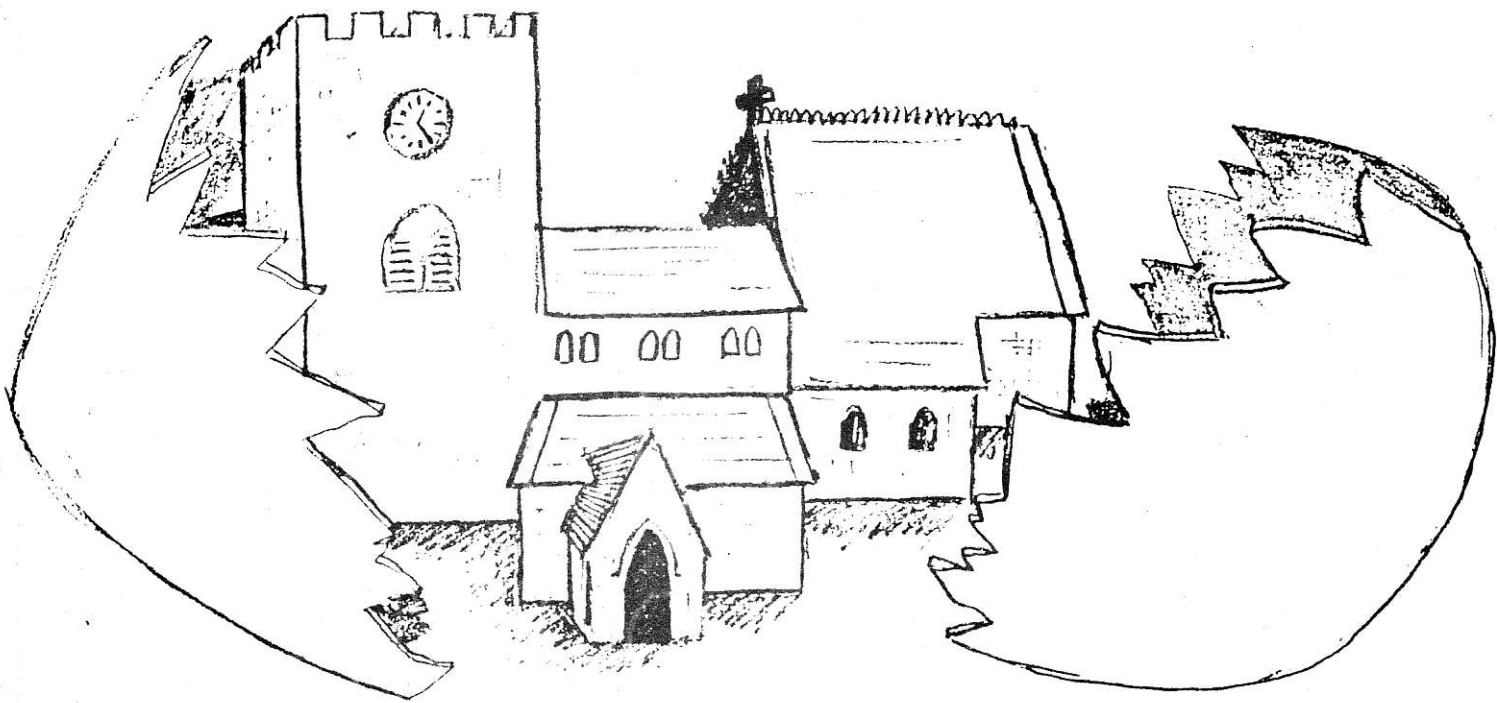


# WHILTON NEWSLETTER



April 1990

## Ed's Notes

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Has Spring sprung? It certainly would be good to think it has. The birds do seem more than a bit confused - basking in the warm sun one day, and the next day trying to find a leaf to shelter from the howling gales.

We hope everyone is still enjoying each issue of the newsletter - perhaps on one of these not-so-spring-like days we could have a few articles written. What about some useful gardening hints, or stories of local wildlife (which every category you choose) - and what's happened to the junior footballers this season? Let's hear all about them.

Happy Easter to you all - its only a few weeks away.

Ed's

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## Whilton Playgroup

The Playgroup continues to thrive with 15 three and four year olds attending this term. We are thinking about various forms of transport and would be very grateful to receive any pictures of cars, buses, trains, planes and other vehicles. We are also collecting egg boxes for the end of term.

We must say thank you to all those who frequently give us useful boxes, cards and other items. Some of your many Christmas cards have become parts of lorries, cranes and calendars, and some have been used for colour sorting and cutting practice.

From next September the Playgroup will need a new supervisor. If anyone from the village is interested in leading or becoming a helper please do contact me. There are more young children from the village who will be ready to start next year and if we are able to find local leaders the organisation and liaison will be much easier. If anyone might like to consider this please feel free to visit us at the Village Hall during a session on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings. This would give you an opportunity to see the sort of things which go on - from singing and dancing to climbing and painting, from water play to building and poetry; the list is endless and we all enjoy ourselves.

Anthea Hiscock

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## Tops and Foil

As usual, the "tops and foil" collection has been good and this time the "stamp" collection has been absolutely amazing. Many thanks to all contributors, known and anonymous.

Trudy Haynes

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## Parish Church

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Sunday Services: 1st Sunday - Benefice Eucharist at 10.00am  
(April at Norton; May at Brington; June at Whilton)

Other Sundays at 6.00pm

Sunday School: 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 10.00am

Holy Week stands as the hub of the Christian calendar, the heart of the Christian religion, commemorating the last events in the life of the man Jesus, called the Christ (Messiah).

The week begins with the adulation of Jesus by the crowd on Palm Sunday - so short-lived - alright to offer "alleluias" when in the mood - where are they when the goings tough - say, Good Friday. All melted away. On Thursday Jesus meets with his real friends (and the traitor) around the "table of the Lord" - the bread and the cup - for that Last (yet the first of so many) Supper. The Holy Communion (Eucharist) - THE service of the Christian Church - is inaugurated and Jesus washes his disciples' feet as an example of their behaviour towards one another. On Friday the religious establishment, in league with the secular State, has its own way. "Crucify him!" But where are the disciples? Hiding - keeping a very low profile. All so familiar. On Easter Sunday - the first day of the week (which is why some Christians meet regularly for worship on that day throughout the year) - "he is not here, he is risen!" Victory over death for God's friends.

Palm Sunday 6.00pm at Whilton

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at Brington

Good Friday 7.30pm at Whilton

Easter Day 6.00pm at Whilton (9.30am at Brington,  
11.30am at Norton)

21st April 2.00pm Wedding Service - Paul Redding & Melanie Wright

Standing Comm. Wednesday 23rd May at 3.00pm

Ascension Day 24th May at Norton at 7.30pm

P.C.C. Thursday 31st May at 7.30pm

As the last magazine notes were in before the event, we now take opportunity to thank John and Susan Townley for the sponsored organ-playing in January. Also we are so grateful to all who provided for and helped with the stalls and refreshments, and of course to all who supported us with this very successful fund-raiser.

It is with much regret that we have to announce that Susan is to retire from the Sunday School at the end of June. Susan has been carrying out this valuable work for some 14 years and it is more than understandable that time for a rest is certainly due. The Church in Whilton is truly grateful to her. This means that the Sunday School will close at the end of June -- unless this appeal for someone to come forward as replacement falls on fruitful ground. If anyone would like to make even the most tentative enquiry about what is involved would they please have a word with Susan or Fr. Norman.

The Northampton  
Gilbert & Sullivan Group  
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## Cubs

I belong to Weedon scout pack. There are over half a million Cub Scouts in the United Kingdom and we have about 34 in our pack. The Scout movement was started by Robert Baden Powell and has been going for over 70 years now. Half of the time at Cubs we play games like crab football, dogeball, cat and mouse and ladders, all of which are great fun. On some nights we have a night hike out in the village with bases. We also have five aside football competitions handicraft competitions, swimming galas and weekend camps. I have represented the district in the swimming gala, came runner up in the team of the five aside soccer, came 2nd, 1st and 2nd in the Cub sports. I have also got 15 proficiency badges, my bronze and silver arrows, and two service starts. Now I am doing canoeing and have been on 4 camps including 2 midnight feasts. So if you haven't joined already, join now and participate in the fun!

By Owen Lewis

# Proverbs, Country Sayings and Quotations

Here are the April and May offerings -

Dandelions should be fit to pick, for making wine, on St. George's Day  
(23rd April)  
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Bean planting by the elm tree's progress:-

When the elm tree's leaf is as big as a farthing it is time to plant runner  
beans in the garden. When the elm leaf is as big as a penny (old coinage)  
it is time to plant if you're going to have any.  
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In some areas Good Friday was the traditional day for planting early  
potatoes. This could have been because it was a holiday. (I wonder how  
the potatoes faired when Easter was very early in the year?)  
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A cold April the barn will fill.  
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If the ash come out before the oak,  
Then summer will be a regular soak,  
If the oak comes out before the ash,  
Then the summer will be a splash.  
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Now a message from the rooks:-

Rooks build high,  
Calm, fair and dry,  
Rooks build low,  
Cold, wet and blow.  
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Here is another quotation from Mrs. Joan Davies;

Don't look for the flaws as you go through life and even when you find  
them. It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind and to look for the virtue  
behind them.

Trudy Haynes

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Aerobics - Come along and get fit with aerobics - Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm  
in the Village Hall. (Except second Wednesday in the month)

## W.I. Report

The February meeting of the W.I. was a slide show of "Northampton Past", given by Mr. Alan Burman, a Chronicle & Echo photographer. He has a personal collection of over 1,000 photographs and his interest began when he reprinted some old postcards from a rubbish bin.

The slides appealed to both the old Northamptonians and those of us who are newcomers. Memories came back of even only 15 years ago when changes were made to centre of Northampton, and some members were taken back to their childhood with scenes of the Market Square and the Newlands area.

For those of us new to Northampton it was interesting to see the County jail and the Market Square used as a fairground. From an historical point of view, the costume of the 19th Century was interesting, most people wore hats when outside and the little girls wore white pinafores over their dresses.

Mr. Burman made the hour seem like 10 minutes and would be well worth going to see if the opportunity arose.

### Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all the people who supported our coffee morning in aid of the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. A total of £60.40 was raised.

N.B.

A Car Boot Sale is to be held in May - probably on the 12th, so start a grand clear out of the: garage, loft, spare room, childrens' bedrooms, and make yourselves some money and some space into the bargain.

Look on the Notice Board for details later.

HELP HELP HELP

LOST LOST LOST!

Many years ago a tablecloth was given to the W.I. by Jean Waights. Members wrote their signatures on it and Mrs. Alice Welch embroidered them. This cloth has been missing for some time now and has probably been pushed to the back of a cupboard or drawer. Whilst you are clearing space ready for the Car Boot Sale - PLEASE see if its there. New members are waiting to place their names on it and it would be a very treasured memento for the Institute.

Angela Hall

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## Whilton Gardeners' Association

A meeting of the Association was held on Monday, 5th February.

The committee put forward the idea of changing the date for the payment of subscriptions, suggesting January in preference to October. One of the advantages would be that those responsible for rose orders, seed orders, etc, would know in good time who needed to be given a catalogue and who qualified for discount, etc.

It was reported that all the seeds had been received from Dobie's and the only outstanding items were bulbs and plants that were due for despatch at a later date. Because of the size of the order the maximum discount of 50% had been allowed on the seeds. 5% (approx. £17.50) was retained by the Association and individual discounts of 45% were paid to members.

Mr. Haynes thanked members for the gift of an azalia that he and Mrs. Haynes had received in recognition of their work in dealing with the seed order.

At the conclusion of the business meeting members were taken on a tour of the 750 acres of the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley. This was done, of course, by means of a set of slides borrowed from R.H.S. entitled "Wonderful Wisley - A Garden for all Seasons".

The slides showed various parts of the gardens through all the seasons of the year and the commentary was ably and clearly given by our secretary, Mrs. Angela Hall, who coped nobly with the latin names that kept cropping up! She was assisted by Mrs. Janet Bowers, who operated the slide projector.

There are advantages to be gained by seeing Wisley by means of slides as one can view the various trees, shrubs and flowers when they are at their best. We saw the spring flowers; lots of daffodils and masses of crocuses naturalised under the silver birch trees. We were able to appreciate the beauty of the rhododendrons, one of the highlights of Wisley, and to view the rock garden, the herb garden and the various bedding plants that are put out in the spring and autumn, as well as seeing the rose gardens at their peak.

We saw the trial grounds, where new varieties of flowers and vegetables are constantly being tried out, and were particularly impressed with the display of delphiniums. As we went into the late summer and autumn the beds of dahlias and chrysanthemums caught the eye, as did the lovely autumn colours of the leaves, especially those of the acers.

And finally we saw the gardens in winter, under a light covering of snow, with the leafless trees standing out in their stark beauty. A very different aspect from the colours of the other seasons but impressive in its own way.

Next meeting will be on April 2nd at 7.30 in the village hall. The speaker will be Mr. Gaggini speaking on "Dwarf Conifers". Don't forget to bring along any spare seedlings and plants to sell.

Harold Haynes

## Brownies

In Brownies we have different sixes, here are the names of them Dixies, Gnomes, Scottish Kelpies, Bwbached from Wales, Sprites, Elves, Ghillie dhu the Imps and the Leprechauns. But you don't have to have every single one of those in your pack. Most of the time at Brownies you play games like stuck in the mud or ladders. When it is warm we play outside and some of the games are football, rounders or Hitler which is fun. You also have groups in which you have to work in. Brownies who are seven work in a group called the Footpath. Brownies that are eight go in a group called the road, and Brownies that are nine are in a group called the Highway. The Brownie Guide promise goes like this - I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God to serve the Queen and help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide law. You also have to do badges like the Hostess badge or the Writers badge or the First Aid badge. Some Brownie packs are lucky and go camping but our Snowy Owl has not got her wood badge so we cannot go. Last year was out 75th anniversary. We all went to Northampton at Franklin Gardens to celebrate. We enjoyed ourselves. Its a good idea to belong to Brownies because you make new friends and learn lots of new things.

Rowena Lewis

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## Langton House - history re-written!

Since the publication of our first article about the Langtons and Gammages of Langton House several friends have put us right and told us more, and we were thrilled to receive a visit from Barbara Gammage now in her 80s. She is now Mrs. Rollings, and was able to share her memories of her aunts, and to tell us how the house has changed over the years. She and her family have kept documents and photographs of the Langtons and Gammages, which we hope we shall be able to see.

We were wrong in thinking that the old twin sisters died in a nursing home. They both died here in Whilton in their own home thanks to the attention and care given them by Mrs. Tibbs' mother and Mr Houghton Senior. They were both active even when elderly; we have been told that Beatrice was on the roof of the barn gathering fruit at over 80. When ailing and confined to the ground floor "evening room" towards the close of their lives they were surrounded by family pictures on the walls. The piano and rocking chair were in the kitchen, which also served as a living room.

May Gammage died in 1975 and Mrs. Rollings told us that at her funeral, Beatrice in a wheelchair lent over the grave and was heard to say "Now don't you worry May, I'll soon be joining you there". Only three months later she did just that.

Jack and Fred were the two brothers who had also lived in the house with them. We don't know anything about Fred. Does anyone remember him? There was another brother, Perridge, who lived at the Mill and also Robert of Bob who kept the pub at Long Buckby Wharf. After his death, there was a quarrel about where he should be buried, It was apparently argued that there was no room in the churchyard for this member of the Gammage family, and as a result the two sisters refused to go to Church again until their own funerals.



Although Langton House was the family home of Beatrice and May Gammage we were wrong to think they lived there all their lives. In the inter war period they moved with their brothers to farm at Gayton and the house was let to a number of different tenants before the Gammages returned to Whilton during the war.

Looking at the records it is interesting to see how values have changed through time. Thomas Langton died in 1857 leaving a Yeoman's estate of £300. His son, Perridge left just under £800 in 1877. The twins sold the garage of Langton House to Langton Cottage (now its hard-standing) to £50 in the 1950s, and we are told that Langton Rise (then the orchard to Langton House) was on the market at about £11,000 in 1972!

I am hoping to discover more about the Langtons of the 18th and 19th centuries before I write again.

Keith Hiscock

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# Cheese and Wine EVENING

SATURDAY MAY 19<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

Old Rectory Whilton

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT.

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 8th February and a regular meeting was held on the 5th March 1990. Among items discussed were the following ;

a) Allotments ; A new 5 year lease had been offered by the District Council at an annual rent of £50. As the area of land was to be increased and all fencing and legal costs covered by other parties it was unanimously decided to accept the terms of the new lease.

b) Allotment Rents ; After a discussion it was decided to leave the rent per plot at £10 per year.

c) Brington Road Bends ; A site meeting had taken place between the parish council and the area surveyor . As a result an estimate was to be included to form a passing space by the oak tree. This work is subject to money being available from the County Council.

d) Street Lights ; It was agreed to arrange with EMEB to convert the remaining street lights to photo-electric all night lighting. The position of these being ;

Adjacent to Foxhill and Woodview

Overlooking the grass triangle opposite Holly House.

Opposite Buckby Lane.

Opposite the entrance to Langton Rise.

If any parishioners feel these changes will cause inconvenience then they should contact a member of the parish council.

e) Daventry District Plan ; Having looked at this document the parish council commented that the recommendations for Whilton were as they had previously submitted to the district council and that the document seemed to be well thought out and presented. An explanatory leaflet was to be distributed throughout the village.

f) Clay Pigeon Shoot ; Members of the parish council had been invited to attend the preliminary noise testing regarding this proposed development at Whilton Mill.

g) Planning Matters ;

i. Barn Conversions, Home Farm - A set of revised plans had been received regarding this development. The alterations being required by the planning authority. The parish council had no comments to make regarding these amendments. Approval has now been granted.

ii. Granny Annexe and Garage, Stone House - Granted.

iii. Plot adjacent to the Old Cottage - Renewal of outline permission. The parish council had no comment to make regarding this application.

iv. New Industrial Unit at Whilton Marina - Having studied the plans, the parish council felt it was difficult to comment as there was no indication of what it is to be used for and in any case Part 11 of the form showing industrial and commercial floor space, number of employees etc. was missing. This observation was to be sent to the district council together with a comment reiterating concern regarding the increase in traffic in the area.

## Summary of Events

Mon. April 2nd 7.30pm Gardeners' Association in V. Hall

Sun. April 8th 6.00pm Palm Sunday Service Whilton

Wed. April 11th 7.30pm W.I. in Village Hall

Fri. April 13th 7.30pm Good Friday Service Whilton

Sun. April 15th 6.00pm Easter Sunday Service Whilton

Wed. May 9th 7.30pm W.I. in Village Hall

Wed. May 9th Last date for next Newsletter

Sat. May 12th W.I. Proposed Car Boot Sale

Sat. May 19th 7.30pm Cheese & Wine, Old Rectory Whilton

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