

# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2009

### ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY

There has been an abundance of growth in the spinney this year and we hope that by November most will have died down to enable us tidy the pond and paths and to do other maintenance work.

A Working Party will be held on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2. pm**

Everyone welcome

### Whilton Photographic Club

Although there haven't been meetings for the past months, the Club still exists and should be active again in 2010

**Neil Phillips (Tel: 01327 844182,**

**E-mail: [neiljphillips@hotmail.com](mailto:neiljphillips@hotmail.com))**

### TUESDAY CHAT

We had another successful social 'chat' on Tuesday 22nd September; enjoyed by all.

The next one will be on Tuesday 20th October at 2.30 pm in the village hall. Please do come along and sample homemade cakes, cups of tea and a great amount of interesting 'chat'.

Please also mark your diaries for Tuesday 15th December at 2.30 pm in the village hall when we plan to have a pre-Christmas Tuesday chat (maybe with mince pies!!)

### 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 now is the Leprosy Mission.

### WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The work on the kitchen and adjoining store area has now been completed.

We now have a very attractive kitchen and tiled floor.

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### WHILTON SOCIAL LUNCH

The next Social Lunch will be on **Thursday 26th November at 12.30 for 1.00pm** in the village hall.

This is always an enjoyable occasion when everyone seems to enjoy the varied menu + extras.

Further details will be posted on the village notice-board

## **The Parish Council and YOU.**

Parish Councils represent the interests of the community and try to improve the quality of life and the local environment. We try to influence other decision makers like the Daventry District Council with respect to planning applications and the West Northants Development Corporation with respect to the long term development of Daventry and its impact on us. We may not have a loud voice but try to prevent/mitigate any potential development that we think may harm our quality of life. We also levy the Parish Precept which may only be a few percent of your community charge but we decide where to spend and how much. The days of 'parish pump' policies and politics are over and the Parish Council has got to be professional and proactive to meet its statutory obligations and the wishes of the parishioners. We still have to cover the same activities as a larger parish like Long Buckby but obviously on a smaller scale. So it is essential that we have the full complement of Parish Councillors to try to share the work out in an amicable and equitable manner. Parishioners have decided not to have an election for the vacancy so the Parish Council can now co opt a new member. **So, is there anybody who is interested in serving the community in which they live and to help in preserving the distinctiveness of our parish now and for the future.**

Please contact me to express an interest and for more details,

**Mike Lewis,  
Chairman Whilton Parish Council,  
01327 842404.**

### **Daventry Infrastructure Strategy. Comments by Whilton Parish Council.**

#### **Sewage.**

With Daventry growing by approx 15,000 people ( 6,200 dwellings ) by 2021 and plans to continue growth to at least 2025, the lack of a strategic planning 'committee' should be rectified as soon as possible.

AWS's lack of knowledge about their system, particularly sewer capacity, does suggest that the best way forward is to build a new sewer to connect directly to the treatment works. This could be spending a lot of money needlessly so it is important to survey the relevant systems before any plan is made. Also no network model exists, another immediate task to rectify.

Not clear if the developers will pay for the new infrastructure, para 8.3.3 suggests that ALL AWS users will pay even if there is no benefit to them. With projected costs in excess of £150M there needs to be a quick clarification on who will shoulder this financial burden and the split if any, between developers and the paying public.

Spare capacity at the Long Buckby treatment plant will provide for a maximum of 2,000 dwellings then a new plant at Whilton Locks will 'take over'. The survey suggests a gap of approx 2-3 years if the housing build rate is 453/year although there are two different critical dates in the report, 3.3.1 states ' design could potentially begin in 2010 with construction to potentially start before 2015' and 5.1.4 states 'is built in 2012-2013' and operational in 2015. Even if costs are put in the 2009 financial cycle surely a standard plant can be built in under 5/6 years. There is nothing in the report to suggest that Long Buckby will have spare capacity when Whilton takes over, some is necessary for expansion of all the areas serviced by the plant. There apparently could be an increase in capacity at Whilton STW by a relaxation in the discharge consent. As this discharge goes into the river Nene and the Grand Union canal any increase in potential contamination will be opposed.

## **Traffic.**

Although the report concentrates on Daventry infrastructure, there are traffic/financial implications beyond the growth boundaries. The report tacitly accepts an increase in traffic between Daventry and Northampton even with the developers providing 'one dwelling one job'. We have not been able to get a copy of the traffic surveys so the scenario we envisage is based on our own traffic count, NCC data and the computer generated traffic growth figures in the developers' applications.

400 vph at peak times, 2,600vpd on the C5 road at Whilton Locks. Computer model increases of 80% and 60% if both developments proceed. This gives 960 vph and 6240 vpd. So the projected vpd is 69% of the existing vpd on the A5, a modern well maintained trunk road with selective speed limits. The C5 road is a twisting country road with some fast stretches, in part a Red route, and already a very common alternative route to Northampton (max recorded speed is 89 mph !).

We do not believe that the C5 can take this increase without the inevitable consequences and urge you to consider the following:

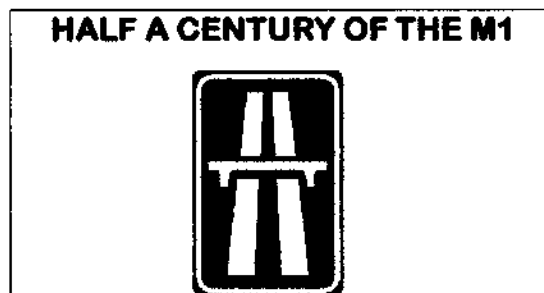
You have already accepted that roundabouts are needed to control the projected increase in traffic from/to Daventry and we know that the Flore/Weedon bypass is second in the priority list by the NCC. Make the preferred route A5, Flore/Weedon bypass then A45 – all major roads capable of handling this increase. Also, most important, take active measures to discourage use of the C5. Your report suggests - do nothing on this road – this is not acceptable – we do not wish it to be the most dangerous road in the country.

## **Electricity**

The growth should be seen as an opportunity for the electricity supplier to improve our service.

## **Broadband**

There are ongoing problems within the parish with the quality of the Broadband service; the output received is particularly low, which impact on home working, again an opportunity to improve the service.



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the M1 Motorway. BBC East has been investigating this event and there will be a programme including stories of the opening early in the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

It is possible that Whilton will be included in the programme, as John Horace Clements of the Locks objected to the proposed route of the M1, which was due to go right over his cottages. He owned the three Whilton Locks Cottages, and as they are still there, this gives a clue as to the outcome of his objection! The BBC have been filming in Whilton, and so it is possible that they will use some of this footage in the programme.



# WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



At last summer did arrive but all too soon autumn is upon us. That means great activity in gardens and allotments.

- LAWNS:** October is ideal to lay turf – also increase height of mower blades.
- ROSES:** Plant new roses at end of month; do not forget to take cuttings from your favourites.
- BEDDING:** Tidy up borders and plant out bulbs; protect delicate plants
- Don't forget to show your Membership card at Whilton Garden Centre before purchasing items to claim discount.

The Plant Sale held in Whilton Village Church on a nice sunny evening in August was enjoyed by all who attended.

Congratulations go to the winners for their excellent floral displays in the village.

Mr Maurice Clements  
Mr John Granfield

Tubs  
Hanging Basket.

The standard was high and all entries were photographed and will be on display at the 2<sup>nd</sup> December meeting. So please come along and have a look.

The next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. The speaker is Sally Cunningham and the subject "Organic Gardening." New members always welcome.

Check Noticeboard for future dates and events.

Olive (General Dogsbody). Tel 01327 843169 or 0792149228

## Unwritten rules of gardening ...

The best way to garden is to put on a wide brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.

- Compost is best aged a little like a fine wine. I mean, would you prefer to drink a nice 97, or something that was made last Thursday.
- When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- Spring does not arrive until the ice is out of the compost heap.
- Winter does not arrive until the ice is IN the compost. Until then, all bets are off.
- Any self respecting rock will break at least one shovel before accepting its new home.
- A good compost pile should get hot enough to poach an egg, but not so hot it would cook a lobster.
- Gardening requires a lot of water most of it in the form of perspiration.

Every garden is unique with a multitude of choices of soils, plants and themes. Finding your garden theme is as easy as seeing what brings a smile to your face.

## St Andrew's Church News

In 2008 the Benefice Service here was also a farewell and presentation to our then Rector, Chris Goble and his family. This year in September 2009 at our Benefice Service we again had another farewell and presentation, this time for Revd Derek Williams and his wife Susan. Derek was licensed to the Benefice as Assistant Priest on Advent Sunday 2002 also at St Andrew's Church Whilton. Susan, although in poor health herself, has helped throughout the parishes visiting the sick. They were presented with a £500 cheque and a bouquet of flowers for Susan. They have now moved to a new home in Market Harborough.

Having failed to appoint a suitable incumbent in March, the position has been advertised again and an appointment day scheduled for mid-November.

Services are continuing to be maintained with the help of retired priests and the lay band. Even during the summer holidays the family services, although short on numbers, were held. We are holding the pattern of services very well - unlike some benefices in similar circumstances that have cut some out completely - not a good idea. We wish to keep our church as active as possible and not let it slide into disuse.

The **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** is on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm and will be taken by the Revd David MacPherson who was the Rector here before Chris Goble and was at one time a Chaplain in the Royal Air Force.

**CHRISTINGLE** will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is a special service in aid of the work of The Childrens Society.

**ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE** will be at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** - Family Holy communion at 11.00 am

### WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB 2009

#### JULY 2009

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	022	G Morris	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	029	M Wheeler	£25

#### AUG 2009

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	178	P Webster	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	057	J Bunce	£25

#### SEPT 2009

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	045	A Kane	£45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	016	D Stoddart	£25

Congratulations to All

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

VISITS WHILTON EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE OLD PLOUGH, MAIN STREET AT 9.15 AM UNTIL 9.30 AM.

THE DATE FOR OCTOBER IS 20<sup>TH</sup> AND THE NOVEMBER DATE IS 10<sup>TH</sup>

# ST ANDREWS CHURCH

***OCTOBER 2009***

<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>

***NOVEMBER 2009***

<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b><i>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HARLESTONE</i></b>
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b><i>CAROL SERVICE AT <u>NORTON</u></i></b>

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE**

I should like to thank all the generous sponsors who so kindly donated money towards my cycle ride around some of the beautiful churches set in the rolling Northamptonshire countryside.

I undertook the ride on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September after being asked by Janet Bowers whether I would take up the challenge, as she knows I enjoy a good bike ride now and again!

As it was a warm and sunny Autumnal day, it made the whole experience so much nicer and worthwhile!



I set off at about 09.50 and went to the following churches:

- \* St Mary with St John, Great Brington
- \* St Andrew's, Harlestone
- \* St Botolph's, Church Brampton
- \* All Saints, Pitsford
- \* All Saints, Brixworth
- \* St Michael and All Angels, Creaton
- \* URC, High Street, Creaton
- \* St Etheldreda, (Coton Road), Guilsborough
- \* St Denys, Ravensthorpe
- \* St Mary the Virgin, East Haddon
- \* St Andrew's, Whilton



I cycled 27.3 miles and arrived back in Whilton just after 13.30. It wasn't a huge distance, but it took quite a long time as I was able to meet some lovely people and have a chat with those on duty in the various churches, where the participants had to sign in. I even met a lady on a horse taking part, with her husband following behind on a bike!

I am pleased to say that I raised around £70.00. Once again, many thanks to those who contributed financially.

Jonathan Hanslip

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

As your new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator I am very pleased to report that there have been no incidents in the village. However, various incidents have been reported in the surrounding villages, including vehicle theft, burglary and in particular reports of break in of sheds and garages.

- \* Please remember to check that doors and windows are locked.
- \* If you have an alarm or other security devices, use them.
- \* Never leave bank cards, sat navs or mobile phones in the car.

**If you see or hear anything suspicious call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on tel: 03000 111 222 or the dedicated Neighbourhood Watch No. 01604 432436 or dial 999 in an emergency.**

**Alternatively you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.**

**Ros Gardner**  
**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

**These are two messages from Northamptonshire West Police to all residents in the Daventry area.**

**A**

Please be aware that across Daventry, residents are continually suffering from opportunist offences where properties and vehicles have been left insecure.

Residents are reminded to secure all vehicles when not in use, even for the shortest periods of time. Please remove all valuables from your vehicles rather than hide them in the boot or glove box, activate alarm systems where fitted and use steering locks. If you are able to remove the front display on stereo systems please do so when you leave your vehicle unattended.

Please remember to secure all rear and side accesses to your home, ensure all windows and doors are locked when not in use, even for the shortest period of time. Please store all keys in a safe but easily accessible place in case of an emergency.

**B**

Please be aware that from 5 October to 1 November, 'Support Direct', a company which undertakes charity fundraising for a number of well know charities, will be making house to house calls to raise funds in Northampton.

These fundraisers will be asking for donations via direct debit, this is a method to safeguard the fundraisers as they do not collect cash. Support Direct fundraisers will carry identification and be happy to show this to you. If you would like to verify that the fundraiser at your door is genuine, please call the helpline number on **0800 031 9811** or **0800 018 3584**.

Please remember, 'If you're not sure, DON'T open the door', you are never required to open your door, it's not rude to send callers away.

Thank you.

## **Lorraine Humfress, PCSO**

At her last surgery on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, attending the Whilton Parish Council Meeting, she was informed that towards the bottom of the village cars were parking fully on the pavement forcing pedestrians to use the road. This is a Road Traffic Act offence and restricting the free movement of pedestrians and endangering their lives. Lorraine said this not acceptable and will be checking the area to ensure this is not happening.

The next surgery will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 – 10.30 am in Whilton village hall

## WHILTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At our September meeting, entitled "Landlubbers and boatmen", we looked at the history of the canal in Whilton, which is over 200 years old.

The boat people spent their whole lives working on the cut, with their own traditions, dialect and costume. Whilton Locks developed as a "service station" for these forerunners of long distance lorry drivers. The Spotted Cow pub (now Foursquare Farm) provided a meeting place, alcoholic refreshment, especially Guinness, and sold fresh produce.

In 1891 it was sold by auction at the Peacock Hotel, Daventry. The sale details described it as a : *"brick-built and slated old-established Public House, very eligibly situated near to the road from Daventry to Whilton, and adjoining the towing path of the Grand Junction Canal, having an extensive frontage thereto. The house contains taproom, bar, two sitting-rooms, pantry, kitchen with room over scullery, top and underground cellars, and four bedrooms.*



An old photo of "The Spotted Cow"

*The outbuildings comprise stabling for ten horses, granary, hen and coal houses and piggeries, large yard with pump and well of good water, and extensive garden. Well planted with fruit trees, the whole occupying an area of one acre, or thereabouts. The property was for many years in the occupation of the late Mrs Elizabeth Elliott, and is now of Mr William Elliott, the proprietor. It is in close proximity to Whilton Locks, and is much used as a halting place for boats, there being no other licensed house within a considerable distance."*

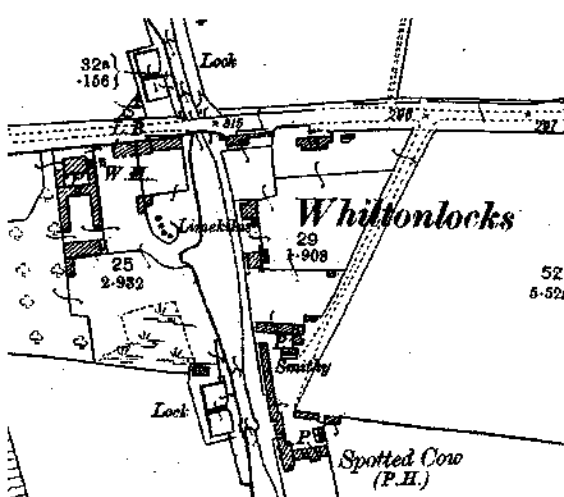
Memories of the first half of the twentieth century included fishing competitions, clog dancing, and cricket matches with teas provided by the Spotted Cow. The blacksmith, Sam Tomlinson, shod the horses for the boat people and the hunters from Whilton Lodge, while his wife was a dressmaker. Bonnets and shirts could be ordered on one trip and collected on the next. It took a skilled needlewoman to work these intricate designs.

Because of their nomadic way of life, few boatpeople learned to read and write; some had to have their letters read to them by Mrs Wright at the Spotted Cow. We also heard how small boys (Will Adams in the years before the First World War and Jack Wright between the Wars) were fascinated by the blacksmith's forge, which was also making bikes, and by the threshing tackle, engine box, elevators and a set of saws in the yard which is now the site of Saxon Lifts. Small boys nowadays would not have the freedom to roam in such places!



We noted the bewildering variety of activities undertaken by the Victorian entrepreneur, Thomas Henry Reynolds. Among others, these ranged from being a farmer, coal merchant, miller, grain merchant, lime merchant with lime kilns at the Locks, farm steward for John Craven at the Lodge, Rural District Councillor, four times Mayor of Daventry, Guardian for the Daventry Poor Law Union, Whilton School Manager, Churchwarden and Parish Councillor.

In his spare time he was colour sergeant of the Althorp Company of Volunteers. It was he who fired the first shots on the new range at Brington in 1897. Shooting was one of his leisure pursuits, and with two others, he rented the shooting and fishing rights of Daventry Canal Reservoir, although it was generally agreed that his favourite sport was angling. Perhaps this was one of the few opportunities he had to sit quietly! Going home would not have been quiet, as he and his wife, Tryphena, had nine children.



The Reynolds family lived in the farmhouse, which was demolished in order to build the Bannaventa pub, which has now become the carpet shop. The farmhouse, outbuildings and lime kilns can be seen on the left of this map of about 1880.

There are one or two photos of views showing the back of the house. No one at the meeting knew of a photo of the front view, although some could remember it. The house faced the road with an orchard in the area beside the railway embankment. If anyone has a photo of the front of this house, I would be very interested to see it. Needless to say, a photo of the energetic Mr Reynolds would be equally interesting.

There are probably enough memories and photos to have another evening based on the canal sometime in the future, but we are going back to the seventeenth century for our next meeting.

This will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall. The subject will be **“William Langton and his farm”**.

All are welcome. Please bring £1.50 to cover expenses.

Anthea Hiscock

## Tales of the Locks—No. 3

by Tom Price

### The Baroness and the Bannaventa

Twenty years ago an odd assortment of dedicated drinkers gathered in the back bar of the Bannaventa pub on most weekday lunchtimes to discuss life and put the world to rights. The group rarely numbered more than six or seven people. Their often ribald conversations sometimes took a bookish turn, prompting Jean Gane, the pub's witty landlady, to give them an official name: the Whilton Locks Literary Society.

I was dabbling in desktop publishing at the time, and quickly used it to design a logo for the infant society – a pen-nib rising from choppy water denoting the nearby canal. Jean had a plaque of it made and mounted on a wall inside the pub. We discussed having a local literary celebrity for our president, and I had a brainwave. Why not offer the post to Baroness Falkender of West Haddon?

Better known as Marcia Williams before she became Lady Falkender (her mother's maiden name) in 1974, she was a local girl, educated at Northampton High School for Girls, who became a leading political figure and author of best-selling books about life inside No. 10 Downing Street. She was one of the principal sources of true stories behind the classic "Yes, Minister" television series. From 1956 she was Prime Minister Harold Wilson's private and later political secretary. She was famously accused of including her own friends who had done her favours in a draft of his resignation Honours list. This was strongly denied by her and Wilson, and the BBC paid her £75,000 and £200,000 costs over claims made in a melodramatic docudrama, "The Lavender List."

The literati in the Bannaventa bar thought I was bonkers to think that such a famous person would deign to support our society. But I had faith in flattery. I constructed an imposing letterhead for the society, naturally including our pen-nib logo. Upon it I wrote a fawning letter praising milady's literary achievements and intimating that the presidency would be entirely honorary and would not involve any financial contribution from her or, indeed, any formal visit to our historic headquarters, reputedly part of the site of a Roman military township. It worked like a charm. Almost by return of post the peeress accepted the presidency

with a few gracious words. When I waved her letter in triumph, the members in the bar looked blank and bored. There were one or two rude remarks. Nevertheless, our illustrious president was always referred to with pride when visitors to the bar enquired about the unusual plaque on the wall.

Lady Falkender, who still attends the Lords every day at the age of 77, has never resigned from the Whilton Locks Literary Society and may even think it still exists. I imagine she will be very disappointed if she makes an unscheduled visit one day, only to discover that it is no more. Until I decided to write this memoir, its mighty pen-nib had sunk without a ripple.

Yet in its heyday it had a close association with an even more famous politician, the Conservative heavyweight Michael Heseltine, the macho blond whose challenge for the party leadership led to Lady Thatcher's downfall. Nicknamed "Tarzan" after he seized the mace in the House of Commons and brandished it at left-wingers, the millionaire publisher was often mentioned during our Bannaventa chinwags.

There was a good reason for this. Two of our regular members, Alan and Margaret Day, were Heseltine's butler and housekeeper at his country mansion before retiring to live on a narrowboat moored in Whilton Marina. The couple, who now live in Portugal, took an active part in many of our discussions, but they never countenanced any unseemly gossip about their former master. Their old-school discretion and loyalty were much admired at a time when squalid "kiss and tell" tabloid revelations were becoming fashionable.

The brightest literary star of our somewhat sozzled society was Patrick Freeman, a lanky Londoner who lived in the council house adjacent to the Whilton village allotments. Pat was a former soldier who had served through the North African and Italian campaigns of World War II. An imaginative cook, he made a living by running a mobile snack bar for lorry drivers stationed in a lay-by of the A45 near Flore. His big ambition was to achieve fame as a writer of ghost stories, examples of which he sometimes read to us.

One lunchtime he recalled his boyhood and had us enthralled with boyhood memories of accompanying his father, a colourful Cockney market trader, around Britain. It was real and riveting. In one yarn Pat recalled hours making sugared pills which his father would occasionally sell as a certain remedy for several embarrassing ailments. Our immediate reaction was: "Pat, you've got to write this stuff down."

He wisely took our advice and wrote a short piece which was submitted to *The World's Fair*, the weekly bible of British showmen, vintage vehicle restorers and market traders. The editor instantly demanded more and for some sixteen weeks devoted several pages of each issue to true (well, perhaps slightly embroidered) tales

about the amazing adventures of Pat and his dad.

The series was entitled "The Uncommon Market Man," cleverly echoing the popular interest at that time in the European common market, and was of a quality that truly deserved to be made into a book.

It was the only notable literary achievement to emerge from the Whilton Locks Literary Society, which never met again after the pub closed. But it made us all feel happy for Pat, and joyful that we had all been associated, albeit in a small way, with the wonderful world of literature.

September 2009

## Brington and Whilton Pre-School



We welcomed back nine children on our return to Pre-school at the beginning of September. Numbers are low and we are looking to recruit more children throughout the term. We are able to provide a secure, stimulating environment in which children are able to grow and learn at their own pace.

Reflecting on our practice we recently sent out a survey to parents and one of the kind comments received back was:

'I cannot praise Brington and Whilton pre-school highly enough. A nurturing, stimulating environment which allows all children to grow and learn under the guidance of superb staff.'

More comments are available for viewing on our website at [www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.bringtonandwhiltonpreschool.org.uk).

In June, with no warning, Ofsted visited us for our Inspection. Happily they were pleased with our progress and we received a 'Good' grade which was pleasing to Staff, Committee and Parent's. A lot of hard work goes into running the Pre-school and it is encouraging to see that it is recognised and appreciated. Some of the comments received on the Ofsted report were:

'Individual needs and requirements are known and respected and excellent relationships have been formed between staff, children and their peers'

'Staff work extremely well together and demonstrate a clear commitment to developing the service.'

'Excellent levels of communication take place between parents and practitioners, which ensures children's ever changing needs are effectively met.'

The full report can be read on the Ofsted Report website.

If you have or know of any child aged 2yrs 6mths to rising 5yrs who would benefit from attending a caring setting, please do not hesitate to contact

**Jenny Holman 01604 770083 or 07948724415.**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wed	7th	Oct	7.30 pm	WGA in village hall 'Organic Gardening' – Speaker - Sally Cunningham
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	9.30 am	Police Surgery in village hall
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	9.15 am	Library van in village outside The Old Plough
			2.30 pm	Tuesday Chat in village Hall
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	Early Evening	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening of M1 Motorway BBC Broadcast – local interest.
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	2.00pm	Working Party in Spinney
			6.00 pm	Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Church
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	9.15 am	Library van in village outside The Old Plough
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	7.30 pm	Whilton Local History Society in village hall "William Langton and his farm"
Weds	25 <sup>th</sup>	Nov		<b>DEADLINE FOR DEC/JAN NEWSLETTER</b> Please hand in your contribution before this date or Otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	12.30	Whilton Social Lunch in village hall

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