

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

APRIL AND MAY 2011

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB-2011/2012

This 200 club was started nearly 20 years ago and has proved to be a valuable asset and has enabled us to improve and modernise our building.

It is still very necessary to continue the 200 Club as all costs are increasing, (as with our own homes) and the rents only just cover the necessary expenses.

1st April is now the start of 2011/2012 collections and our volunteers will be round shortly to collect your money.

There has been a considerable reduction in tickets taken up since inception and in many instances due to reasons beyond our control.

Those members who didn't renew last year may like to reconsider supporting the 200 Club (Contact Organisers Derek & Shirley Brown 842968).

Maybe the holders of only one ticket would consider taking out an additional ticket and we are sure the person collecting will be only too pleased to make arrangements.

Based on the Membership numbers for 2010/2011 the prizes were 1st £45 & 2nd £25 And unless the membership number is maintained as a minimum, the level of prizes may have to be adjusted accordingly

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Our Rector is The Revd Sue Kipling who works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 770402 or E-mail: suekipling@btinternet.com

Dear Everyone,

Now we are in spring; the daffodils are out, the birds are singing and the evenings are light. Even on dull, chilly days, I feel a sense of joy that summer is on the way, good things are in store. The Church Year has the same feel. We may still be in Lent – that can have a bit of a dull, chilly feel to it – but we are beginning to think of Easter. For me the first sign that Easter is on the way is **Mothering Sunday**, which this year falls on **April 3rd**, a traditional time for families to come to church. A bit like the unwelcome frosts that come along to remind us that summer is not here yet, we have the sadness of Holy Week to go through, but soon, on April 24th, Easter Morning is here, the highlight of our Christian year as we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. The end of April will

be an eruption of celebration: Easter, then the royal wedding, then May bank holiday.

It seems that the ups and downs of the calendar, secular and religious, are like life, our own life and the life of the world. There are parts of the world that are at low points Japan, Afghanistan, Libya and we all can identify our own difficult times, but it is important to remember that celebratory times will eventually follow the lows. However depressed we may feel about our own life or the happening in the world, let us remember that the Christian message this spring is that Easter signifies the celebration of eternal life accessible to all.

When it comes, have a wonderful Easter!
Sue

Parish Council Notes

The last Parish Council was held on Monday 9 March 2011 when 6 parish councillors and 5 parishioners were present. The apologies of the Clerk were accepted as her son, who has leukaemia, was going to appear on television that evening.

A brief summary of the meeting –

Concern was raised at the damage to the grass bank in Main Street from lorries going to and from the building site at Rough Moor Grounds. Gratitude was expressed to those on the working party at the allotments.

There are some ½ plots available to rent at the allotments. How about growing your own vegetables this year? If anyone is interested please contact Alison Nicoll (Clerk) on 01327 879194.

The noise from Whilton Mill has become an increasing problem. Anyone aggrieved by this should complete a form and send their complaint to Ian Collings, Environmental Protection Officer at Daventry District Council and also send a copy to the Parish Council. Whilton Mill's owner has said that work is taking place to reposition speakers etc in order to reduce the noise to residents.

Sarah Gray is going to be holding a Police Surgery on Friday 1st April between 6-7pm at the Village Green, Whilton.

The Parish Council agreed to support Long Buckby and Norton to retain the D6 bus service.

A planning application had been received from Saxon Lifts, Whilton Locks to remove a tree at the edge of the canal. The Parish Council had no objection.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 11th May 2011** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Alison Nicoll
Parish Clerk

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Shirley & Derek Brown have been involved in the publication of Whilton Newsletter for a period 18 years and 11 of these years as Editors.

The time has arrived when they wish to retire and are seeking replacements to take over this duty and perhaps bring in fresh ideas and new publishing skills.

It is the intention to be involved in the issue of June/July edition after which they will retire. It is hoped that someone will come forward to takeover this very important role.

For further information please contact Shirley & Derek Brown.

NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

The NAB launched the Ball by Ball commentary service in 2008 and in 2011 are trying to make this facility known to as many potential listeners as possible.

BALL BY BALL COMMENTARY FOR THE BLIND

ADMISSION ONLY £5.00 per day

plus

FREE ADMISSION TO ANY CARER

FREE RECEIVERS AVAILABLE AT CLUB SHOP

CONTACT JOHN WOOD at NAB on 01604 719193 or Ray Foster on 01604 881532

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH NEWS

WANT TO MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH? Then come to the **CAR BOOT** on Sunday 8th May 1.00 – 4.00 pm in Wadd Close by kind permission of the Emery family. Enjoy pleasant country surroundings and relax with homemade cakes and refreshing cups of tea.

PRE-BOOK YOUR PITCH ON 01327 842851 or 01327 842034.

The charge payable on the day is £6 for cars and £10 for vans but if you pre-book £5 for cars and £8 for vans – Setting up from 11.00 am. **NO TRADERS**

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Sunday 6th November 2011 to be held in the church.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND IN YOUR GARDEN?

This was the title of the Local History Society's meeting on 17th March. Julie Cassidy, the Finds Liaison Officer for Northamptonshire, talked to us about her work identifying old objects all over the county. Unless an object is identified as "treasure", the finder may keep it, but she explained that by being able to record items and where they are found, it is possible to understand more about our history and the way we used to live.



Following her talk there was an opportunity to see and handle examples of items which have been found in the county. Several people had brought items found in Whilton and these were examined. Although there was no official "treasure", those present were very interested to learn about what has been found and what may still be lying in the local fields and gardens.

Apart from fossils and water smoothed pebbles, the oldest item was probably a Stone Age arrow head, which had later been made into an awl for making holes, perhaps in leather. There was evidence of the Romans, who would have travelled along the two Roman roads in Whilton. This included some coins and a little Roman brooch. However there was also some pottery from about the first century, which came from the village, and suggests that there were already habitations on the top of Whilton hill, besides the town of Bannaventa on Watling Street.

There was a small Elizabethan silver coin with a hole in it. Perhaps it was worn around a neck, or stitched to clothing. Was it a Royalist or Parliamentary soldier who lost an unfired musket ball from the Civil War period? An 18th century thimble had been found in a field. Women used to sit and stitch in the fields, and this is not an uncommon find.

Glass and pottery found included everyday ware from the 1700s and 1800s and early 20th century bottles for water, beer and Bovril. There were also coins, clay pipe stems, an instrument for tamping down tobacco and a solidified spoonful of lead, which was once melted down to mend pots.

All who came were fascinated and went away determined to look more carefully as we dig our gardens or walk our dogs. For further information, or to talk about a find, you can contact Julie Cassidy on 01604 237249 or email her at FLO@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Anthea Hiscock



WHILTON SPINNEY



We are now coming up to a rapid growth time in the spinney and this is the season when it is at its most beautiful so don't forget to take your photos for a Whilton Calendar.

It will need some maintenance soon and it is hoped we will get good support when a date is arranged for the next Working Party. Please watch the noticeboard.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm in the village hall which was attended by the majority of the Committee Members. This was an open meeting for all the parishioners but none attended. The following Officers were re-elected:

Chairman / Secretary	Mike Lewis
Deputy Chairman	Maurice Clements
Treasurer	Derek Brown
Committee Members	Shirley Brown, Janet Bowers, Jenny Holman and Jonathan Hanslip.

Many of the above have served on the Committee for a considerable number of years and have expressed their desire to retire but in view of the lack of interest, agreed to accept office for a further 12 months. We desperately need an injection of members to help with new ideas and assist in the running of the Village Hall, a very valuable asset for the Parish.

Anyone who is interested can contact any member of the existing committee for further details

Whilton Village Hall Management Committee

WHILTON SOCIAL LUNCH

A successful Spring/Fairtrade lunch was held on Thursday 10th March and was, as usual, well attended. We were pleased to welcome Phil Waights back in the village for this occasion..

The meal consisted of as many Fairtrade products as was possible. The main course of Sweet & Sour Chicken contained Fairtrade fruits such as pineapple and mango and the accompanying rice was also Fairtrade. The three puddings offered used F/T lemons and brown sugar. Tea and coffee were served with F/T chocolates.

TUESDAY CHAT -The next dates are **April 12th & 10th May at 2.30 pm** in the village hall. Do please come along. Homemade cakes and tea are served and the chat is always most interesting. There is a small charge £1.50 to cover the cost of the rent

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE AT THE MOMENT

VISITS WHILTON EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE OLD PLOUGH, MAIN STREET AT 9.15 AM UNTIL 9.30 AM. THE DATE FOR APRIL IS 19TH AND FOR MAY 10TH & 31ST

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JAN 2011

1 st Prize	168	C Battison
2 nd Prize	148	A Hiscock

FEB 2011

1 st Prize	076	D Stoddart
2 nd Prize	118	M & J Thomas

MAR 2011

1 st Prize	028	G Clements
2 nd Prize	026	M Kane

Congratulations to All

Neighbourhood Watch Report

Over the last two months we have had two incidents of scrap metal being stolen from premises at Whilton Locks. Unfortunately there have been several reports of this type of crime in the Daventry area due to the high price scrap metal is fetching at the moment.

With the switch over to digital TV imminent, I would alert residents of a scam that is being reported where there have been cold callers knocking on doors stating they can help with the setting up of digital equipment etc. Please do not let these callers enter your property.

The usual numbers to contact if you see or hear anything suspicious are Northamptonshire Police Switchboard Tel: 03000 111 222 or the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch 01604 432436 or 999 in case of an emergency. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Ros Gardner NHW Co-ordinator

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SERVICES

APRIL 2011

3 RD	11.00 AM	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE
10 TH	10.00AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>BRAMPTON</u>
17 TH	9.15 AM	HOLY COMMUNION with hymns
22 ND	1.10 –1.50 PM	GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION
24 TH	11.00 AM	EASTER DAY SUNG FAMILY COMMUNION

MAY 2011

1 ST	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u>
8 TH	6.00 PM	EVENING PRAISE
15 TH	9.15 AM	HOLY COMMUNION with hymns
22 ND	11.00 AM	WORSHIP FOR ALL
29 TH	11.00 AM	WORSHIP FOR ALL

WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the society will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 19th May 2011. This will be an informal workshop aiming to create a leaflet about what to see in Whilton churchyard.

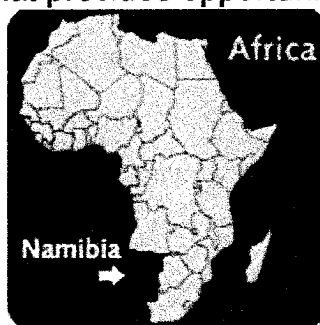


Come to have a look at what other local groups have done, and consider photos of the churchyard and suggestions for a leaflet for Whilton. If you like cutting and sticking, this may suit you!

Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.

World Challenge

We are preparing for a world challenge expedition to Namibia in 2013. World Challenge is an organisation that provides opportunities for young people to see the world and benefit people. Our expedition involves trekking on a series of treks that we feel the most rewarding part of the volunteering scheme which we will be implementing over the next 2 years.



of other cultures. Our expedition will be the longest lasting 5 days. We will be helping local communities and improving their way of life. Over the next 2 years we will be raising money for this trip.

Our first event will be a quiz night, which will be taking place at the Reading Rooms in Great Brington on Saturday 7th May, 7.00pm onwards. We will be providing a fish and chip supper, as well as the opportunity to win amazing prizes in the raffle. Tickets cost £10.00 (includes fish and chip supper) and will be available from Katie Holman or phone 01604 770083. We hope that you would support us in this event as well as other events that will be coming up over the next 2 years.

For more information about World Challenge, visit their website: <http://www.world-challenge-expeditions.co.uk/>



Brington & Whilton Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday 23rd April 2011
10.00am – 11.00am**

Saint Mary's Church Great Brington

**Children's Egg Hunt in the picturesque church
grounds with chocolate prizes
All welcome - £2 per child**

Raffle of prizes donated by local organisations

You are also invited to the Easter Toddler Service and
making an Easter Garden taking place at the Church
following the egg hunt at 11am – 12 noon.

All proceeds to Brington & Whilton Preschool



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The A.G.M and Quiz on 2nd Feb was very productive with suggestions from some members on items of interest for the future. Coffee and the Quiz rounded off a very enjoyable meeting. Because of the cold long winter quite a few of us lost many plants that had recently been regarded as hardy, so identify survivors on which you can build and also it would be a good time to introduce different plants as replacements.

A very special addition to the Events Programme set out in the Membership Card 2011 will be a "Summer Garden Party" on 1st July (please keep this date free)

Don't forget when planting out this season to include some red/white/and blue in the baskets and tubs.

Look forward to seeing you on the 6th April meeting of "Gardeners Question Time" (visitors welcome at £3.00)

Contact; Olive Bardill- Tillet

07921429228 or 01327844169



A Royal Recipe



Twenty two years ago members of Whilton W I compiled a recipe book, which included one for "Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Favourite Cake". The recipe was contributed by Jean Waights, who lived in Kunda Cottage. As the royal wedding will be celebrated in April, perhaps some villagers might like to test out this recipe for the event.

Pour 1 cup (½ pint) boiling water over 8 oz of chopped dates, add 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda.

Allow to stand whilst the following is mixed:

**8 oz sugar
1 egg
10 oz plain flour
3 oz butter
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 oz chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla essence**



Method

Mix these together, add dates etc.

Beat well and bake for 35 minutes in a moderate oven (350F) in a tin 9" x 12".

Topping

**5 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons cream
2 tablespoons milk**



Mix these together in saucepan and boil for 3 minutes.

Spread on cake, when both are cool. Sprinkle with walnuts.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ROYAL WEDDING COMMEMORATIVE TEA

If there is sufficient support, the Hall Committee propose to have a commemorative tea to mark the Royal wedding. This will be in the late afternoon on the day of the wedding in the hall.

In the near future you will receive a note asking whether you wish to attend and also if you are able to help if required. Please return the note by 9th April so that arrangements can be made in good time to ensure an excellent event.

Mike Lewis,
Chair/Sec Hall Committee

SUMMARY OF EVENTS
April & May 2011

Fri	1 st	Apr	6.00 pm	Police Mobile Van on Village Green
			7.00 pm	April Fool Quiz in Village Hall in aid of church funds.
Wed	6 th	Apr	7.030 pm	WGA in village hall – Gardeners' Question Time
Tues	12 th	Apr	2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in Village Hall
Wed	13 th	Apr	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	19 th	Apr	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Sat	23 rd	Apr	10.00 am	Brington & Whilton Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt in at Gt Brington Church
Sat	7 th	May	7.00pm	World Challenge – Brington Reading Rooms
Sun	8 th	May	1.00 pm	Car Boot – Wadd Close
Tues	10 th	May	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
			2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in Village Hall
Wed	11 th	May	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	19 th	May	7.30 pm	Local History Scty in Village Hall - 'Whilton Churchyard'
Tues	31 st	May	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough

Mon 16th May

DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your contribution before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.

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Whilton Village is very lucky to have its own excellent website – www.whilton-village.net . This contains details of the Organisations in the village, previous Parish Minutes and Newsletters and a very comprehensive Picture Gallery. If you have the facility why not take a look at the content.

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

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