience.

Some of the choir members are preparing for a visit to Varna in Bulgaria to take part in the town's Annual Music and Dance Festival. We'll be joining with members of the Judit Singers from Daventry in daily singing workshops led by Judit in preparation for a public concert on the Friday evening. The week-long trip will also allow for plenty of sightseeing and relaxation.

Weekly rehearsals will resume in September in St. Andrew's church, *date to be advised (check the notice board)*. If you are interested in finding out more do come along on a Tuesday evening at 7:15 pm for a 7:30 start. *Teresa*

RECIPES FOR AUTUMN

October: Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

250 g pumpkin flesh	2 carrots
1 onion	Pinch of cinnamon
500 ml milk	Salt
	Pepper



Method

- Cut the pumpkin into small pieces.
- Peel onion and carrots and cut into slices.
- Put all vegetables, milk and cinnamon into a saucepan and cook until pumpkin flesh is soft. (About ½ hour).
- Stir the mixture until smooth, and heat again, adding some water.
- Cook for about another ½ hour, the longer the cooking the thicker the mix.
- Season with salt and pepper.

November: Parkin- a Bonfire Night Treat

This recipe can be made well in advance and then may help to warm us up as we watch the fireworks.

Ingredients

200g butter	85 g light soft brown sugar
1 large egg	100g oatmeal
4 tablespoons milk	250g self-raising flour
200g golden syrup	1 tablespoon ground ginger
85g treacle	



Method

- Grease a deep 22cm/9in square cake tin and line with baking parchment.
- Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.
- Beat the egg and milk together with a fork.
- Gently melt the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in a large pan until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat.
- Mix together the oatmeal, flour and ginger and stir into the syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.
- Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 minutes - 1 hour until the cake feels firm and a little crusty on top.
- Cool in the tin then wrap in more parchment and foil.

Keep this for a few days before eating. It will become softer and stickier the longer you leave it.

**THE ALTHORP PARTNERSHIP OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
HARLESTONE AND BRINGTON
NEWSLETTER JULY 2016**



Leavers

We wish our year 6 leavers well as they move to their new secondary schools. This has been a very challenging year for all of our year 6 children. They have had to cope with a new and more demanding curriculum as well as taking part in SATS tests which were extremely challenging. Throughout it all they have shown resilience and determination to achieve to the very best of their ability.

Music and Sports

On Friday 15th July, the children of Brington treated us to a fantastic musical evening where they performed a wide variety of songs from through the ages. We had songs by The Beatles, Queen and One Direction to name a few. The performance was brilliant and the children were superb. They have worked incredibly hard putting it all together and it was a very successful evening. Thank you to all who came along to see the show and also to all the staff who have helped to put together such a great performance. On Thursday 14th July all the children in class 1 from both Brington and Harlestone went to Champion School to take part in a sports festival. They had a great time and there were many positive comments about both their behaviour and how smart they looked in their PE kits!

Gallone's Visit

On the 6th June, Gallone's visited class 1 at both Harlestone and Brington. This was as part of their topic on Italy. The children were given a brief talk on the history of Gallone's; when it began and why the founder decided on Northampton as a base for their ice-cream business. After this, there was a demonstration showing how ice-cream is made as well as the opportunity to taste some ice-cream. The curry-flavoured one seemed to go down particularly well!

Father's Day Celebrations

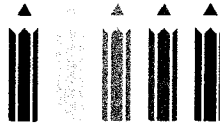
On 17th June, both Brington and Harlestone held celebrations in recognition of Father's Day. Tea and refreshments were provided (bacon/sausage sandwiches) and entertainment was organised and provided by the children. It was great to see so many dads attending, thank you.

Brington's Got Talent

Well done to all of the children who took part in Brington's Got Talent. It was fantastic to see the talented children that we have in the schools perform with such confidence in front of a large audience.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year.

John Sarbutts, Executive Headteacher



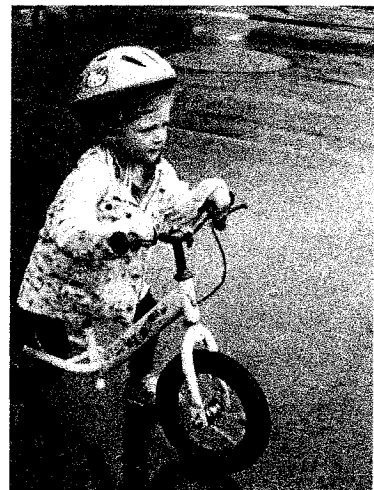
Brington and Whilton Pre-School

We have now finished for the summer holidays after another very busy term. We had our final morning in the sunshine on Little Brington Playing Field, the children had races, the parents had races and then we said 'byebye' to ten of our children who will be leaving us to go to school in September. Their transition to school has been helped by us visiting Brington School on a Wednesday afternoon, where the children have had fun having a teddy bear's picnic, joining the reception class in play, games, crafts and getting to know their new teachers.

During the rest of the term we have been learning about different countries, their foods, their language and how others live. We have also spent a good amount of time in the Spinney building dens, minibeast hunting, being quiet and listening for different sounds and just having fun together.



Walk pretending it was the
'Amazon Rain Forest'



Our Sponsored Bike Ride

Recently we had our annual Sponsored Bike Ride on the playground of the school and raised enough money to buy some new waterproof trousers for the children to wear in the Spinney when the weather is not so good.

If you have a child who is 2 years old and ready to start a small caring Pre-School we have spaces in September. Please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083 or 07948724415 and book a visit to come and see us. Further information can be found on our website at www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk

Brington Mums and Tots

Brington Mums and Tots continues to run every Friday and so it would be lovely to see you there if you are at a loose end as to what to do with your little ones! We have spent quite a bit of money on purchasing some new toys which includes; a trampoline, sand pit, ball pool and lots of toys that make sounds to keep the smaller babies entertained.

We will be holding the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the reading rooms on Friday 13th September where there will be lots of tea and cake and all donations going towards Macmillan Cancer Research. This will be open to the general public as well as a usual group for mums and tots. We look forward to seeing you!

Phoebe and Alex

WHILTON LOCKS GARDEN VILLAGE

Once again there will be ice skating on real ice and under cover from the last week in November. Real Christmas trees will be arriving at about the same time, but if you want a large tree, over 12 feet, please order by the end of September. For details see: <http://www.wlqv.co.uk>

WHILTON WINNERS 150 YEARS AGO

The annual meeting of the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society took place at Towcester in the last week of September 1866. There were competitions in ploughing, drainage and hedge cutting. Earl Spencer provided prizes for "the labourer who shall cut, lay, and ditch eleven yards of hedge, laid one way, binders excepted, in the best and most workmanlike manner, as a bullock fence, on grazing land".

Binders are long straight rods at least 8ft (2.4 m) long and usually made of hazel or willow. Laying a hedge provided a stock-proof barrier, rejuvenated the hedge, provided weather protection for crops and wildlife, and gave an attractive screen. Over the centuries, different parts of Britain developed their own distinctive styles of hedge laying. The practice is hard, requiring skill and experience.

The Midland style is also known as "bullock style" as it was designed to keep big heavy bullocks in their field. This style is mainly found in the traditional beef rearing areas of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire. Its particular characteristics were that the brush is on the animal side to stop them from eating new growth, the hedge slopes towards the animals, as stakes are driven in behind the line of the roots, and the strong binding is below the top of the hedge, so that bullocks cannot twist it off with their horns.

There were people here who knew all about this. The first prize of £3 was awarded to Thomas Marks, of Whilton, who probably worked at Surney Farm, Long Buckby, and the 2nd prize of £2 went to John Marks, also of Whilton, who was employed by John Denny of Muscott.

Craft / Hobby Morning *(or four hours of me-time, sheer bliss!)*

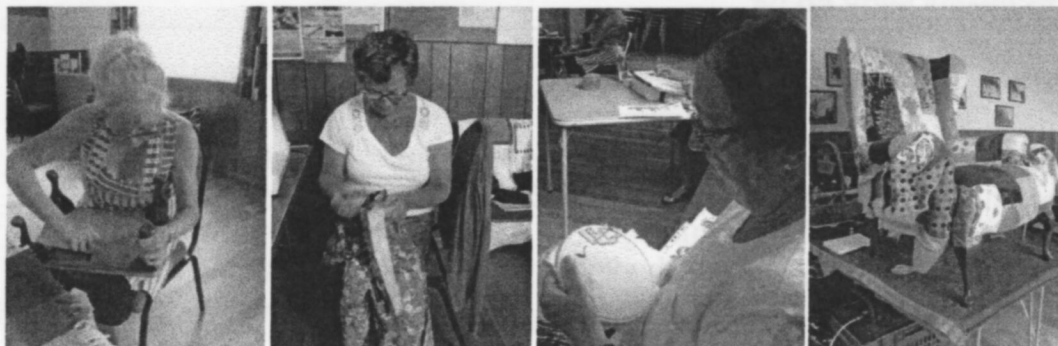
In July a handful of ladies treated themselves to half a day of uninterrupted indulgence. We took over the village hall to work on our own projects: embroidery, water colours, dress making and upholstery.



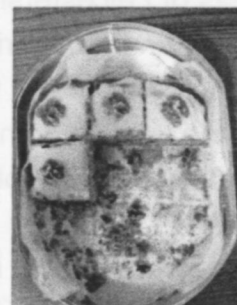
Each took an interest in the others' work and everyone was keen to repeat the experience so another session is scheduled:

Tuesday 30th August from 10:00 – 14:00

We hope to continue these sessions on a monthly basis – details will be posted on the notice board or you can contact me for details.



To ensure everyone has sufficient space numbers are limited to eight per session and places must be pre-booked. Note, these are not tutored sessions and you must bring your own project and equipment but tea, coffee and cake will be provided. The cost is £8 per person (or less depending on numbers).



Teresa Leadbetter
Tel: 843988 ; teresa@tlc-uk.co.uk

Letter from the Rectory

Dear Everyone,

As summer draws to a close, the warmth has made us feel relaxed – slowed us down. This reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha; Martha, the busy one making preparations for Jesus in the kitchen while Mary sits with their guest, listening to him. Martha wants Jesus to tell Mary to come and help her.....reminiscent of those cries of, “Will you please go and help your mother (or father) and put that Play Station away....” Jesus says, no doubt to Martha’s annoyance, that Mary is OK listening to Jesus. He doesn’t say Martha is wrong to be busying herself in the kitchen, but that there are times when we ought to be quiet and spend some time “with God”; not being busy all the time.

Let us remember to relax in God’s presence and contemplate how he may see us – what he thinks of us and also with what love he looks upon us, as we frantically dash through our hectic autumn lives.

Have a wonderful autumn!

Sue suekipling@btinternet.com

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RIDE + STRIDES

Saturday 10th September 2016 between 10am and 6pm

Plan your own route from church to church;
over 350 churches and chapels in Northamptonshire open to visit with a warm welcome and refreshments at many.

All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.

Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available from your local
organiser:-

JANET BOWERS

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our Website: - www.nhct.org.uk

NEWS FROM ST ANDREWS

Since the last Newsletter we held a very successful event in June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This was well attended by villagers who enjoyed a social chat with refreshments. Hopefully we will run a similar event later in the year.



All that seems a long time ago. We continue with our Sunday services which are a mix of Worship for All, Evening Communion and we also host the Benefice Eucharist service when it is our turn.

Looking forward, we have a service on 11 September at 9.15 at which we will welcome our furry friends to join us for a blessing. If you have a pet do please bring them along.

The same weekend is the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Event (see separate advert). The church will be open on Saturday 10th to enable participants to register and there will also be a visit by a team of bellringers.

Further ahead is our Harvest Supper which we will be celebrating in the Village Hall on Friday 14 October. More details will follow but the plan is to have a social evening to celebrate harvest and a supper will be provided. I do hope that village residents will support this traditional event.

We have been opening the church on Thursdays. There are some practical difficulties involved, not least to find a team of volunteers prepared to open and close. During August and September we will experiment by keeping the building open on Sundays either after the morning service or during the day before an Evening Service in the hope that residents will visit.

I can be contacted on 843380 or by email Jbrierley1@aol.com.

Jon Brierley, 7 Langton Rise



HELP WANTED

St Andrews Church has a team of volunteers who help to keep this historic building clean. We now have vacancies on the rota so are looking for fresh faces to help us. The work is not strenuous and should take about one and a half hours, usually once a quarter.

If you can help please contact Trish Woods on 844673 or email royandtricia@btinternet.com

Whilton Marina Refurbishes Historical Canal Bench

News from Sue Steele, Whilton Marina

Henry Grantham was the last lock keeper at the Whilton and Buckby Flight of locks, near Whilton Marina on the Grand Union Canal. Henry often won the 'best kept locks' award and was a well known character locally and on the canal network. His family worked on working canal boats, carrying cargo around the midlands and Henry grew up working alongside his parents on their boats.

On Henry Grantham's death in 1989 locals decided there must be a memorial, a bench was decided upon and the old English Elm wood from the Grantham family working boats, on which Henry has lived and worked on during his life, was used to build the bench. The bench was positioned overlooking the bottom Lock near the entrance to Whilton Marina.

In 2005 the ancient Elm eventually decayed and the bench was refurbished using English White Oak.

This summer the bench was again in a sorry state, so Whilton Marina with the help of their carpenter Pete, have once again restored the bench to its former glory.



The restored seat.

"Forget me not" was the name of the Granthams' new boat delivered in 1927.

In 1931 the family bought a new butty, named "Sarah Jane".

Both names are recorded here.

How to make an Olympic Ring Hoopla Game

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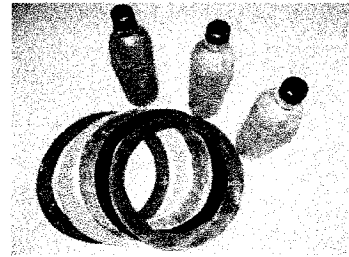
3 small plastic bottles

5 large paper plates

Acrylic paint - white

Paint - gold, silver, bronze, blue, black, red, yellow, green

Rice



Instructions:

1. Paint each of the bottles with the acrylic paint and leave to dry.
2. Paint the rims of the paper plates, one in each of the Olympic ring colours.
3. Paint one bottle gold, one silver and one bronze. Leave the bottles to dry.
4. Fill each of the bottles 1/3 full of rice to weight them down and secure lids.
5. Cut the centre from each plate so you are left with the rings.

To play:

Set up the bottles and toss the cardboard rings over.

You can score 1 for bronze, 2 for silver and 3 for gold.

Olympic Race

Standing and waiting for the race to begin

I'm getting quite nervous

Am I going to win?

Crouching down low, I wait for the gun

Bang! There it goes

We're starting to run.

My heart is pounding: I'm going to burst

Come on legs keep going!

I want to come first.

Just one last effort, I pass the line

Am I first, last, where am I?

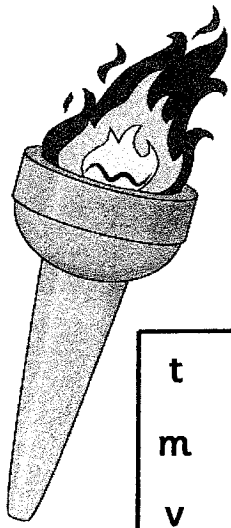
What's my time?

I stand on the podium proud and bold

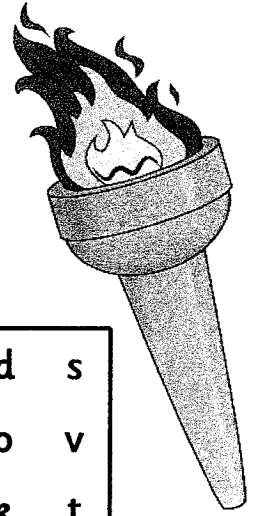
I'm wearing my medal

An Olympic gold!

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Olympic Games Word Search



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athlete

bronze

gold

medal

Olympic Games

Paralympics

podium

rings

silver

sport

torch

wreath

WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON

AUTUMN 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Sun	4 Sept	10 a.m.	Church	Benefice Sung Eucharist
Sat	10 Sept	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Church open	Ride and Stride event – Northants Historic Churches Trust
Sun	11 Sept	9.15 a.m.	Church	Worship for all with furry friends
Tues	13 Sept	7.30 p.m.	Church	Whilton Warblers start of term
Fri	16 Sept	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Local History Society: Shackleton and the Endeavour Expedition
Sun	18 Sept	6 p.m.	Church	Evening Communion
Sun	25 Sept	11 a.m.	Church	Worship for all
Tues	4 Oct	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Village Hall	Social Lunch
Wed	5 Oct	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Gardeners Association: Attracting wildlife to your pond
Fri	14 Oct	Evening	Village Hall	Harvest Supper
Mon	17 Oct	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Public Meeting re commemorative event for Captain Henry Reynolds VC, MC.
Fri	11 Nov	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall	Local History Society: Bannaventa in the landscape
Sun	20 Nov		Whilton Locks Garden Village	Ice skating begins this week. Please check website
Tues	29 Nov	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Village Hall	Lunch to celebrate 10 th birthday of Social Lunches
Fri	2 Dec	7.30 p.m.	Church	Whilton Warblers Christmas Concert

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.

CHURCH SERVICES in October and November, please see the notice board.

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