



WHILTON NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1993

To our great disappointment not a single entry was received in our "Design a Cover" competition for under 11 year olds. Nevertheless we will try again.

We are aware that several adults in the parish are keen and proficient artists and wondered if they would each care to design a Newsletter cover. This would not be in the form of a competition. We would use the covers for future issues. Perhaps some of our younger villagers would prefer to send in a design without the pressure of a competition. Their efforts would be welcome.

The design should be on A4 paper (upright) and an 8 cm blank space should be left across the paper, either at the top or bottom, so that "Whilton Newsletter" may be added to your design. Completed designs may be handed to any member of the editorial team.

Only one contribution of garden hints was received for this issue. Next time we are hoping to include summer recipes so come on ladies and gentlemen. Send in your ideas by May 13th.

We have all been enjoying the sunshine recently. Dare we hope that Spring has arrived?

On that note here are two country sayings appropriate to the season:-

"It ain't Spring until you can plant your foot on twelve daisies at once."

Whatever the weather on Easter Sunday it will be the same at harvest time."

A Happy Easter to everyone. Ed's

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Church Services

Sunday 4th April - PALM SUNDAY - 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at NORTON

8th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7.30 pm Benefice Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altars at WHILTON

9th April - GOOD FRIDAY - 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm "THE LAST HOUR" - Good Friday Service and talks, hymns & prayers at BRINGTON

7.30 pm - The Night Office of Compline, with Address at NORTON

11th April - EASTER DAY BRINGTON - 9.30 am) Festival
NORTON - 11.30 am) Parish
WHILTON - 6.00 pm) Eucharist

Sunday 2nd May - 10.00 am - Benefice Eucharist at BRINGTON

SUNDAY SERVICES at WHILTON for the remainder of April and May will be at 6.00 pm.

Licensing of New Priest-in-Charge

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On Friday, 5th March, Whilton was well represented at a packed church at Great Brington for the Licensing and Installation of Canon Jim Richardson as Priest-in-Charge of Brington, Whilton and Norton - the office of Rector having been temporarily suspended whilst the Diocese of Peterborough looks again at parochial reorganisation in this area. It was a great joy to take part in such a service with so many people present. There was a goodly number of people from Canon Jim's former parishes, with a large contingent, including the choir, from All Saints, Northampton. Local organisations were represented, the W.I. by Miss Frances Drake, the Parish Council by Mr. Jim Gardner and the local School by Mr. Paul Bilsborough. After the service everyone was able to partake of refreshments, prepared and served by church members of the three parishes.

Canon Jim is a senior priest who has served in Wolverhampton, Stoke-on-Trent, Nantwich, then as the Vicar of Leeds, and latterly as Director of the Council of Christians and Jews. During his time at CCJ he was attached to the staff of All Saints, Northampton.

We warmly welcome him to Whilton.

Harold Haynes

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Getting to Know You

I am glad to have this opportunity of introducing myself to you. I do not know which has been the more daunting experience - hearing so many tributes to my predecessor, Norman Knibbs, and realising what I have to live up to; or facing the task of effectively playing my part in not one but three parishes, each with its own church and way of doing things. But I have been tremendously encouraged by the many messages of goodwill and support which have reached me from all over the benefice, and in Whilton by the way people have stopped me to introduce themselves. Needless to say, Harold and Trudy Haynes have been marvellous in looking after me. Shades of The Old Plough as it was with the hospitality shown!

Of course it doesn't help having the Rectory in Brington. I am not in Whilton to the extent I would like to be; and I am divided up between three parishes. But I do intend to give about a day each week to Whilton, concentrating particularly on visiting, and I hope in this way I can get to know you better as your parish priest. The exercise, though, is not one way! Do say hello when you see me around, or ring me at home if you would like me to visit, or if I can be of any help to you in other ways. Most important of all perhaps: you can always find me in Whilton Church each Sunday at 6.00 pm - there's a good commercial for you!

Let me give you my telephone number for reference: 0604 770402.

Thank you for your welcome. I very much appreciate it.

Jim Richardson

Will Adams

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Will Adams. He had not been well for some time and died on Wednesday morning, 10th March, following a heart attack the previous evening. Will was one of the last of the true Whiltonians, having been born in the village, in April, 1909, and, apart from war service, living in the parish all his life. He had worked as a carpenter and joiner for the firm of Ralph Judkins, of Long Buckby, and as estate carpenter at Ashby-St.-Ledgers. In 1937 he married Freda Collier, of Norton, whose father, George Collier, was also a carpenter and joiner and the local undertaker.

Will's life was one of service to the community. He was Churchwarden from 1947 until his death and during the earlier years of this period had also been PCC secretary and treasurer. He was a member of the Parish Council from 1949 until 1988. He served in the army during the 1939-45 war, becoming a Warrant Officer, and spent some years in India. Since that time he had always been a keen supporter of the British Legion, acting as the Legion representative in the parish and working hard on fund raising. Will had a wonderful memory and was very knowledgeable on local history and on everything connected with the church in the parish. This knowledge was very much appreciated by the W.I. and the Parish Appraisal group when researching local history.

His cheerful presence, ready wit, knowledge and expertise will be sadly missed.

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Whilton Gardeners' Association

February's meeting was well attended and the main matter arising was the "Britain in Bloom" competition. The village will be judged on the amount of colour in all our gardens and the areas around the Green and the Churchyard. All villagers can play their part by use of hanging baskets and tubs etc.

There will also be a children's painting competition which involves painting a picture representing a month of the year. More details can be obtained from Mrs. Bowers Tel. 842851.

The visit to members' gardens was provisionally booked for April 17th meeting at 3.00 pm at the Village Hall.

Once the business was over, we were given an entertaining talk by Mr. Moon whose subject was "Birds in your Garden". Some of the birds mentioned were:

The Robin who nests in just about anything left lying in the garden.

The Wren who is the smallest bird with the loudest voice.

The Coal Tit who takes each nut and makes a hidden store.

The Nuthatch who is very acrobatic.

The Great Spotted Woodpecker who thrived during the Dutch Elm disease as it fed on the insects that carried the disease.

The Reed Warbler whose feathers dry in seconds!

The Kingfisher who nearly died out during a harsh winter in the 60's - only 2 pairs were left.

New members are always welcome, for more information phone Mrs. E. Finnemore 843620 or Mrs. J. Bowers 842851.

Angela Hall

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The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 10th at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, to which all Parishioners are cordially invited.

- 7.00 pm Mr. Paul Green, Head of Development Control, Planning Department, Daventry District Council has been invited to speak.
- 7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting - items for the Agenda should be with the Clerk by 30th April.
- 8.00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Anne Heeley (843270)
Clerk to the Parish Council

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BEETLE DRIVE

The W.I. are planning to hold a Beetle Drive on Friday 16th April at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

This will be a family fun evening with prizes, so come and join in.

See notice board for further details.

DOG WARDEN SERVICE

DAVENTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL
HAS FROM 1ST APRIL 1992
INTRODUCED A DOG WARDEN
SERVICE

The service covers the whole of the district with the main role of the warden being the promotion of responsible dog ownership.

The full time Dog Warden operates the service from a clearly identified white van marked with the words DOG WARDEN.

Dog owners have nothing to fear from the service if they abide by these simple rules:

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO

- Roam the streets alone
- Go out with no collar and identification disc
- Foul footways or recreation areas
- Run around childrens play areas
- Frighten people
- Bark or howl for long periods

The warden is here for both dog owners and non dog owners alike, should you require further information or advice then the warden can be contacted at: **The Environmental Health Department, Council Offices, Lodge Road Daventry.**
Tel: Daventry 71100



Eggs for Easter

Happy Easter to all Whilton Children. We all enjoy eating eggs at Easter and most of us will have chocolate ones.

If you want a change from chocolate, you could make a savoury Easter treat for your family. Boil some eggs until they are hard. Cool them and shell them. Then make a nest of your favourite salad ingredients and arrange the eggs inside.

You might like to decorate the shells of hard boiled eggs. If eggs are boiled very hard they can be kept for years and given as gifts. It is said that King Edward I had 400 eggs boiled and then stained or covered with gold leaf to give to members of his household. I wonder how long they were kept.

An Easter Puzzle Imagine you have 9 eggs and 4 large bags.

How can you put an odd number of eggs into each bag?

You are not allowed to cut up or break either eggs or bags.

Answer on back page.

Old Egg Jokes

"I like your Easter tie".
"Why do you call it my Easter tie."
"It's got egg on it."

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"Waiter, waiter, this egg's bad."
"Don't blame me. I only lay the table."

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"What did the drunken chicken lay?"
"Scotch Eggs."

And lastly: -

Have you read "Cookery for beginners" by Egon Chips?

You can do better than this! Any contributions welcome for the next issue.

Anthea Hiscock

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Mini/Maxi Disco held in the Village Hall on March 6th proved to be a successful evening. Including a donation a total of £54.24p was raised for the Church Restoration Fund.

School News

At the moment Year 5 and 6 are going chess crazy as the chess championships are nearing an end and we have completed the draughts in which Sarah White won.

For 3 days in January I went on a violin course at Grendon which was great fun. Also 6 more year 6 will go on a cross-curricula course from the 8th of March to the 10th.

On the 12th of March it is Comic Relief day and Brington School is being taken over by Year 6 because they are teaching all day and hoping to raise money by making pizzas and various other activities.

Rowena Lewis

STOP PRESS Around £70 was raised for Comic Relief. Well Done.

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Parish Appraisal

Does anyone have a knowledge of wild flowers, plants and grasses?

We are looking for someone to help with identifying the flowers of the verges in Whilton at different seasons. Only one verge need be tackled if that would be easier.

Please contact Frances Drake 843801

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Milk Tops, Foil, Stamps etc.

Just one sack has been taken recently, with lots of stamps.

I have been asked to let everyone know that silver coloured crisp bags and biscuit packet covers and wrappers are not acceptable. Items welcome are foil dishes, milk tops and silver paper from chocolates and Easter eggs, etc.

Many thanks to you all.

Trudy Haynes

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Domestic Heating Oil

Have you ever considered clubbing together with a few friends and neighbours to buy your next delivery of heating oil?

Heating oil is available cheaper if several people order at the same time.

Interested? Contact Angela Tilston 842088

Tribute to Miss Betty Pride

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After Evensong on Sunday, 28th February, a presentation was made to Betty in recognition of her tremendous service (fifty-seven years!) as church organist. The congregation gathered at the front of the Nave to express their appreciation, a few words of thanks were said, and members of the PCC came forward with a number of small gifts and a card signed by all. We are pleased that Betty has not given up the organ completely but has agreed to play for Evensong on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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Village Outings 1993

I have been able to make the following arrangements for outings this year:

1. April 22nd (Thursday) to Peterborough Cathedral in the morning and to Rockingham Castle after lunch in Peterborough. Tea will be available at the Castle.
2. May 18th (Tuesday) following our successful visit to Oxford, I thought you might enjoy a day in Cambridge this summer.
3. June 17th (Thursday) Hidcote Gardens (N.T.) in the morning and on to Sudeley Castle after lunch. Tea at Sudeley.
4. July 15th (Thursday) By request, a return visit to Hampton Court where you have a choice of going to the Palace, admiring the great vine, enjoying the garden or getting lost in the maze.
5. Date to be announced - September - to Cogger Farm Museum at Witney, and on to Blenheim Palace the home of the Duke of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill.

The coach will usually leave the Green at 9.30 am but you should check the notice board about times and about prices. I base the approximate cost on 25 people wishing to go on any outing. If there are fewer than this number, the outing would be too dear and I should therefore cancel it. The most expensive part is the coach which is generally about £200 a time, so obviously the more people above the basic 25 who decide to come, the cheaper the cost of the outing becomes.

Originally the outings were for W.I. members but for some years now we have included husbands and friends. The friends don't have to live in Whilton and can be picked up in Daventry and in Norton and depending on the direction in which we shall be travelling, sometimes in Northampton as well. Boys and girls of school age travel on the coach at half-price. We get back to Whilton between 5.30 pm and 6.00 pm.

People coming for the first time usually decide to come again, so perhaps you would like to join us this year. You will be most welcome.

Diana Scott

Farewell Northamptonshire Rural Community Council

Welcome Northamptonshire ACRE

On 1st April this year, Northamptonshire Rural Community Council takes on the new name of **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE**, giving a new image to a charitable organisation that has been working since 1946 to support and assist the rural areas of the County.

The new name, **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE** will not only identify **YOUR** county organisation more closely with its national body ACRE (**ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND**) but will also ensure that it is no longer mistaken for a local authority.

Many of you may never have heard of the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council and be unaware of how it can help your village. We hope that more people will come to know of **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE** as it works to 'promote rural action' in the county.

The **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE** staff can advise on any aspect of public life within your village, including such matters as:-

**Building, maintaining and promoting village halls.
Providing and maintaining children's playgrounds
Village Newsletters - Parish Maps - Village Appraisals
Running local charities
Rural housing**

**Helping to retain rural services - transport, shops, post offices, schools, doctor's surgeries
Fund-raising and sources of grant aid for projects
Advice to parish councils (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE staff act as the Secretariat to
the Northamptonshire Association of Local Councils)**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE will also continue to run competitions such as the Best Kept Village and Inter Village Quiz and to give small grants to help new village projects get off the ground through its Village Initiatives Fund.

If you are interested in the work of **YOUR** rural charity, **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE**, or would like advice or help on any matter concerning your village, please contact us at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton, NN4 9QX. Telephone (0604) 765888.

Once upon a time there was a farmhouse with the name of "Greenhill", the hill being a slight rise in the otherwise flat valley between two brooks, near Long Buckby Wharf.

It came on the market when we were desperately looking for a farm and was the right size, the house being well built, with four bedrooms, compact and cheerful. After one visit we decided to look no further.

We were aware that the only water supply came from a deep well, and had to be pumped by turning a wheel about a hundred times each morning to fill the tank. It was then up to us not to use too much! It had a strange taste on occasions and when tested was found to be unfit for human consumption, hence we have kept remarkably fit!

There was no mains electricity but a generator to supply power for lighting. Calor gas was used for cooking and heating and a coke stove for heating the water. There was a large, cold larder with slate shelves for setting milk for cream and for salting bacon, etc. There were also large hooks for hanging hams.

We inherited two men, who cycled from Long Buckby, and a boy called Jimmy who was in lodgings locally. Jimmy did not stay long. I last saw him being driven away by a remand officer, having called to say goodbye on his way to an approved school. He had attacked his benefactor with a knife!

We always knew the main railway line was only a few yards from the house, with a small lawn and few bushes between, but what we did not foresee was the smoke which was to envelop the house night and day. The freight trains were the worst, with their chuff-chuffing throwing out sparks which lit up the sky at night. We advised visitors to put cotton wool in their ears and close the windows.

These spectacular sparks would, on occasions, set the cornfields on fire in a dry period around harvest time. The fire engine would arrive, bell ringing, and we all dashed out with brooms and sticks to beat out the flames. One year the strawberry bed was destroyed in this way, for which we were paid compensation for our crop loss, after much wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth while surveying the charred state of the precious fruit. This was, in fact, a rotten crop and the following year we had the best we had ever had! Obviously the insurance agent was no gardner.

We always milked a house cow, which was usually an unsaleable one with only three quarters but produced enough milk for us, the cream from which I made into butter and the skim went to the pigs.

Those were the days when farming was a pleasure. Everything we grew was needed; local women would come to help pick up potatoes, the threshing machine would come and its comfortable hum would be heard all day. The dogs had a wonderful time killing the rats, which were scampering from their home as it was demolished, and all was bustle and dust!

Whatever occupation we were engaged in, in garden or building, we could never escape from the trains and conversation was impossible while they roared past. We waved to the engine drivers and received waves from the passengers, as carriage windows opened in those days. When, on one occasion, the Royal train was to pass by we hung flags from our windows and were out, waving like mad, as it passed. Not a royal head could be seen; they were either reading papers or asleep but we had done our best!

Electricity came before we left, which made life much easier, but it was not long before the M1 was making its way - (about 1958). We were on holiday when the house was blown up and only regret that we did not save the wonderful flag stones that lined the floors.

I could go on and on about how we lived in those days, how we watched fox cubs playing round an earth behind the house when darkness was falling. We used to put the hen house in the stubble fields after harvest so the hens could pick up the fallen corn. One night the trap door had fallen so they could not enter and had roosted in the hedges, so, to avoid them all being killed I sat out there until 2.00 am, gun poised, and Griff took over until dawn. The fox came but made a hasty retreat before he had a chance to shoot at it, but at least we saved the hens.

Joan Davis

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Garden Hints

A few quotations from "Garden Wisdom" by Bernard Schofield.

Roses Place banana skins just below the soil around rose bushes. Lard or meat fat added to the soil by roses is excellent too. Plant a block of lard or dripping fat beneath each new rose bush, the results will be spectacular. Always plant parsley near roses to improve their fragrance.

Other quotations:

Make your own liquid houseplant food by rinsing empty milk bottles with water, using the milky liquid on plants.

Ale is an excellent liquid food for beds and borders where plants grow tall. Feed weekly.

Moles loathe the smell of mothballs, put near problem areas.

Light coloured stone paths eventually turn grubby - keep clean by pouring over the stone, the water in which potatoes have been cooked.

Plant crocus bulbs near lavender, the birds won't touch them!

Jean Waights

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Brington School Report

12.

March has come in like a lamb at school - very quietly, with few events. It was quieter still for three days when six Year 6's went to Grendon for a residential cross-curricula workshop; The four girls and two boys who took part did various activities, culminating in a concert for their parents on the last evening.

Friday 12th March was certainly not quiet. We celebrated Comic Relief Day in the mufti style. Pizzas were made in school and sold by Year 6's, biscuits were on sale too, and there were various other activities, including having your fortune told by "Madame Elvira". During the afternoon the Year 6's tried their hands at teaching but found that one afternoon was long enough. Almost £76 was raised for Comic Relief.

Now that the weather is warming up, events are starting to happen. We have a netball match against Harpole on Wednesday 17th March and a PTA evening "Colour me beautiful!" on Friday 19th March. We have a talk from a representative from Barnardos on Tuesday 30th March. Also that day is a six-a-side football match against Flore.

That ends our events for this term with school closing on Friday 2nd April, re-opening again on Monday 19th April.

Next term the school will be having their own spring clean on Friday 23rd April, in conjunction with the County Operation Spring Clean week. May Day bank holiday weekend is extended this year by a teachers training day at both beginning and end, making the school closed from 3.30 pm on Thursday 29th April until 9.00 am Wednesday 5th May.

We are once again knitting squares for blankets for Save the Children. Hopefully we will have two completed blankets to go to the exhibition at Brigade House, the Mayorhold, on Wednesday 5th May. Friday 7th May is Junior Quiz night when once again the three villages, Whilton, Great Brington and Little Brington, will be competing against one another.

School closes for Spring half-term at 3.30 pm 28th May and re-opens at 9.00 am 7th June.

Paul Bilsborough

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FOR SALE

5 Gear Girl's Racer Bike suit 10 years - £50
12 Speed, 21" Frame Falcon Racer - £60
30' Wooden Ladder - £20
3 Headboards - For Single Beds - 2 Matching in Fawn
1 Deep Rose Pink

Angela Hall

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At the meeting held on 10th February 1993 there were only a few items for consideration and these were dealt with quickly. It was decided to make a contribution to the refurbishing of the Northampton room at our Denman College and the proceeds of a "Bring and Buy" sale at our March meeting would be used to this. The March meeting should be a particularly good one as our guest speaker will talk about "Eye Care" - very important to most of us.

In January we sent off to London and then by Royal Mail lorry, 14 boxes of warm clothing to Bosnia.

A very important task being undertaken by the W.I. is a "Survey of Carers", a Carer being anyone who is looking after someone in need. This covers a wide range of people, not just those who are looking after a relative full-time but could be full or part-time, covering a wide variety of jobs. If you are one of these people or know of somebody "caring" we will be pleased to have details.

Our evening finished with a lively talk and demonstration of biscuit, sweet and chocolate making for Easter, given by Mrs. Westerman, a very active member of the W.I. This was not only instructive but also most entertaining. Children would love to make - and help to eat! - some of these confections, Easter Bonnets and Easter Bunnies. Mrs. Westerman gave the goodies she had made to the members and these were shared equally instead of having a raffle, the raffle prize being given to Mrs. Westerman as a thank you. At the end of the meeting we all went home clutching our samples of goodies.

K. Roberts

Before the W.I. meeting on March 10th Miss Drake informed members of the death of Mr. Will Adams. He was always a ready supporter of W.I. fund raising events and his wife, Freda, was a founder member of the Whilton W.I. until her death in 1987. He will be missed by all.

During the business meeting the treasurer stated that we would need some fund raising activities in the near future. As a result a Beetle Drive will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, April 16th - see notice.

Our speaker, Mr. J. Sheinman, gave a very interesting and explicit talk on eye care. The most common complaints were described in detail, with causes and remedies explained. A chart showing the cross-section of an eye helped to improve our understanding of the subject. Regular eye tests were advised for all from the age of three years onwards.

As well as the usual delicious refreshments we had a tasting session of lemon goodies. This was in preparation for a competition later in the year. A Bring and Buy stall raised £5 towards the "Decorate Denman" appeal.

The subject for the meeting on April 14th will be the "Story of Pearls". On May 12th we will be discussing the resolutions for the I.G.M. in June.

Trudy Haynes

Parish Council Report

14.

Council meetings have been held on 29th January and 1st March. Among items discussed were the following:

Planning

DA/92/1236 (amended) Three dwellings, Land adjacent to The Manor House, Whilton.
Following discussion at the previous Parish Council meeting plans regarding the above application, with some slight amendments had been received. It was decided, after adjournment of the meeting to establish parishioners views, that the original comments regarding this application should stand. A letter was to be sent to the Planning Department stating this and a copy of the original comments sent to the District Councillor, Mrs. Chaplin. There was to be a site meeting on 9th February. District and Parish Councillors would attend together with an Officer from the Planning Department.

The Council has since been notified that the application has been granted with some conditions imposed.

DA/92/111 (90/1306) Four Wheel Drive, Whilton Mill - removal of condition 04 - restriction of hours. This application has now been granted.

DA/93/0131 Application to Lay out Permanent Track for Four Wheel Drive Off Road Vehicles, Whilton Mill, Whilton Locks. After discussion the Council decided to make no comment on this application.

DA/92/1148/A Advertising Board, Land adjacent to A5, near Norton Junction, Garden Centre, Whilton Locks. - Permission has been refused.

A letter had been received by the Parish Council from Mr. Mark Byrom, which was read and discussed.

It was agreed that Mr. Paul Green, Head of Development Control, be invited to speak at the Parish Meeting to be held on Monday May 10th, and that a meeting of the Parish Council be called prior to this to compile a list of topics which could be covered. (See notice of Parish Meeting on page 4).

Public Footpaths In response to a letter from N.C.C. Mr. Jim Gardner has agreed to stand as Parish Paths Warden. A survey of the paths in the Parish is to be carried out to identify any work which may be needed.

Flooding In response to a request from N.C.C. the Parish Council advised the County Council that a regular flooding problem occurs after heavy rain at the culvert and drain on the right hand bend, outside the village, on the way to Brington.

Parish Information Point The Policy Division of NCC have approached the Parish Council to take part in a pilot scheme to be operated for one year from 1st April 1993.

Best Kept Village/Churchyard competition - it was agreed that Whilton should enter both competitions for 1993.

The N.A.L.C. Spring Conference and Clerks Training day were to be held in March and April. The Clerk will attend both days.

A meeting is to be held in Weedon on 24th April 1993 regarding Caring for the Local Community. Daventry District Council are calling a meeting to discuss with local communities, links in communications.

Daventry Calling magazine have written to the Parish Council advising them there is advertising space available to announce local events.

Any Other Business It was reported that the footpath at Whilton Locks laid by Saxon Lifts, is now complete.

Anne Heeley

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Parish Information Points

From April 1st 1993, initially for one year, Whilton Parish Council in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council are establishing a Parish Information Point.

Four Parishes in the County are taking part, they are West Haddon, Cottingham, Brackley and Whilton. The Parishes are fairly well spread out and vary considerably in size. The information point will be based with me - Anne Heeley, Springbank.

At the time this newsletter went to the printers, I had attended an initial meeting at County Hall and received correspondence regarding a half day training next week (24th March).

The details of the scheme as you can see are not yet finalised but the idea is, that the County Council, with its complex departmental structure, can be more easily accessed by Whilton Parishioners. If someone needs to contact the County Council and isn't sure who or where to start, then they can contact me. I will then point them in the right direction, or

"find a man/woman who can".

More information shortly

Anne Heeley
Clerk to the Parish Council

Put 3 eggs into each of 3 bags.
Then put these 3 bags into the fourth bag.

Summary of Events

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| Fri. | 2nd | April | | School Easter Holiday begins |
| Mon. | 5th | April | 7.30 pm | Gardeners' Association in V Hall |
| Thur. | 8th | April | 7.30 pm | Maundy Thursday Service - Whilton |
| Sun. | 11th | April | 6.00 pm | Festival Parish Eucharist - Whilton (See page 1 for all Church Services) |
| Wed. | 14th | April | 7.30 pm | W.I. Meeting in Village Hall |
| Fri. | 16th | April | 7.00 pm | Beetle Drive in Village Hall |
| Sat. | 17th | April | 3.00 pm | Gardeners' Association Local Garden visit, meet Village Hall |
| Mon. | 19th | April | | School re-opens (See page 12 for further details) |
| Thur. | 22nd | April | | Village Outing - details see page 8. |
| Mon. | 10th | May | 7.00 pm | Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall |
| Wed. | 12th | May | 7.30 pm | W.I. Meeting in Village Hall |
| Thur. | 13th | May | | Last date for items to be included in June Newsletter |
| Tues. | 18th | May | | Village Outing - details see page 8. |

Don't forget - Best Kept Village/Churchyard competition

and Britain in Bloom

Please do your bit

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