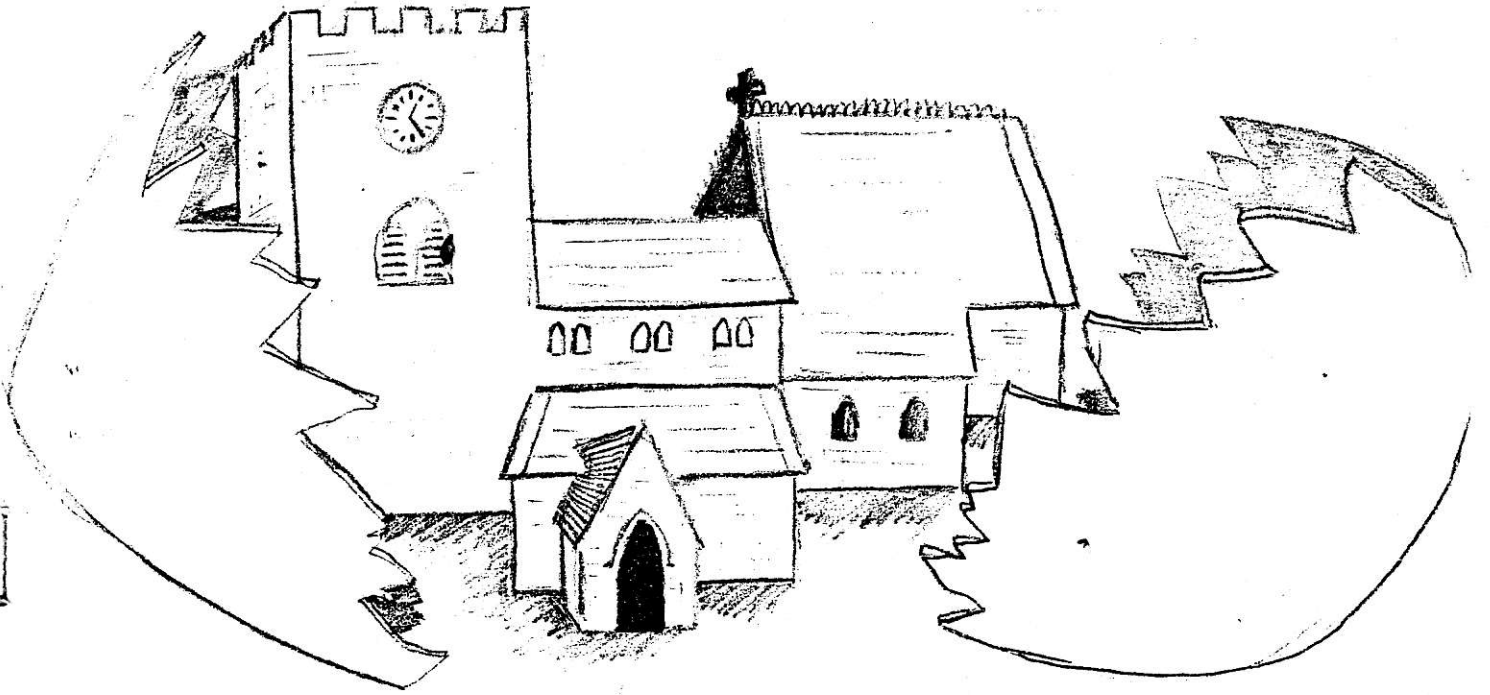


# WHILTON NEWSLETTER



APRIL 1992

## Ed's Notes

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March is still winter - certainly in our part of the world - gales and hail storms - keep those thermals on! But signs of Spring are encouraging - the daffodils are well on their way, the birds are singing much earlier these mornings. The herons have returned from their winter lodgings to the heronry along the road and are building nests with great urgency, and there are lambs just everywhere!

Spring cannot be far away. Easter Greetings to all our readers.

Ed's

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## Parish Church

Sundays: 1st of month BENEFICE EUCHARIST at 10.00am (at each church in turn)  
April - Norton; May - Brington; June - Whilton

Other Sundays at 6.00pm

Mothers and Toddlers meet at Brington on Wednesdays at 2.00pm

HOLY WEEK Palm Sunday 12th April. Palm Ceremony and Evening Prayers, followed by the Ministry of the Sacrament at 6.00pm.  
Monday in Holy Week: 6.30pm Eucharist at Norton  
Tuesday in Holy Week: 6.30pm Eucharist at Whilton  
Wednesday in Holy Week: 7.00pm Eucharist at Brington

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Commemoration of The Last Supper at Whilton  
Good Friday 3.00pm Commemoration of the Suffering of Our Lord at Brington.  
Easter Day Sung Eucharist & Easter Ceremonies. 6.00pm (Whilton)

Celebration Sunday - on Sunday May 3rd all parishes in our Diocese are asked to do something special by way of bringing the local church to the notice of parishioners. At Whilton we are proposing to have the church open during the afternoon with the invitation to all villagers to pay us a visit, join us in tea and cake and have a good look at the place. There may even be some among us who have never seen inside owing to the unfortunate circumstances of today's society that force us (and many other churches) to be shut outside service times. Do come in. (This is not a fund-raising activity.)

On Monday May 4th the Diocese is having a day of celebration, to which everyone is invited, at All Saints Middle School, Boughton Green Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton. Doors open at 10.00am and there will be a day of seminars, workshops and exhibitions with an open air Holy Communion at 12.00 noon when the President will be the Bishop of Peterborough. People are invited to take their own lunches - and food may be purchased there. The official day will finish at 5.00pm. This is definitely an all age occasion.

Our Annual Meeting has not yet taken place. By the time this is published it will be long over. No doubt at the meeting, as every year, thanks will be expressed, for the on-going work of the church officers, congregation and friends. There's a fair chance too that wishes will be offered up that more people would share with us in our worship activities. There are so many good folk who will rally round with fund-raising - God bless'em - but we do so much need of people's bodies (and their minds and spirits too!) For those are the only things that make for a viable church situation.

There must be a few more people about who are, at least nominally, "Church of England". It would be a great joy if they would come forward to show commitment and give themselves in fellowship with the worshipping community. The time will come (unless money starts dropping from heaven!) when the use by small congregations of massive and very expensive bits of property is called into question. This is not a silly idle threat. Just read the signs.

What about the churchyard? Who is going to cut the grass this season?

Norman Knibbs

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### Whilton Gardeners' Association

Nineteen members were at our meeting on the third of February. Mrs. Freda Thomas arranged a delightful display of spring bulbs for the table. Reference was made to the nurserymen who will give a discount to Association members. The future outing to Pusey Gardens in Oxfordshire was discussed, as was the Gardening Quiz to be held at Flore on Wednesday 13th May, to which all members are invited.

Special appreciation was expressed for the very efficient way Mr. & Mrs. Harold Haynes had again dealt with the seed order.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Mike Rangley who was welcomed by our Chairman Mrs. Janet Bowers. Mr. Rangley spoke on the subject of "Managing the small cool greenhouse", and he used an overhead projector to show illustrations. Mr. Rangley who is at present working as an "Arboricultural Officer", had previously had considerable experience working in the nurseries of Northampton Borough Council.

The talk dealt with the choice of house, the positioning, with special consideration being given to light and temperature. The compatibility of various fruits and vegetables was discussed. It was suggested that the cheapest aide to cultivation (bottom heat) for seeds was the use of a biscuit tin using a 60 watt bulb.

Mr. Rangley kindly gave a few copies of his illustrations and notes, and a copy is in the Association library. Mrs. Norma Henson gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Rangley, and members then enjoyed refreshments.

Next meeting will be held on Monday 6th March when the speaker will be Mr. Warlikar - the magic of vegetables.

## "Within Living Memory"

Whilst collecting material for a W.I. book - "Within Living Memory" - Mr. Adams gave me this account of the replacing of a pair of gates at Whilton Locks. This took place early this century and I feel it is part of the history of Whilton Locks.

It was of great interest to a young boy and I hope you will find it interesting, too.

The gates were made of oak, with elm lagging, - just imagine their weight! They were made at Blisworth and transported to a spot near the locks, by barge, where they were unloaded.

When work was due to start, the new gates were floated to the relevant lock and anchored at the side, great care being taken to make sure they were on their correct side of the lock. Nobody would care to handle items of this weight more often than was necessary. In order to deal with the old gates, the lock would be drained. Following this, the balance poles would be removed from the old gates, leaving the main parts standing in pivots. The lock would then be re-filled and the gates floated away down the canal and onto the bank, ready for dismantling. No doubt this would be a difficult task, but the wood was probably useful to some people.

In the meantime the lock was drained once more and the new gates levered and man-handled into the pivots. Finally the balance poles were re-placed and the lock re-filled. The whole operation took about a week. No doubt there would be some barges anxious to be on their way!

Today all sorts of mechanical devices would be available for this job, but in the "good old days" it was a case of using muscle power and a few special levers for moving the gates.

I wonder how much the men were paid? They were probably only too pleased to have work. There was no unemployment benefit in those days.

Trudy Haynes

VILLAGE HISTORY We still have several copies of Whilton Village History, compiled by Clive Haynes. These are for sale at £2 each, proceeds to Whilton Church funds.

Available from The Old Plough, Whilton.

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### FREE FOR COLLECTION

Well rotted horse manure. We can supply it faster than you can take it!!! Bring a bag or barrow or a truck.

Please phone Sharon Messinger on 843221.

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## Whilton Village Hall

The 200 Club draw on 6th February was hosted by Brigid Fisher - a well attended coffee morning which raised £29. Many thanks to Brigid and to all who came and supported the event.

Prize winners were:

1st Prize - £30.00	Miss Curtis
2nd Prize - £20.00	P. Morris

A draw was also held on 28th February in the Village Hall;

Prize winners were:

1st Prize - £30.00	Mr. & Mrs. Treacey
2nd Prize - £20.00	S. Messinger

Congratulations to all the winners.

The next draw will take place in Whilton Village Hall at 7.30pm Friday 27th March. You are all welcome to attend.

Mary Kane

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## Brington and Whilton Playgroup

We are holding a car boot sale on Whilton Locks car park on Sunday 3rd May 1992, 1.30pm to 4.00pm. So if you have plans to sort out your attic/sheds or cupboards and find items you could sell, you would be most welcome to set up a 'car boot'. Further details will be put on the notice board at the end of April. All money raised will go towards the playgroup.

The Playgroup are hoping to set up a small video library, if anyone has any videos they no longer use which would be suitable for small children, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Mary Kane

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### RECIPE FOR BIRD PUDDING

Melt 1/2 lb lard with some bacon rind and scraps in a pan. Mix in wild bird nuts and seeds, toast, bread and cereal crumbs, a few miscellaneous table scraps finely chopped, until it is all of a 'porridgey' consistency.

This is spooned into two half coconut shells, packed down hard and left to cool and congeal thoroughly.

Garden wire is then threaded through a hole in the shell and the whole thing suspended from a suitable (viewing) point where it can be seen from your window.

Strictly for the birds!

## W.I. Meetings

The February meeting was chaired by Miss Drake as Mrs. Gardner was involved with lambing.

We were reminded that a representative was still required for the Daventry Hospital Watch Committee - names to Mr. Haynes please.

Future charges for visitors would be 50p for adults and 25p for children. New members free for the first visit. The Village scrapbook 1st April 1992 for 1 year, a box to be provided for cuttings etc.

Unfortunately our speaker could not come but thanks to Miss Scott and Miss Drake we had a splendid evening. They gave a marvellous holiday talk with super slides. France, Albania, Cyprus and the United States were all visited - it was fascinating.

We were delighted to welcome three new members.

At the March meeting Miss Drake reported on the Group Meeting, held in Brington the previous week, which had been well supported. There was an entertaining speaker and delicious refreshments. Also a message urging us to increase our membership.

Brington W.I. have invited us to take part in a Carol Service on the afternoon of Sunday 6th December, 1992. All agreed this was a very good idea.

The "Within Living Memory" project is completed with very hard work compiling this by Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Haynes. Miss Drake offered thanks and appreciation on our behalf.

The Annual County Raffle is now under way, tickets are 20p each from any member, with a first prize of £100 - get your tickets without delay!

We were reminded of the forthcoming Shire Horse Show, the Footpath Walks in May and June and the Grow, Gather and Gain Day at Sywell Country Park on Wednesday 20th May. We are to make our usual annual donation to the A.C.W.W.

Our speaker for the evening was a very active member of the W.I., Mrs. Christine Farmer of Preston Capes who holds many important offices but spoke of one of her main activities - namely our own Denman College in Oxfordshire of which she is the representative. We were shown many slides of this lovely old house and garden. Well designed and attractive additions have been made over the years since it was bought in 1948. The interior is very attractively furnished and looked most comfortable. Many varied courses are held throughout the year, a week-end or a week in residence can be spent learning and practising skills on almost any subject you can mention - at a very reasonable cost, including accommodation and meals which sounded plentiful and extremely good.

The raffle was won by Miss Scott.

Kay Roberts



## Milk tops, foil etc. and stamps

By the time this Newsletter reaches you we shall have contributed two sack fulls of tops and very many stamps.

Remember that all contributions, however small, are very welcome. Many thanks to all our contributors.

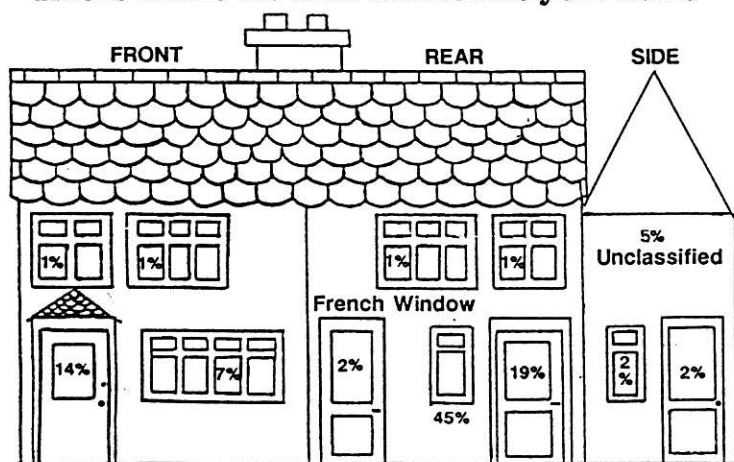
Trudy Haynes

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Extract taken from the new magazine - "Daventry Calling"

# Community Information

This is where the thief breaks into your home



% shows frequency of break-ins at each point of entry.

If you require more information on burglar alarms, contact me at Daventry Police Station : 0327 300300 Ext. 3110

*M. Downing*

Mike Downing  
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

REMEMBER ALSO

When Representatives and Tradesmen call :-

**ALWAYS ASK FOR AN  
IDENTITY CARD !**



Last Year over 700,000 homes were broken into in England and Wales. Most of these burglaries were committed by opportunist thieves, NOT professional criminals.

They take advantage of:-

1. Windows left open for a bit of fresh air.
2. The door left open while you pop down the shops.
3. The key hidden under the doormat.
4. The ladder not put away.

Burglary CAN be made more difficult for the criminal with just a few basic security measures:-

1. Don't leave your doors and windows open when you go out.
2. Do fit window locks to all downstairs windows and to upstairs if they can be reached from a flat roof etc.
3. Make sure you have good quality locks fitted to all external doors.
4. Consider fitting a burglar alarm - They're not as expensive as you think !

BEE ALERT

## Neighbourhood Watch

There was an 88% increase in Rural Crime in January.

Bogus officials are in the area - beware. Irish people posing as Water Board employees, asked an elderly couple to watch taps for coloured water coming though and shout when it appeared. Meanwhile they stole savings. Check identity cards, preferably through a window, before opening the door to strangers. Ring Daventry Police (Tel 300300) if you are at all concerned.

The breakdown of crime in the Whilton, Long Buckby, Watford and West Haddon area (January):

Theft from Motor vehicles	-	4
Theft of Motor vehicles	-	3
Burglary - not houses	-	2
Burglary - domestic	-	1
Violence	-	1
Criminal damage	-	1

There were 7 other reported offences, not in these categories.

Whilton - Criminal damage - 1 and 'other crime' - 1

Drugs This was the first mention of this issue to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. The police are very concerned about the spread of drug taking to the rural areas - 8 youngsters were recently arrested.

In respect of Cannabis we are advised to look out for Riza Cigarette Papers, usually with the lid torn off. Other drugs are indicated by extreme changes in mood i.e. deep depression or hyperactivity.

All information treated in strictest confidence.

### Vehicle Crime -

- a) Don't leave valuables on display in the car. Lock them in the boot.
- b) Lock car every time you leave it - even for a few mins.
- c) Be alert for strangers showing interest in your vehicle.
- d) Always remove the ignition key, even in your garage.
- e) At night park in a well lit area.

Daytime burglaries are occurring in the area - be alert and note car numbers of strangers. Report direct to Police Dav. 300300

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Would anyone like to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. It is more suitable for someone who is in Whilton during the day. Please let me know.

Angela Tilston



PARISH COUNCIL

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As we stated in the last copy of the Newsletter, 1992 is the year when a new council takes office. This may or may not require an election, depending upon the number of candidates putting their names forward.

Obviously, from the point of view of cost to the Parish, it would be helpful if exactly the right numbers were nominated for the available seats. (It is thought that an election would cost something over £500, i.e. £3 to £4 on each community charge papyer's bill). On the other hand it would show a healthy interest in parish affairs if the nominations far exceeded the number of seats available !

For the first time ever the parish is to be divided into two Wards, Whilton and Whilton Locks. Whilton is to be allowed five representatives on the parish council and Whilton Locks two. If it should come to an election voting would be by Wards, i.e. Whilton electors would only be able to vote for their five representatives and Whilton Locks electors for their two.

Candidates may be nominated for BOTH Wards but, once the lists of nominations are published, have to make written withdrawal from one within twenty-four hours or be disqualified from both.

The kind of situation to be avoided, if possible, is the one where there are more candidates than seats in one Ward and less candidates than seats in the other. As we understand the rules this would mean an election in the Ward with too many candidates as no-one would be allowed to switch their nomination from one Ward to the other at that stage.

If anyone is interested in standing for the Parish Council and would like to know more about what is involved, please have a word with one of the present members or with the Clerk, Mrs. Anne Heeley, who will have the necessary nomination forms when they are available. Two of the present councillors have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election so it is hoped that other people will come forward.

Harold Haynes  
Chairman (until the meeting of the new council on May 11th).

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VILLAGE RAMBLE/TREASURE HUNT

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Fancy some fresh air during the afternoon of Sunday April 19th, then join us at 2.30 p.m. for a countryside ramble with clues to collect along the way.

The route will be reasonably easy over footpaths and should cover (if you don't get lost) about three miles. This ramble is planned to be a family event so not all the clues will be easy. The ramble will start and finish at the village hall. (If the weather is bad it will be held entirely in the village hall). Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be provided while the results are calculated.

Further information from Jim Gardner 842324. or any Village Hall Committee member.

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Since my last report three new children have joined us, well one really, because Hannah and Joe Evans are not really new as they have returned from Cumbria. A new American girl, Nichola, has also joined us.

Many children have been absent recently, but they were'nt ill, they were on a number of courses. Ruth Spokes and Sarah Snape both went on a violin course which they said was very good. Others went on a cross curriculum course ( whatever that is !) which seemed to be enjoyed alot. They brought back with them spectacular head dresses which they had made themselves. The theme was carnivals so they learnt many jolly songs which we all hope to learn.

Mr B's class are all looking forward to their week long trip to York in June to study the Vikings. In April the juniors are going to Lamport Hall for the day.

Kate Gardner.

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICE

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Children who are five years old during the next school year (September 92 - August 93 ) are eligible to start school in September 1992.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before August 31st 1993, and not already on the admission list, please contact the Headmaster Mr.P.Bilsborough.

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EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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We are sorry to have to report that Joyce no longer feels able to serve on the Editorial Committee, due to lack of time. She has been a very loyal member and has been responsible for writing the Ed's Notes since the Newsletter was first started, as well as encouraging others to contribute articles.

Your work has been very much appreciated, Joyce, and we shall miss you at our meetings. Very many thanks and best wishes from your fellow Eds.

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Meetings of the Parish Council have been held on 7th February and 2nd March, among items discussed were the following ;

Neighbourhood Watch - Mrs Tilston, the co-ordinator, spoke to the council on the workings of the scheme. It was hoped the crime prevention bus would visit the village sometime in the future. In addition to giving advice on security matters it is believed that a "marking" service is provided for bikes and "attractive" household goods. More details when a firm date is fixed.

Tidy Village Prize - The village had won a £10 voucher in last years competition. It was agreed that the voucher would be exchanged for a young horsechestnut tree and that Mr.Clements would arrange planting in a suitable location within the parish.

Operation Springclean - This event was being held county wide during the period 3rd - 12th April. Mr Bilsborough and Mr Lewis agreed to co-ordinate this event within the parish. A successful "springclean" will hopefully enhance our chances of retaining the Tidy Village title for the coming year.

Village Noticeboard - It was agreed that a new enclosed hardwood noticeboard should be obtained from Harlestone Firs Sawmill at a price of £160 + VAT.

Allotment Rents - After discussion it was agreed that the allotment rents should remain unchanged for the next 12 months i.e. £12 for a full plot and £6 for half a plot.

Work at Whilton Locks - As a result of several major road side works at Whilton Locks it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Area Surveyor asking if he would ensure that the contractors re-instate the verges and leave the area tidy after work has been finalised.

Anglian Water Rubbish - A letter was to be sent to Anglian Water asking them to clear their contractors "left overs" and also to remove the fly tipped rubbish which this has subsequently attracted.

Footpath - British Telecom were to be requested to attend to a rocking manhole cover and hole in the footpath near Orchard House. Both caused by work that they had carried out in the past.

Planning matters ;

Canal Cottage, Whilton Locks - The council had been notified that the appeal lodged by the applicant had been cancelled and that an earlier application to renovate the cottage had now been granted.

Roof Lights, Churchgate - The appeal against permission had been turned down but a new revised application had been received. The council agreed to make similar comments to those made to the original application i.e. no comment.

Tennis Court, Whilton Mill - The council had no comment to make regarding this application.

Kitchen extension, Old School House - After lengthy discussion, and an adjournment, the council decided to make the following observation regarding this application;

"It is noted that this is a Listed Building Application and with regard to Architectural and Historic matters they draw attention to the fact that part of the value lies in it being the "Old School House". In this respect the courtyard at the rear formed by the house, the school room (now the village hall) and outbuildings (once the school toilets) and containing the old pump is, part of the historic and architectural value of the building. This courtyard was the old playground and an old photograph in the village hall shows pupils and staff of the school gathered there at the turn of the century. The parish council considers this space should be preserved as such.

The parish council are also concerned about;

a) The proximity of the extension to the windows of the village hall. One window is vitually totally obstructed by a wall only 0.8 metre away. There are only two windows lighting the actual hall both overlooking the courtyard.

b) The door to the village hall marked "emergency exit" on the plan, is in fact the access conveyed with the freehold. The other access is a leasehold one. The council are concerned that i) in the event of the lease of the second access not being renewed or otherwise terminating that inadequate access will be left. That ii) fire appliances and other vehicles will be unable to get to the door which is the one close to the kitchen, the most likely source of a fire.

The parish council consider that the proposal will unreasonably deprive the village hall of light and prejudice access to the hall particularly by fire appliances."

Jim Gardner.

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IF YOU VALUE THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER ,

THEN PLEASE,

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PROVIDE MORE ARTICLES

FOR FUTURE EDITIONS. THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD REFLECT ALL PARISHIONERS INTERESTS AND VIEWS, NOT JUST THE "DEDICATED FEW".

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
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The one council meeting of the year when you, the parishioners, can have your say about what is going on, or not going on, within the parish. Normal parish council meetings are open to parishioners but you cannot take any part in the actual business under discussion.

The date of this years Annual Parish Meeting is Monday 11th May at 7-30p.m. in the village hall. If you want a particular item to be discussed then please let the Clerk (Ann Heeley) have details at least 7 days before the meeting so that the item can be included on the agenda. (Items should strictly not be discussed or decisions made without the item being on the agenda in the first place).

The first meeting of the new parish council will also be held at 8-00p.m. on the same evening so why not come along and "put a face to a name" ,or vice versa, of any new councillors. They will be your local parish councillors for the next four years.

Jim Gardner.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE  
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The dogs they held a meeting, they came from near and far.  
Some dogs came by aeroplane, and some dogs came by car.  
They crossed the little courtyard to sign the visitors book.  
Each dog took of it's tail and hung it on a hook.  
The dogs they all were seated, mother son and sire.  
When suddenly a mongrel dog jumped up and shouted FIRE.  
The dogs were in such panic they did'nt know where to look.  
Each dog grabbed a tail from off the nearest hook.  
And that is the reason why sir, a dog will leave it's bone,  
To sniff another dog's tail, to see if it's his own.

Whisky G.

## Summary of Events

Mon.	6th	Apr.	7.30 pm	Gardeners' Association, V. Hall
Wed.	8th	Apr.	7.30 pm	W.I. - History and Preservation of Public Footpaths - Vill. Hall
Thur.	9th	Apr.		<u>General Election Day</u>
Fri.	10th	Apr.		Schools break up
Tues.	Holy Week		6.30 pm	Sung Eucharist - Whilton
	Maundy Thursday		7.30 pm	Commem. of Last Supper - Whilton
	Easter Sunday		6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist - Whilton
Sun.	19th	Apr.	afternoon	Village Ramble and 200 Club draw
Tues.	28th	Apr.		Campion School return
Sun.	3rd	May	afternoon	Whilton Church open
Sun.	3rd	May	1.30 - 4.00	Playgroup Car Boot Sale - Whilton Locks
Mon.	4th	May		Diocese day of celebration see page 1
Thur.	7th	May		District/Parish Elections
Mon.	11th	May	7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wed.	13th	May	7.30 pm	W.I. - Resolutions
Fri.	15th	May		Last date for articles for June Newsletter
Fri.	22nd	May		Schools break up
Mon.	1st	June		Schools return

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