

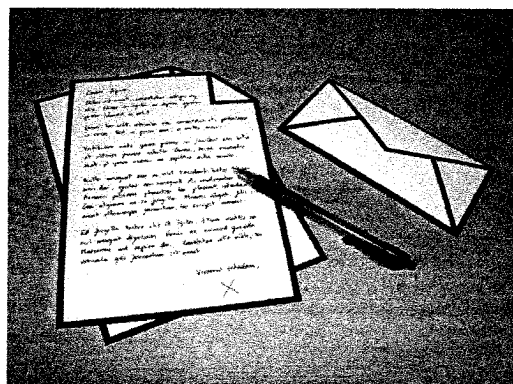


Whilton Autumn Newsletter

**September –
November 2012**



Letter from the Editors



Well, what an eventful summer!

So much has happened to swell the pride and esteem of our little country. The marvellous Diamond Jubilee celebrations for our wonderful monarch and then the Olympics. Hands up everyone who thought we would be embarrassed in some way whilst the so called “eyes of the world” were on us. I’m certainly guilty, I thought transport would be a nightmare and I was so pleased to be proved wrong. Even the last minute security concerns were transformed into a triumph for our armed forces. All eyes now on the Paralympics which will be in full flight by the time you receive this newsletter.

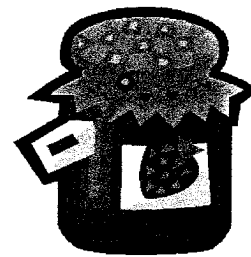
The Diamond Jubilee seems an age ago now and once again Whilton played its part. Our own editor, Anthea, supported by photographers Neil Phillips, Richard Patching and Richard Oliver and many others, produced the well researched and beautifully illustrated keepsake book – Whilton Parish 2012. If you’re one of the few people who hasn’t already bought a copy it is still available, details of how to order can be found in this newsletter.

We enjoyed a lively afternoon tea in the church complete with patriotic singing and browsed photographs of Whilton people past and present and village events. The rain certainly failed to dampen everyone’s spirits.

The summer also meant end of term for students – and we have reports on ‘ A’ level and degree successes in the Family News section.

Certainly this has been a difficult summer for our farmers, crop yields are poor and fields have either been quagmires or bone dry but now we look forward to the autumn, one of my favourite seasons. Let’s hope for a more typical season of settled weather – initially fine sunny days shortening to fresh frosty mornings.

Many of us will have produce to harvest from our gardens and allotments – lots of lovely veg for the freezer and fruit for jams. Happy preserving everyone.



Teresa and the Team of Editors

The bell ringers have had a particularly busy summer, with the Royal Diamond Jubilee, the opening of the Olympic Games and the celebration of Mrs Clements’ 100th birthday.

St Andrew’s Day on 30th November would also once have been celebrated with a feast day for Whilton’s patronal saint.



There are about 600 churches in England which are named after St Andrew, although he is generally known as the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia. It is sometimes stated that the name St. Andrew’s Church indicates that the building is near water, because St Andrew was a fisherman. This cannot be said of Whilton, and so the reason for the dedication remains a mystery.

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE IN WHILTON



While the nation celebrated the Diamond Jubilee over the first weekend of June, elongated by two bank holidays, Whilton's celebrations were concentrated into Sunday 3rd June, the wettest day of all! Around the village centre bunting dripped quietly, and plans to close the road came to nothing.

In spite of this, Whilton's spirits were in no way dampened and the events carried on with only a small adjustment to the weather. In the Village Hall the colourful home-made bunting and paintings of the Pre-school cheered us up as we admired their portraits of the Royal Family. Amidst the decorations the photographic team arranged their exhibition of high quality photos of Whilton in 2012.

In the church parishioners, old and new, examined photos of people who have lived here over the sixty years of this reign, and watched the rolling display on the screen. This exhibition of "Second Elizabethans" brought smiles of recognition from some and explanations for newcomers and children. In the tower the bell ringers put us in celebratory mood, as face painting went on in the nave and tea was laid out in the church. The original plan for an outdoor party was abandoned under grey wet skies, but in the church people were thrown together and able to mix perhaps more freely than if they had sat at separate tables on the Green. Residents and relatives of all ages were relaxed in their sharing and conversation.

The tables in both the nave and chancel were heaving with festive food donated by all who came, and no one went out hungry. The tea party team had provided red, white and blue decorations and many of those attending chose to wear these colours too. A very high proportion of villagers joined in, and this included people who had travelled up from the Locks.

The tea ended with John Townley playing the National Anthem on the "roller organ" which his grandfather had played in 1953, followed by the singing of "Land of hope and glory" led by Linda Treacey.

Those who were hardy (or foolhardy?) then braved the elements with boots and umbrellas to visit the seven gardens open during the evening. At least the plants were looking fresh!

While these activities were in full swing, the photographers took the opportunity to take their last pictures for the Whilton Diamond Jubilee Book, "Whilton Parish", which was duly published later in the month. This has made a suitable ending for this special occasion, which saw Whilton at its best working together for the enjoyment of all.

There was so much generosity of spirit that it would be inappropriate to name the many volunteers, but we thank the Village Hall Committee for organising the event and the Parish Council for their financial support.

WHILTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE BOOK

The new book of photographs, "Whilton Parish", was published just after the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June. It celebrates the parish as it is in 2012. All the photos were taken in the first half of the year and include views looking into and out from the village, buildings in the village and at the Locks, the people who live and work here and events which took place from January to June.

The book has proved very popular, costing £20.50. It is just possible that there may be one or two copies still available at this price. Please contact me to find out. Otherwise it may be ordered at an increased cost at <http://www.blurb.com/user/store/NeilPhillips>.

However, you may be interested in acquiring a de-luxe copy, which is now available. The hardback book is 12" square and weighs in at a hefty 264 pages and costs about £115.00 - an equally hefty price tag, but it does include all of the photos from the original book in large format. It would make a wonderful coffee table volume or a gift for a special occasion. If you would like to see or purchase this rather special book, please contact Neil Phillips.

You may also be interested in buying an individual photo from the book or from the exhibition in the Village Hall. Some would make very good Christmas presents. These are available from the three photographers. If you know who took the photo you would like, then please contact that photographer. If you are not sure, Neil Phillips will be happy to sort out your needs.

We are all indebted to the three photographers who spent so many hours producing this book, which has brought pleasure and interest to us all.

Anthea Hiscock
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- Richard Patching, The Thatched Cottage: richard.patching@me.com
- Neil Phillips, Cottam: neiljphillips@hotmail.com. Telephone 844182.

News from the Parish Council

I would like to publicly record my appreciation to all Councillors for attending extra meetings earlier in the year so that we could address the shortcomings identified in the previous year's audit reports. Our hard work paid off as the Council has received excellent audit reports from both the internal and external auditors for the past financial year. Not that we can rest on our laurels for long, as budget preparation will commence during this quarter. Although we have some reserves we can draw on, it will be a very tight budget indeed if we want to keep council tax increases to a minimum!

The reason for this is that, further my article in the previous newsletter on the current 80 Watt Mercury streetlamps becoming obsolete in 2015, I have now been advised by E-On that their stock of 80 watt lamps may run out sooner than anticipated, which means that we will have to budget for upgrading the remaining 12 lamps to more energy-efficient, 36watt PL-L gear in head lanterns with photo electric cell control during the coming financial year, rather than split it over two years and run the risk of the lamps not being available when we need to replace them.

MGWSP Northamptonshire Highways has managed to secure funding for the installation of a new section to bypass the drain that keeps blocking up on the bend in Brington Lane, near Kunda Cottage - fingers crossed that it will sort out all the drainage problems experienced by residents of Brington Lane! They will also be replacing the pipe which blocks up with tree roots from adjoining willow trees opposite the carpet shop and under the large rail bridge at Whilton Locks. Weather permitting, work will commence in the first half of September. Maps indicating the scope of proposed work to be undertaken can be viewed on the village website and on notice boards.

Lastly, the Parish Council has adopted a zero tolerance approach to antisocial behaviour and criminal damage to village property. Repairs to property are costly and it has a direct impact on the council tax payable by all residents. As a result, it has been decided to hold the parents of under-aged children liable for any damage caused by their children. We urge all residents to help us bring this unacceptable behaviour under control, by reporting culprits to myself or any of the councillors.

Erica Fothergill

Clerk/RFO

Whilton Parish Council

Have your say

On the 15th November a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Northamptonshire will be elected and will replace Northamptonshire Police Authority. All eligible voters in Northamptonshire will be able to vote.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be accountable for how crime is tackled across the County, and it is their role to represent the views of the public in relation to policing. A key area of their work will be around how they involve the public in their decision making.

Therefore Northamptonshire Police and Police Authority are asking you to **have your say** on policing and community safety.

You can do this by:

- Taking part on our online survey by going onto www.northants.police.uk
- Requesting a postal version of the survey, for copies of the survey please contact Jane Follows on 01604 888113
- Or if you would prefer to respond collectively with friends or family, or as part of a group, you can request a "have your say" pack from Jane Follows on 01604 888113
- Alternatively you can post your comments on the Police Facebook page www.facebook.com/northantspolice

The feedback from this consultation will help inform the PCC when setting their priorities for crime and policing for 2013/14. In addition the feedback will also help inform the work of the 6 Community Safety Partnerships across the County (Community Safety Partnerships consist of, in addition to the Police and Police Authority, representatives from local councils, NHS, Probations and others). The deadline date for taking part in this consultation is the **5th October 2012**.

10 things you should know about Police and Crime Commissioners:

- They will be in office for a term of four years
- They will hold the Chief Constable to account
- They will set how much you pay towards policing in your Council Tax
- They will set the Police and Crime Plan for the County
- They will hold funding for community safety work
- They will promote and enable joined up working on community safety and criminal justice
- They will have a duty to consult with you about your priorities
- They will need to produce an annual report on what they have done
- Anyone in the County can be nominated (subject to conditions)
- The PCC will be held to account by a Police and Crime Panel made up of local Councillors, and independent members of the community.

For more information please visit www.northantspcc.org.uk or telephone 01604 888113.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED FOR WHILTON

Since our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator resigned in June, no one has offered to fill this voluntary position. This is a valuable, but not a time consuming duty, as is illustrated by the crime figures below.

If you would be interested in filling the vacancy, or just finding out more, Ros Gardner would be happy to provide details. Ros can be contacted on 01327 842324.

Our PCSO, Sarah Gray, can be contacted via the 101 non-emergency number or Twitter DB7207 or e-mail: sarah.gray @northants.pnn.police.uk

The dedicated Neighbourhood Watch line is 01604 432436, the non-emergency line for crimes and other matters is 101 and 999 should be used for emergencies.

Whilton Police Report from PCSO Sarah Gray July 2012

Crime figures for this month for the villages within the Crick Beat, including the crime figures for the entire Crick Beat as a comparison. The villages in this beat are Long Buckby, West Haddon, Yelvertoft, Lilborne, Whilton, Clay Coton, Stanford on Avon, Watford, Elkington Winwick, Crick and Kilsby

Whilton		Entire Beat	
Burglary Dwelling	0	Burglary Dwelling	1 1 Attempted
Burglary Non Dwelling	0	Burglary Non Dwelling	3
Criminal Damage	1 Arrested 1 Locks	Criminal Damage	5
Theft from a Vehicle	0	Theft from a Vehicle	9 – of which 4 Catalytic Converters
Theft of Vehicle	0	Theft of Vehicle	3
Drugs Offences	0	Drugs Offences	2
Theft	0	Theft	5
Vehicle Interference	0	Vehicle Interference	0
Other Offences	0	Other Offences	13
A01 for ASB	0	A01 for ASB	0



TUESDAY CHAT



This is still being enthusiastically attended and future dates have now been planned –

The venue is the Village Hall at 2.30pm and the dates are:

Tuesdays: 18th September, 16th October and 13th November.

There is a small charge of £1.50 per person to cover the rent for the Village Hall. Do come along and join us for tea, cakes and above all **CHAT**

WHILTON SUMMER SOCIAL LUNCH

This was held on 5th July this year and was very successful. We enjoyed gammon and a savoury cheese and onion tart with fresh vegetables and salad. As usual there was a choice of three desserts including summer pudding- all very suitable for the time of the year. There were also fruit drinks for refreshment and the meal ended with coffee and chocolate mints.

The next Social Lunch is planned for Thursday, 13th December 2012. We are hoping this will have a Christmas theme.

If you would like to join us, there will be more information nearer the time.

Whilton Social Group

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB - 2012 /2013

April 2012

1 st Prize	175	P Webster
2 nd Prize	068	T Price

May 2012

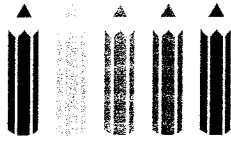
1 st Prize	022	G Morris
2 nd Prize	069	G Haynes

June 2012

1 st Prize	143	L Johnson
2 nd Prize	070	M Kane

Congratulations to all the prize winners

Whilton Village Hall Management Committee



Brington and Whilton Pre-School

The Village Hall, Whilton, Nr Daventry, Northants

Spaces available for September

For children 2 years and over.

Join a local pre-school offering excellent education and care.
Led by very well qualified and caring staff.

Children enjoy a variety of activities including small world play, role play, construction, crafts and physical play.

Monday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch,
Wednesday 9.30am – 1.00pm including lunch,
and Friday 9.30am – 12 noon.

For further information or to visit – contact Jenny Holman 01604 770083.

We cannot believe we are once again saying bye-bye to our children going to school – we are sending eight children up to school in September. It has been an enjoyable year, seeing the children develop and grow in confidence in many different areas. We wish them all well at their new schools.

We are starting the new school term with a good number of children and a dedicated team of staff who will be working hard to implement the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework as this all changes from September 2012. We are also awaiting a visit from Ofsted so there will be no resting on our laurels, they could be with us any day soon!



Before Pre-school finished for the summer break, we held a sponsored bike ride at Brington School.

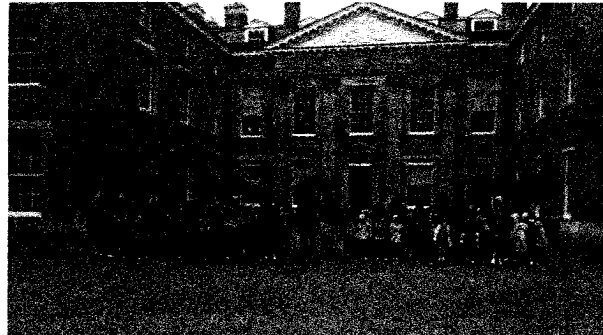
Luckily the weather was kind to us, and the children enjoyed a glorious morning cycling in the school playground.

Following the bike ride the pre-school also held a 'strawberries and cream' stall at the school's second hand clothes sale. Altogether the event raised a wonderful £220 for the pre-school.

NEWS FROM BRINGTON SCHOOL

WHAT A YEAR!

It has been a very busy and exciting year at Brington Primary School. We are delighted with the way our Creative Curriculum has been received by the children, staff, parents and governors and it is fantastic hearing the children each morning express their excitement about the day of learning ahead. We celebrated our Fantastic Finish at Althorp House a couple of weeks ago with a day of sports and Olympic activities including a visit from the Olympic torch. It was a fabulous day despite the awful weather and one that will not be forgotten.



We are very pleased to say that we have had four new pupils start at the school during the year and, for the first time in a very long time, have a waiting list for the reception class in September.

We have been very busy over the last few weeks celebrating the achievements of our children, especially the year 6s, who leave us as confident, capable individuals ready for the next stage of their educational journey. We wish them all well in the future.

THE BIG READ

It has been fantastic to have so many members of the local community join us for the Big Read on a Wednesday afternoon at 3.00pm. Please do join us any week you are free, you won't be asked to read out loud or tell us about what you have just read! Just come and relax with your book, kindle or newspaper for 15 minutes of uninterrupted reading!



AND FINALLY

The staff, pupils and I wish you all have a very happy summer and hope we finally get some summer weather!

Ringling in the 2012 Olympics.

Out of the early morning mist figures came scurrying towards the village church on Friday 27th July. They gathered quietly in the tower and there was an air of expectation as the minutes ticked by and a radio was played to make sure that Whilton's watches and national time were co-ordinated. As I watched, there were quick last minute reminders of the technique required and with one minute to go each ringer took up position. At precisely 8.12 a.m. the chiming began, loud and clamorous, and surprisingly exciting.

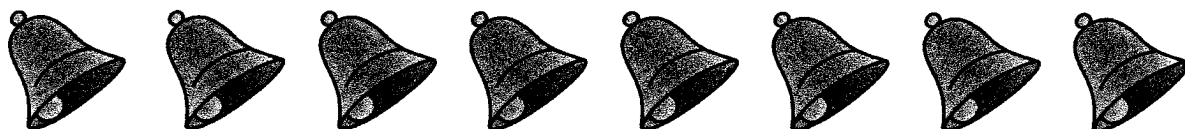
Outside the chiming reverberated in the still air, while the ringers exerted themselves for three minutes along with many thousands of others across the country. This was the opening day of the 2012 Olympics.

All eight of Whilton's bells were in use, with a variety of ages ringing, the youngest being eight year old Hannah Baker. With her were Janet Bowers, Gill and Steve Martin, Theresa Baker, Lisa Johnson, Lily and Chloe Cuthbertson. But Whilton's ringers had assisted two other towers. Janet Bowers had trained the Brington ringers on the previous day, because chiming is not a regular bell ringing activity. Justin and Miles Baker were not in Whilton, but had gone to help Norton, so that they too could chime on this morning.

Those who heard the bells will have realised that chiming is really just making a noise, but it is very hard work as the ringers have no break at all while chiming, and are controlling the bell so that the hammer taps on the side constantly. Being an onlooker, the effort was evident, but the clanging sound was a most effective way of waking us all up for the Games.

Thank you, bell ringers, for an impressive performance.

Anthea Hiscock





WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



And still the rain keeps coming, are we down hearted? Well yes, just a bit. Green seems to be the colour for 2012 and at least some plants seem to have enjoyed the prolonged watering.

On 13th June Stuart Phillips gave 21 members a demonstration and talk on propagation. As usual his straight forward approach gave us all the opportunity to try things ourselves which included guessing the three essential items in his garden shed:

1. Microwave oven
2. Fridge
3. Hand vacuum cleaner (Puzzled? Ask a member.)

In July we were invited to visit a private garden at East Haddon Hall (22 attended). The garden was very good especially the magnificent old trees. As we gazed across the Ha Ha the weather had the last laugh because the heavens opened so we all ran for shelter in the greenhouse where we stayed for about an hour. We kept up our spirits with a few glasses of wine and refreshments, the only thing missing was the sing song but we didn't want to break the glass!

August 1st was another well attended visit to Jenny Dix's Bay Tree Nursery at Farthingstone. (No rain this time.) After being treated to hand made chocolates and a brief talk we all toured the small garden and polytunnels purchasing plants for our own gardens and finishing in the kitchen with a quiz and refreshments. Jenny also runs numerous workshops which can be found on her web site.

Congratulations to the winners of
The best hanging basket – Max Middleton
The best front of house - Kathleen Wright
Both gardens are on South View



Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd October - Colin Lill on Hedgehogs in the Garden. Village Hall at 7.30.pm
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

5th December - Members' Christmas Supper & Social in the Village Hall at 7 pm
MEMBERS ONLY

Contact tel: 07921 429228 or 01327 844673

FOCUS ON THE LOCKS

The parish of Whilton has two centres, both of which have their own character. The village is mainly residential and the Locks are more of a retail and business centre with the attraction of the canal for leisure.

The Editors hope that we can feature aspects of the Locks, as businesses provide information, and remind us of the services and activities available in that part of the parish.

WHILTON MILL

Whilton Mill runs a Karting and Corporate Hospitality business and has now been running for 21 years.

Its international circuit is now among the best in the country, holding regular national championships. The Mill caters for drivers from the age of 6 years and for groups from 1 to 2000.

All the employees are local, many over the years coming from Whilton, Daventry, Long Buckby and Great Brington.

For further information the address is:

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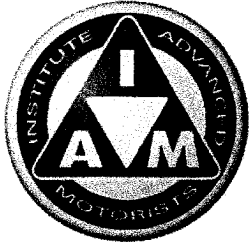
CANAL TURN FARM SHOP

Canal Turn Farm Shop was opened by Tim and Dawn Lever in spring 2012, predominantly selling our home produced free range pork and lamb. We also stock free range eggs. The emphasis is on the welfare of our animals which in turn translates into tasty meat.

All cuts are available including sausages, and dry cured bacon.
Orders to your own requirements are available by telephoning Dawn on 07976 550481
Open six days a week.

Visit us on the web @ <http://www.canalturnfarmshop.co.uk/>.

REVERSING BAD HABITS



Here's a question for you:

What does the expression Advanced Driver conjure up?

A driver self righteously dawdling along annoying other road users....?

Wrong.

So the weekly one to one tuition sessions continue. I have to unlearn bad habits like pulling on the handbrake without pressing in the button (I liked the positive sound and feel of it and I haven't worn out a handbrake yet). Comfort braking, does exactly what it says on the tin but a bad habit nevertheless. I don't brake for long enough to slow the car but it gives me comfort and confidence that I'm really not going too fast for the next bend. I won't go on, there are far too many to list and, having unlearned the bad habits, I have to learn and embed good habits so that they become the norm. After a couple of weeks my driving feels contrived, awkward and unnatural. I seriously wonder about giving up but ever patient John encourages and coaches and gradually I turn a metaphoric corner with fewer relapses.

Then John spoils it all by mentioning the T word, "You need to apply for your driving test." Worse to come, "By the way, one of our associates has just passed her test with a First: she scored Excellent in all 27 categories." Hmm, no pressure then!

The dreaded day dawns, though only the examiner and I know. I'm so nervous and I've told no one so that if I fail I can quietly book another test. One and a half hours later we pull up, he shakes my hand and tells me I've passed. Not quite a First but I'm happy with the result. He writes on my report that I'm a confident driver whereas the last hour and a half has been nerve wracking. Truth is I deserve an Oscar for my charade. Phew.

So, actually an advanced driver:

- Enjoys driving at pace and within the speed limit
- Doesn't annoy other road users
- Gives their passengers a safer and smoother ride
- Is 70% less likely to crash their car than an ordinary driver

If you are interested in finding out more the website for the Northampton group is <http://www.iamnpton.org.uk/> Free assessment drives are available on the first Sunday of each month.

Bob's Driver

Rectory News



Dear Everyone

Many of us have been waiting all the summer for exam results, for ourselves or for someone we know and care about. We have a built in desire to do well, to succeed, to get the grades we want. I guess that comes from an instinct of survival.

The press seems to highlight stories that the grades aren't as good as they were last year and so there will be numerous appeals, because schools, parents and pupils think there has been some unfair grading.

Christ's message is that our relationship with God is what really matters, the God, who carries us through the bad times as well

as the good times. He doesn't reject us for not making the grade; he cares for us whatever assessment we're given.

Congratulations to all those with grades they are pleased with..... and congratulations to all those who would have preferred something better..... God cares and loves us all. Makes sure you work on getting a good relationship with God! That matters more than grades!

Sue

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St. Andrew's Church – Fundraising and Social Events

Autumn Quiz

The Spring Quiz was so popular that we're planning to run another quiz in the Autumn. Keep an eye open for further details and be sure to book and pay for your tickets quickly as numbers are strictly limited.

Whilton Car Boot

Sadly we had to cancel the car boot sale scheduled for the end of April due to the awful weather.

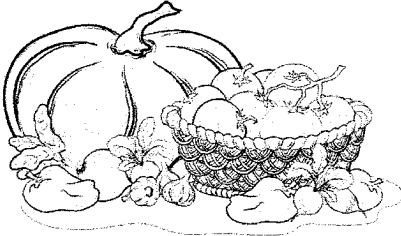
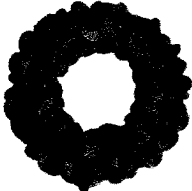
We're hoping to reschedule in early Autumn.

Date for your diary:

The Harvest Festival and Supper will be held on Sunday 30th September. The service will start at 4.30 pm followed shortly afterwards by the supper and auction of produce in the village hall.

**Schedule of Services at St Andrew's Church, Whilton,
and Benefice Services
2 September - 11 November 2012**

The whole benefice joins together for a service on the first Sunday of the month. Sunday Schools are great fun with lots of fun things for the youngsters to do.

Sunday 2 September	10 a.m.	Special Service at East Haddon. Benefice Eucharist with six people being confirmed by the Bishop of Brixworth — with a Sunday School.
Sunday 9 September	6 p.m.	Evening Praise
Sunday 16 September	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns
Sunday 23 September	11 a.m.	Worship for All
Sunday 30 September	4.30 p.m.	Harvest Festival followed by harvest supper in the Village Hall and an exciting auction of produce – come and watch how much a Whilton marrow fetches!
		
Sunday 7 October	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist with Sunday School at Brampton
Sunday 14 October	11 a.m.	Worship for All
Sunday 21 October	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns
Sunday 28 October	11 a.m.	Worship for All
Sunday 4 November	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist with Sunday School at Brington
Sunday 11 November	6 p.m.	Service for Remembrance Sunday
		

FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to the new residents who have moved into several houses during the summer. We hope you will soon feel at home here.

Congratulations to **Gill and Steve Martin** on becoming grandparents of twin girls, Martha and Louise, born on 31 July to their daughter in law, Victoria and son, Mark.

Congratulations to the Price family, on the birth of a baby son to Bea, a grandson for Tom and Penny.

Congratulations to:

Mrs Ivy Jane Clements, known to many as Jinny, who celebrated her 100th birthday on 15 June 2012. Born Ivy Jane Gardner in 1912, she was named after the cottage where she was born, Ivy Cottage, Norton.

She married Horace Clements of Whilton Locks and moved to this parish, where she has lived ever since, now living in the bungalow Horace built after the war.

As far as we can tell, she is the only person in Whilton to have reached this great age, making this a very special event, celebrated by her family and friends, and the ringing of the church bells.

A birthday picture with her card from the Queen



EXAM RESULTS

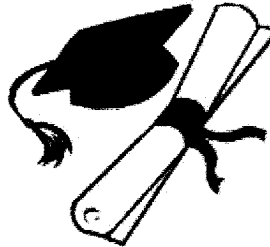
There are a number of educational achievements to include in this edition.

We hope we have included all those who have graduated this summer, but please do let the editors know if we have inadvertently missed someone. We know there are other Whilton young people soon to complete their qualifications and if you have recently qualified, we should be very happy to add more to this list in our next Newsletter.

We congratulate:

Matthew Battison who is off to study at Clare College, Cambridge.

We also congratulate the following young people of Whilton, all of whom spent some of their school years at Brington School, and who have achieved the following qualifications this year:



Juliet Bunce, who has achieved a 2.1. in Business and Law at the University of the West of England.

Marcus Grant, who has been working in Northamptonshire, and last year achieved his HNC in Civil Engineering, supported by his employers, MGWSP.

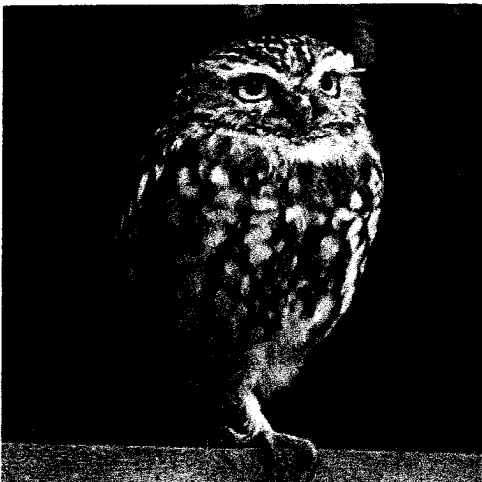
Jessica Hawkins who has achieved a 2.1 in her degree in Fashion and Textiles at the University of the West of England. She will now be embarking on a PGCE in Technology at the same university.

Charles Hill, who has achieved a 1st in Economics from Swansea University and will be working locally as an accountant.

Hannah James who has just completed her History of Art and Classical Civilisation degree at Birmingham achieving a 2.1.

Tom Kane, who has achieved a 2.1 in his degree in Economics at Liverpool University, and who is about to begin working in the Finance Department of Bosch.

Rochelle Lye who has achieved a 2.1 in her degree in Journalism at Northampton University. She will now be undertaking a course in shorthand.



Another family WHILTON LITTLE OWLS

In the Diamond Jubilee Book, "Whilton Parish," a tree was shown, which until recently had stood in Carpenters Field, and had been the home of little owls.

The Townley family are happy to report that the owls have found a new home in the ash tree at the bottom of the field near John and Isobel's house. In addition they have had two young ones, so that now there is a family of four.

MORE POEMS FROM JOAN DAVIES

The first poem, "Friar" was written in 1940. The second, "Smokey", was written in two parts, the first in 1952, and the last in 2007. Joan's beloved horses are the subject of both poems.

FRIAR

Friar old boy, you make my heart feel sad,
Because I think it's time you ought to go.
You're tired and yet you still hold up your head,
You're thin and all your limbs are stiff, I know.

When you were young, you shied and pranced around and pulled,
Your eyes shone bright, you tossed your mane so gay.
I cursed your cheeky ways, but I was filled
With proud delight at all your harmless play.

Before you feel your age, we'll make the end,
Because your steps are slow your work is past,
And so, although you are my dearest friend,
We have to part, my mind's made up at last.

You never knew when that dreaded moment came,
But calmly stood to take the blow.
When you were stiff forever – your form grew dim,
My tears poured forth, I was full of woe.

With heavy steps I came home from the field
With empty halter and a new pound note;
A poor exchange – and yet my clothes still held
The smell of horse and white hairs from your coat.

Tonight I hear the rain come streaming down
In torrents, as though it will never cease,
And you, instead of hunched up in that rain,
Are in your dreamland, in the world of peace.

By Joan Davies.
1940

SMOKEY

*While I watch you lovely Smokey
As you stand so quietly there,
Some verses come into my head that
I'll whisper in your ear.*

*When the dew was on the grass
And it was early morn,
I waited there behind the hedge
And watched you being born.*

*The sweetest little chocolate foal
You lay upon the ground
And while your mother fondled you
You gazed and gazed around.*

*With some efforts and some struggling
You found that you could stand,
So patting you, I left you
As you couldn't bear my hand.*

*In a day or two I thought it time
To put a halter on,
But you hated being handled and
Your eyes with fury shone.*

*And round and round the box you went
Trying hard to hide your head,
To avoid the horrid halter,
And the thought of being led.*

*Your took the saddle willingly
And soon were safe to ride
And exercising round the farm
Took fences in your stride.*

*You had a lovely temperament,
Sp willing and so bold,
I was filled with pride when manners came
And you performed as you were told.*

*But out with hounds was not so good.
You had a nasty trick,
Instead of going smoothly,
You preferred to plunge and kick.*

*This was only youthfulness
And surely would not last.
Eventually you would mend your ways
And move on true and fast.*

*You fought and reared and tumbled down
All horrid tricks you tried,
Just to show me you resented it,
But soon you lost your pride.*

*And very soon from place to place
Would trot as good as gold,
Having learnt that it was easier
To do as you were told.*

*The weeks went by, then gradually
Your chocolate coat gave way,
In a most untidy fashion leaving
You a Smokey grey.*

*Your mother never faltered
To teach you to be fast,
And we'd hear the thundering of your hooves
As you both galloped past.*

*Round and round the field she'd go
With you spread out behind,
Giving you your exercise to
Strengthen limbs and wind.*

By Mrs M J Davies unfinished 1952.

*One day you suffered colic;
Vets relieved you of some pain
And although I kept you moving,
All my efforts were in vain.*

*By evening you were easier,
Your sweating coat had dried,
And you were standing peacefully,
But in the night you died.*

*Oh, how I missed you, Smokey.
You really were the best,
So friendly and amenable,
Too soon you are at rest.*

By Mrs M J Davies 2007

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The society met on 12th July 2012 to hear a talk by Barry Smith on **“RIDGE AND FURROW”**. Although there was a good attendance from Whilton, our numbers were swelled by a large company from other villages mainly from the farming community, who were keen to hear Barry speak. They were not disappointed, although the hall was so full that there was standing room only at the back!

With his experience of farming and his training in historical geography, Barry gave a lively and educational account of the landscape which surrounds Whilton and many other West Northamptonshire villages. He explained the system of communal farming in great open fields, which were probably laid out as early as the 6th to 8th centuries AD. Each farmer's "yardland" consisted of many strips in different parts of the fields, so that, at least at first, each had a fair share of fertile, poor, boggy or well drained soil. He described how the ploughing by a team of oxen created the long s-shaped raised strips, the ridges, and how the furrows beside them were good for drainage, and also helped to mark one strip from another, delineating ownership.

Medieval farmers sowed their seed by broadcasting or scattering it by hand, and then treading it in, perhaps a job for children. The harvest was very limited, providing only a tiny fraction of what would be expected today, and a run of bad weather, or a season of poor seed could decimate these poor crops. As agricultural improvements began to create new possibilities, there was more discontent with this old system, until finally the open fields were enclosed by fences and hedges and came into private ownership. Whilton was enclosed in 1778. This was done by Act of Parliament and organised and supervised by commissioners. This caused problems in some places, where especially the poorer people saw there was disadvantage to them.

As enclosing of open fields became more common, so too the canals were being built, and these were the means by which grain from the Baltic and Europe could be brought into the Midlands. There was less demand for home grown grain. Thus enclosed pasture for meat production took over from the huge open arable fields. However, when Napoleon's blockade led to a drop in imports to 5% of what had been coming in, there was a sudden need to provide more wheat for bread and barley for beer. In some parishes the ridge and furrow was adjusted to be flatter for new grain growing; where this was successful it brought huge wealth to the farmers who could do this. In fact they sometimes incorporated the name "Gold" into their field names, giving an indication of how good their profits were!

Throughout the talk Barry illustrated his points with slides of local places. We saw aerial and ground level views of ridges and furrows, examples of baulks and headlands, and the flat areas where grain would have been stored in thatched ricks before being threshed during the winter.

After taking in all this fascinating information, we were provided with refreshments and delicious cakes by Mary Emery to end a very successful evening.

Anthea Hiscock

Whilton Local History Society autumn events

There will be two meetings of the Society this autumn, as follows, and all are welcome to attend:

WHO WAS WHO IN SOUTH VIEW? A history of South View from the 18th century to the present



**Thursday 13th September 2012.
7.30 p.m.**

Whilton Village Hall

All are welcome.

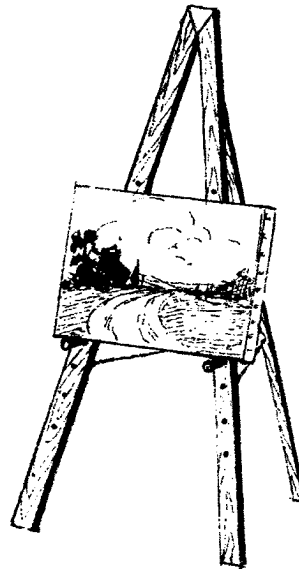
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**Whilton Local History Society
presents**

THE ART OF WHILTON

**In the Village Hall
7.30 p.m.
Thursday 29th November 2012**

Admission: £1.50



**An opportunity to look at ways in which Whilton
has been depicted in the past
and
to see some of the art work produced
by people who have lived in Whilton.**

**If you have a painting or drawing, which could be shown on this
evening, or if you know someone who has, please e-mail:
anthea.hiscock@tiscali.co.uk
or ring 843319.**

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Continuing our story...

The Dark Stranger – Part II

So the Dark Stranger had arrived and would remain.

Theirs was a very fraught household over the following days. The Stranger was relaxed and confident, made himself very much at home. He ate well, slept soundly and, combined with plenty of exercise, the skeletal torso filled out so that he now looked toned and well, though annoyingly the straggly beard remained.

Of those around him the people were tense and in a constant state of alert trying to head off confrontations before they came to a head. The normally placid Bertie was short tempered and prone to lash out, Norman just hid himself away and avoided any confrontation. It was Pip, with her unseeing eyes, who was the first to decide enough was enough and to ignore the Stranger rather than be intimidated by him. For the people this seemed a huge breakthrough and gradually life began to return to normal, or at any rate what would now pass for normal.

Sasha's Column

Hello everyone it's me again. The past couple of months have been brilliant. I have been doing really well with my diet getting to my lowest weight yet and I would just like to say thank you very much to all of those that have stopped me to say how well I have been doing.

So as the diet is on a roll and all sorts of new training, which was mentioned in the last edition, are out of the window, it's time for me to try something different. My new task is getting my teeth cleaned.

For those who know me well, I am not the most obedient dog in the village, so sitting still for even a second is really hard. It is up to my mum or my sister to get clean with the other trying to hold me still. It's a sight worth seeing I am sure.

However, it's not that bad. I mean no one likes having something alien rolling about in their mouth but it is helped by a special poultry flavoured toothpaste, which to me is lovely, but to the rest of the family is something to turn stomachs. Now some of you may not know this but chicken is one of my favourite foods, so mum is not sure if this is a blessing or a hindrance as I spend most of the time, licking my teeth and any toothpaste around my mouth, rather than bare my teeth. But at least I like the flavour.

Personally I would prefer to munch on those doggie Dental Sticks. But according to the people at the Vets, they don't work that well and also they may have been the cause for me to put on weight. So I guess that will be the last time I clean my teeth using food.

Oh well as the humans say, onwards and upwards. Hopefully I can update you very soon with more news on how well my diet is progressing. Hope to see some of you in the village very soon.

Rochelle's Update

Hello everyone.

Since the last newsletter I have finally had my graduation and it was the best day of my life.

After meeting friends we scurried over to get our gowns and mortarboards. Of course the first thing to go through your mind is sheer panic over two things. One in that they didn't receive your order or two that you measured yourself wrong and something doesn't fit. So when I finally got my gown and mortar board on I could relax a bit, even though the hat was a bit too big.

Then it was time for the photographs, where we kept swishing the gowns about us saying how we felt like we were at Hogwarts and somehow within a few minutes we would become magical and be off to some mythical world. Sadly that wasn't the case, as graduates and their family loaded buses which took us all to the Royal and Derngate theatre.

A couple of free cupcakes and drinks later and it was time to go in. Sitting with your fellow graduates gave you a huge sense of achievement and as some sat down the tears were beginning to be fought back. The lecturers appeared and there was an almighty roar as their students cheered them in thanks for getting them to the seat where they sat.

When I finally was about to go on stage the only thing I could think about was how to get up the stairs gracefully. The answer was to grab on to both rails and haul myself up like a hiker climbing a mountain. My emotions ran high as my name was called and then I was off the stage and it was all over. My future is out there somewhere. I may have to wait a little while until I become a journalist, but all in all it was a great day, and I am very excited about the future.

FUN STUFF

This issue it's all about going back to school and harvest time. As the summer holidays are almost over, the farmers face one of their busiest times of the year.....see how many things you can think of about the harvest festival.



Back to School Jokes....

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses? *Because her class was so bright.*

What is a butterfly's favourite subject at school? *Moathamatics.*

How do bees get to school? *By school buzz.*

Teacher: James, where is your homework?

James: I ate it.

Teacher: Why?

James: You said it was a piece of cake!

Using the letters from 'Harvest Festival' what words or phrases can you think of to do with harvest time? Or could you make a poem from the letters? We'd love to see what you come up with, and if you send them back to us you could be in the next issue of Whilton Newsletter.

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All About Me!

This page is for you – the children of Whilton to tell us about you. You can include photos, drawings, games or anything else you want to share. We're looking for lots of ideas so please get in touch with anything you want to include.

Introducing.....

This issue the focus is on going back to school. Maddy Healey has shared her thoughts as she moves into secondary education, leaving Brington Primary behind.

I was a pupil at Brington Primary School from Reception to when I finished Year 6 this summer. I am going to Champion School in September.

It's very exciting going to a new school but quite sad leaving a school I have been at for so long. Brington is a lovely school and I enjoyed it lots. I was sad to leave on my last day and I will miss the school and everyone in it. The teachers have been very kind and I have learnt a lot from them.

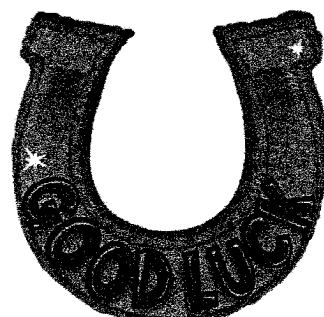
I am very excited to go to my new school. I had loads of fun on my induction day and met new friends who I am looking forward to meeting again in September. I think the subject I am looking forward to most is art because it is fun and creative.

Champion is much bigger than Brington. I hope I find my way around. I am really happy to be going up to Champion very soon.

Maddy Healey

Whilton

We would like to wish Good Luck to Maddy and also to Claire Townley who both left Brington Primary this summer and both continue their secondary education at Champion School.





Daventry Area Community Transport



Daventry Area Community Transport (DACT) is an Industrial & Provident Society 27663R (DACT is an Exempt Charity, HMRC Reference No. XR 64125, Granting Charitable Status for Tax Purposes by HMRC) that was set up in 1993 to provide community transport services to the Daventry District. This is quite a challenge as the Daventry District covers 267 Square miles, one of the largest districts in the country! We exist to provide the community with a variety of transport and mobility solutions.

*We are a charitable organisation wholly supported by grants, *donations and the dedication of our volunteer drivers. Consequently, we are able to provide our transport services at costs substantially less than most alternative forms of fare paying transport. * DACT can reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs under the Gift Aid scheme, increasing the value of donations from UK tax payers by 22%.*

Volunteers are the life blood of DACT. Our volunteers give up their time to support the community. These are the people that are a key factor in the success of DACT. (In 2011/12. our volunteers carried out 53,643 hours of volunteering to deliver our services.)

There are many reasons why people choose to do voluntary work. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and have a wide range of personal interests. Each volunteer decides how much time he or she wants to spend doing volunteer work – it may be a few hours a week or it may be much more. Volunteers may want to support the Car Scheme whilst others may prefer to drive our Community Minibuses, some may wish to do both. Alternatively they may prefer to work in Shopmobility. It is very much a personal choice.

Each of our volunteers will derive their own rewards and experiences during their time with DACT but all benefit from the satisfaction that they get from being able to help other people. Many bonds and friendships are often formed both within the DACT organisation and with the people it supports.

If you are interested in supporting DACT in any way please give us a ring on 01327 701665

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The next issue will be the Winter Edition, covering December 2012 – February 2013. The last date for contributions will be 20th November 2012.

Whilton is also proud of its website – www.whilton-village.net. This contains details of the organizations in the parish, previous Parish Council Minutes and Newsletters, latest news and a very comprehensive Picture Gallery. If you have the facility, why not take a look at the content?

WHAT'S ON IN WHILTON? AUTUMN 2012

Events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

Sun	2	Sept	10 a.m.	Benefice Sung Eucharist at East Haddon with Confirmation & a Sunday School too
Sun	9	Sept	6 p.m.	Evening Praise at St Andrew's Church
Wed	12	Sept	7 p.m.	Whilton Parish Council meeting
Thurs	13	Sept	7.30 p.m.	Whilton Local History Society: Who was who in South View?
Sun	16	Sept	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns at St Andrew's Church
Tues	18	Sept	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Tuesday Chat
Sat	22	Sept	2.20-2.40p.m.	Mobile Library at The Green
Sun	23	Sept	11 a.m.	Worship for all at St Andrew's Church
Sun	30	Sept	4.30 p.m.	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church followed by Harvest Supper and Auction in the Village Hall.
Wed	3	Oct	7.30 p.m.	Whilton Gardeners' Association: Hedgehogs in the garden
Sun	7	Oct	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist with Sunday School at Brampton
Sun	14	Oct	11 a.m.	Worship for All at St. Andrew's Church
Tues	16	Oct	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Tuesday Chat
Sun	21	Oct	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion with hymns at St Andrew's Church
Sat	27	Oct	2.20-2.40p.m.	Mobile Library at The Green
Sun	28	Oct	11 a.m.	Worship for All at St Andrew's Church
Sun	4	Nov	10 a.m.	Benefice Eucharist at Brington
Sun	11	Nov	6 p.m.	Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church
Tues	13	Nov	2.30 – 4 p.m.	Tuesday Chat
Wed	14	Nov	7 p.m.	Whilton Parish Council meeting
Sun	18	Nov		Church service to be arranged.
Sat	24	Nov	2.20-2.40p.m.	Mobile Library at The Green
Sun	25	Nov		Church service to be arranged.
Thurs	29	Nov	7.30 p.m.	Whilton Local History Society: The art of Whilton