

# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY & MARCH 2011

### Whilton Local History Society

7.30 p.m. 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
in the Village Hall



### What have you found in your garden?

Julie Cassidy, Archaeological Finds Officer  
for Northamptonshire, will be visiting Whilton to  
talk about her work and help to identify anything we  
have found in our houses, gardens and fields.



All are welcome,  
and please bring items you have found.

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#### Reminders

- ♥ Tuesday Chat – 15<sup>th</sup> February.  
2.30pm.
- ♥ Social Lunch – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
at 12.30 pm.
- ♥ Whilton Local History - see above
- ♥ Date of deadline for April/May  
Newsletter – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

## Neighbourhood Watch Report

Since my last report there has been a break-in at The Pet Store, Whilton Locks when several exotic birds and animals were stolen. Police think that these were probably stolen to order.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 4 – 6 p.m. the Mobile Police Station will be parked at the Village Green. This is your opportunity to meet members of our Community Policing team and discuss any issues you may have. It would be nice if you are passing during this time to just pop in and say hello, they don't always just want to hear bad news.

Can I remind residents that should you see or hear anything suspicious please contact the Police first with as much information as possible i.e. registration number of vehicle, description and number of occupants etc. and then contact or leave a message for me. The sooner the Police have the information the quicker they can respond.

**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

## **Local Volunteering Opportunity**



Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a home visitor/befriender for Northamptonshire Association for the Blind in your local area. This small time commitment will make a huge difference to a visually impaired person's life. People with a sight impairment often become isolated and lose confidence. A volunteer role within our visiting service will help them regain and retain their independence and well-being.

### **Volunteers can help with tasks such as:**

Fortnightly home visits  
Assistance with reading mail, newspapers and correspondence  
Accompanying clients on short walks, visits to the doctor or hospital  
Occasional shopping trips  
Assist with labelling food and household items to increase safety

**Please note, this is not a domestic or personal care role**

### **Training**

All volunteers will be offered ongoing support and specialist training courses will be available

### **Personal Attributes**

Caring and supportive with a willingness to understand visual impairment, you are able to make a commitment on a regular basis.

### **Expenses**

Mileage and telephone calls will be reimbursed at the current rate.

### **CRB**

A CRB check is required

**Contact Rachel Cave, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01604 719193 or 07889 411274**

Nab, Wardington Court,  
Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8AG

## Main items from Parish Council meeting 12/1/11

- **Work on registering the Green** has been stopped to enable a number of queries to be addressed, legal costs could exceed £2000 so we must be convinced of the benefits before proceeding.
- **Noise from Whilton Mill** – this continues to be a nuisance, DDC to be contacted re way forward see below.
- **Precept** – it was resolved to maintain the precept for 2011/12 at £6600.
- **Allotments** – following a meeting of a parish council working party and some of the plot holders, it was resolved to carry out the following –
  - Trim and top the holly hedge at the top to allow more sun onto the top plots, clear the accumulated rubbish from around the plots,
  - Decide with the plot holders how best to manage the complete allotment generating a new more comprehensive agreement between the PC and plot holders,
  - Approach the DDC to relax a clause in the head lease to allow one tool shed to be placed on the allotments. Jonathan Hanslip, Sue Wingrave and Mike Lewis would process these actions
  - It was pointed out that there is a clause in all DDC agreements that does not give us security of tenure, we have to ensure all plots are needed and used to try to prevent the DDC from building on it.
  - **Brington Lane flooding** – some action has taken place by MGWSP but the problem still exists. Dialogue with MGWSP, district and county councillors will carry on until a satisfactory resolution is achieved.
  - **Interruption to water supply in village** – a letter to be written to Anglian Water stating our concern about too frequent interruptions.

***NOTE FROM PARISH COUNCIL - IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT SOME VILLAGERS ARE DUMPING THEIR GARDEN RUBBISH ON THE ALLOTMENTS. THE ALLOTMENTS ARE NOT A TIP SO PLEASE STOP NOW, WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS FLY TIPPING.***

### **Noise at Whilton Mill**

The Parish Council was asked to contact the DDC to complain about the nuisance noise from Whilton Mill activities. Here is the reply:  
*'I am writing in reply to a letter sent by the Chairman of the Parish Council which is written on behalf of a resident or residents. In order to investigate the complaint I need to have an aggrieved party & in order to carry out monitoring I need to have a location. The noise nuisance needs to be monitored from the boundary of the nearest noise sensitive property as well as from inside, if possible, to observe the effects on the occupiers. I also need to get the complainant to compile a 'log' of the noise nuisance. Can you ask for any aggrieved parties to contact me to arrange monitoring.'*

Ian Collings  
Environmental Protection Officer  
01327 302542

**Please note aggrieved parties to contact Ian Collings as above but at the same time advise the Parish Council (Chairman Mike Lewis- Tel. 01327 842404 )that you have done so.**

# WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## THE STONE HOUSE

Members of the society met on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January to hear the story of the Stone House. This has probably been the site of a dwelling since Saxon times. To the north and east are the old manorial and ecclesiastical centres. In 1301, one of the seven farmers paying tax probably lived on this site, but we cannot tell if it was Henry Cappe, Luc Hynes, John Russenole, Richard Bendane, Walter Coupere, Walter de Fodringeye or Henry Eyr.

The Stone House does not follow the pattern of most of the farmhouses in Whilton, which have fireplaces at the gable end of the building. The Stone House has two fireplaces back to back in the centre, as does Dormer Cottage. The listing describes the house as dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, built of ironstone ashlar, with a slate roof with ornamental ridge tiles, brick end and ridge stacks, with 2 storeys and attic. There is a 4-window range, with a door to left of the centre blocked with a 2-light leaded wood mullion and transom window and hood mould. There are similar 3-light windows to the ground and first floors except for a small upright oval leaded window with stone surround over the blocked door. There is another similar window in the right gable. Around the base is a blue brick chamfered plinth. These blue bricks were perhaps added late in the nineteenth century, when they were fashionable.

The listing also mentions the quoins, moulded stone eaves and stone-coped gables with kneelers. Quoins are the dressed stones on the corner of the building. Kneelers are the roughly triangular stones at the base of the gable. The rear porch dates from the last century and is the work of Mick Gardner.

The interior has ogee-stop-chamfered spine beams and some stop-chamfered joists. (Ogee is the name given to a double curved shape, like an elongated S. The stop chamfered beams have shaped flat surfaces at the corners.) The 2 open fireplaces back to back have stop-chamfered bressumers, the beams supporting the masonry above a fireplace.

We do not know who built the house we recognize today. The first owner mentioned in the deeds was a yeoman, called Thomas Carr, who lived here in the early 1700s. He had two sons, named William and Thomas. The Carr or A'Carr family had lived in Whilton since the 1570s, and were farmers, holding positions such as church-warden in the village.

Thomas Carr the father died in 1728. William inherited the Stone House from his father and continued farming here. The Stone House followed the usual pattern for a farmhouse, with a yard behind it and a way through to the back. Animals would go through this entrance on return from their grazing in the common pastures. This entrance shows up clearly in the late nineteenth century photo of the house.

In 1730 William he mortgaged property including the Stone House to raise £756-3-0, a very large amount. The money was borrowed from John Rose a prosperous Daventry saddler. By 1735 he had borrowed another £100. However in 1744 William died, without making a will; this suggests he may have died unexpectedly. His brother, Thomas, inherited the Stone House and the mortgage. Two years later he "had occasion" to borrow another £250 from John Rose. At this time the house was described as a messuage with yard, garden, orchard, homestead, home close, backside and appurtenances in Whilton, standing on the north or north-west side of the public street of Whilton.

Thomas Carr left the Stone House on the marriage of his daughter in 1756, and went to Welton to live with the young couple, leaving John Dunkley here as their tenant. By 1759 the house had been sold to William Humphrey, a butcher. Here he and his wife Elizabeth brought up their children Thomas, Elizabeth, William, John, Francis, Jacob and Robert. William added to his land and property, including the purchase of the south east end of the Dovehouse Close. After he died in 1812 his widow, Elizabeth had to collect her annuity once a quarter, from the church porch, and his son, Jacob, lived in the house until 1820.



*The Stone House in the late nineteenth century, looking as it would have done since the late 1600s. The roof is still thatched, including the three gables in the attic. The entrance gate to the yard, can clearly be seen, and above it a thatched garret room.*

The Humphrey family then sold the house to Walter Watson, but sometime after his marriage to Sarah Dalton of Rugby, the house was let. By 1863 James Adams, the Whilton carrier, was living in the house and paying 12 shillings rent. He continued to be their tenant for some years, but by 1872 he was able to buy the house for £250. He had to take out a mortgage and borrowed the money from Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Bull, the Watson's heirs.

James Adams was also the baker, with a bakehouse at the west end of the house, but he died as the result of an accident on 30 December 1875. He was only 48. His only son, James Wallace Adams, inherited the house and mortgage, and lived in the Stone House, but in 1878 Thomas Bull called in the mortgage money, giving the family until Lady Day to find the money. James Wallace Adams arranged to sell the house to James Emery of the central farm, and thus pay off his mortgage.

James Emery owned the property until his death in 1880, after which the Stone House and other Whilton properties were to be divided between his three sons, Thomas James, Robert and James. Robert bought out his two brothers in 1881. By this date the Stone House was occupied by William Dunkley, an agricultural labourer, who also did some gardening and was probably the carrier too. By 1901 it also had an "outdoor beer licence". Thomas Essen was living there paying £14 rent. He was an agricultural labourer too, who finally died in 1933 aged 85, maybe still living at the Stone House.

By 1909 Robert Emery was probably in financial difficulties. Certainly by 1913 it was the bank which owned the Stone House and put it up for auction, along with other Whilton properties previously owned by Robert Emery. The auction was held at the Old Plough at 4 p.m. on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1913, perhaps a bleak day. The purchasers were the brewers P Phipps and Co Ltd; they may have been eager to acquire a business competing with their own pub, the Plough. There is now a clause in the Stone House deeds preventing the sale of alcohol there.

Sometime after this, there was a disastrous fire, which destroyed the old thatched roof and dormer windows and the bakehouse, so that photos dating from about 1930 show the new slated roof. During the war Colonel Shaw of Whilton Lodge acquired the dilapidated house, which he hoped might make a new Rectory, but by December 1947 it was bought by Arthur (Mick) Gardner and his wife Edna.



*The Stone House after repairs following the fire which destroyed its roof and old bakehouse.*

*The door to the off-licence, run by Tom Essen, would later be replaced by a window.*

As in many other Whilton houses, conditions were primitive, but Mick used his many skills to make the house habitable, with help from other villagers such as Jack Wright and Roy Carpenter. He made use of some materials from other old buildings. These included the ornamental ridge tiles from a school in Northampton, and the banisters and wrought iron doorway halfway up the stairs with the date 1693, which came from Norton Hall. He closed off the old off-licence door onto the street, and added a porch at the rear. Even before there was mains water in Whilton, he installed running water in an upstairs bathroom and a new sink in the kitchen, by pumping well water up to a tank in the roof. A bath required one hundred pumps at the well!


It was the Gardners who gave the Stone House its name, as, like most houses in Whilton, it had no name until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. Edna Gardner became the well loved Postmistress for 18 years, combining this with a small shop in what had been the bakehouse. After Mick retired from teaching at Daventry Grammar School, they moved away to Northampton and the house was sold to Mark and Bennie Eyton-Jones, who are still here today.

Anthea Hiscock

- *Living in the Gap: the story of Whilton and its thousand acres, 1,000-2,000 A.D., is published by Langton House Associates, price £12.99.*

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### Roughmoor Spinney

 <p data-bbox="363 1196 507 1227">Butterburr</p>	<p data-bbox="544 891 1225 1003">We hope a good number of people were able to use their cameras to capture some of the sparkling frost and snow in the winter Spinney.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1039 1225 1151">As spring approaches, there will be more colour with the arrival of snowdrops, butterburr and other new life.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1187 1225 1263">Entries for pictures for the 2012 Spinney Calendar may be sent to the editors at any time.</p>
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**POSTAGE STAMPS**

*Used postage stamps are still being collected in the village by Trudy Haynes (please leave on the windowsill by the back door of the Old Plough). The charity supported is the Leprosy Mission. Teresa Leadbetter, Wood View, also collects stamps for charity*

**TUESDAY CHAT**

Our next Tuesday Chat will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 2.30pm - 4.00 pm  
Everyone welcome to join us for tea and chat. There is a small charge of £1.50 to cover the cost of the rent.

**WHILTON SOCIAL LUNCH**

This will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall at 12.30pm and will again fall in Fair Trade Fortnight. Further details to follow.

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SERVICES

## FEBRUARY 2011

6 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT <u>EAST HADDON</u>
13 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00 PM	TAIZE SERVICE
20 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15 AM	COMMON WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION
27 <sup>TH</sup>	11.00 AM	WORSHIP FOR ALL

## MARCH 2011

6 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT <u>BRINGTON</u>
13 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00 PM	EVENING PRAISE
20 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15 AM	COMMON WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION
27 <sup>TH</sup>	11.00 AM	WORSHIP FOR ALL

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY for St Andrews Church

4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - Quiz in the Village Hall. Quizmaster - Neil Phillips

8<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Car Boot Sale in the Village

Further details will be announced later when finalised.

Dear Everyone

Over the last few years we have got used to early springs. But this year we have to wait a little. We see the days lengthening, and in due time we shall sense spring. The wait may seem a bit frustrating, but a lot of life is about waiting – not having things just when we want them, or maybe not having what we want at all! But we should enjoy what we do have and enjoy also the anticipation of what is to come, even though we may not know exactly how the future may pan out. So as we observe the days drawing out, let's enjoy them and make good use of the extra daylight – because that's the blessing we have at the moment! Sometimes we get so concerned with what we haven't got that we forget what we have got. And a thank you to God can focus us on all the good things in life.

Good wishes to you all

Sue

### Changes to Sunday Church Services Schedule

The Schedule of Services across our Benefice has been updated to take into account the changes in numbers and availability of clergy and the distances that they have to travel between churches. Sue, as our full time Rector, is able to take three services in the morning and a service in the evening and April, our Assistant Priest, is with us two Sundays a month. We have a licensed lay reader, Virginia, who has undertaken an extensive part time training in ministry and has much experience in worship, and some church members also lead services. So after lengthy consultation and negotiation with the church wardens, who have endeavoured to represent your views, we have come up with a Schedule whereby we continue to meet together as a Benefice to worship at one church in rotation on the first Sunday of the month and then can have services in each church for the rest of the month. We have also changed the character of some of the services, and will be experimenting with different atmospheres, which we hope will appeal to a wide spectrum of the community. Do come and see what is going on – as always please let Sue know your views.



# WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The Christmas Social was well attended and enjoyed by all members. The rendering of "The 12 Days of Christmas" was great fun but a few singing lessons might be forthcoming before next time !! Now that the Christmas festivities are over and Easter eggs are on sale in the shops it is time to channel your thoughts towards gardening in 2011.

There is a small alteration to the Events Programme set out in the membership card 2011

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb; A.G.M. + Fun Quiz ( Subscription due - £10.00 per person per annum)
- 6<sup>th</sup> April; "Gardeners Question Time" Dave Watkin ( ex Radio Northants).  
Please bring questions or samples .
- 1st June; "Beekeeping for Beginners" by Alan Sawyer
- 3rd Aug; Garden Visit details to follow
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Talk, "Autumn Gardening"
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec WGA members Christmas Social

I would like to draw your attention to members and those wishing to join the importance of being involved with the Club. Firstly the value for money that the programme in 2011 brings with the additions of evening garden visits, garden parties, discounts on seeds at Whilton Garden Centre, free visit to RHS, 2/4 speakers per year Free Christmas supper.

As there will be two Royal weddings this year, the hanging basket and tubs comp. will be a "Wedding" theme. Don't forget this when planting out your garden, why not include red/white/blue this year?

You don't have to be a keen gardener to benefit from the social side of the Club, meeting other villagers is very rewarding. In fact we have tried to cater for many interests, so come and attend the AGM + Fun Quiz and join for 2011.

All Welcome

Olive Bardill-Tillett  
Contact 01327 844169 or 07921429228

## 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 FEBRUARY IS 15<sup>TH</sup> AND FOR MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>

The final figures for the Poppy Appeal Collection 2010 was £131.23  
Thank you so much for all the generous support in this year's collection.  
Lucy Gow



**LIMERICKS AND NONSENSE RHYMES**

By **JOAN DAVIES**

THERE WAS A YOUNG WOMAN FROM WHILTON  
WHOSE FAVOURITE CHEESE WAS A STILTON  
SHE SAT IN THE HAY ONE FINE SUMMERS DAY  
WHILST READING SOME VERSES BY MILTON.

THERE WAS A YOUNG FELLOW FROM CREATON  
WHO AT FEATS OF STRENGTH WOULDN'T BE BEATEN  
HE WAS TOLD THAT HE OUGHT'ER  
DRINK PLENTY OF WATER  
BEFORE WALKING BACKWARDS TO TEETON

THERE WAS AN OLD WOMAN FROM CRICK  
WHO WALKED EVERY DAY WITH A STICK  
TO SEE A RELATION  
WHO LIVED BY THE STATION  
AND TOLD HER WHICH FRUIT SHE COULD PICK.

THERE WAS A MAN FROM FLORE  
WHOSE FRIENDS ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS POOR  
BUT HIS MOTHER WAS ABLE  
TO BUY HIM A TABLE  
THAT COULD BE SEEN WHEN HE OPENED THE DOOR

THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN FROM BUGBROOKE  
HIS HOBBY WAS LEARNING TO COOK  
ALL THE FOOD THAT WAS EATEN  
WAS BY MRS BEATON  
AND THE MENUS WERE FOUND IN HER BOOK

THERE WAS A YOUNG GIRL FROM PORTMADOC  
WHO WAS ALWAYS CONTENT EATING HADDOCK  
A LOVELY FISH SERVED UP IN A DISH  
THAT SHE SHARED WITH HER HORSE IN THE  
PADDOCK

A YOUNG MAN FROM HENLEY IN ARDEN  
SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN THE GARDEN  
IN A MATTER OF WEEKS  
HE'D GROWN CARROTS AND LEEKS  
AND SPREAD OUT HIS MARROWS TO HARDEN

I ONCE HAD A SISTER WHO HAD A BIG BLISTER  
THAT CAUSED HER CONSIDERABLE PAIN  
THE TREATMENT WAS QUICK  
ALTHOUGH SHE FELT SICK  
WAS TO STAND ON ONE LEG IN THE RAIN

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS**  
**February & March 2011**

Wed	2nd	Feb	4.00 pm	Police Mobile Van on Village Green
			7.30 pm	WGA – AGM in Village Hall + Fun Quiz
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
			2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in Village Hall
Tues	8th	Mar	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Thurs	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	12.30 pm	Social Lunch in Village Hall
Thurs	17th	Mar	7.30 pm	Local History Scty in Village Hall - 'What Have You Found in Your Garden?'- Julie Cassidy, Archaeological Finds Officer Visit
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	9.15 am	Library van in village outside the Old Plough
Weds	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar		<b>DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER</b> 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](http://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.

The Church Fund Raising Committee is always looking for fresh ideas and new recruits. If you have any ideas for fund raising we'd love to hear them, better still come to the next Committee Meeting.

Contact Teresa Leadbetter on 842988 or email: [teresa@tic-uk.co.uk](mailto:teresa@tic-uk.co.uk)

**WHILTON CAROL SINGERS** would like to thank everyone for supporting them and giving so generously on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**£135 was donated to the Renal Department at Northampton General Hospital and £135 was donated to Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust.**