



WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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EDS' NOTES

Our thanks once again to Mrs. Edwards, to whom we are indebted for producing another drawing, this time a different view of the church, to add to our stock of front cover designs for the Newsletter. We have a great range of talents in our small community and it is pleasing when these are used for the benefit of all.

We shall be pleased to receive more contributions in the form of articles, recipes, household hints, etc. If you have anything to offer please do not hesitate to pass it on to one of the committee.

As the days lengthen and the warmer weather brings new growth in our gardens, hedgerows, etc, garden tools and mowing machines will be much in evidence. Let's hope we can keep up the high standard of recent years in the state of our village and its public features. Volunteers will be very welcome to join in helping to keep the churchyard tidy, mowing, strimming round walls and gravestones, weeding and raking paths, etc. There is always plenty to do !

A Happy Easter to everyone.

Ed's.

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CANON JIM WRITES

ST. ANDREW'S IN THE NEWS

Our church seems to be the flavour of the month at the moment. We had the Archdeacon of Northampton earlier this year paying us an official visit, and he must have liked what he saw, for he has asked to come back and hold his Court of Visitation at Whilton. The date is Tuesday, May 10th, starting at 6.00pm.

I have no doubt you are all wondering what on earth is a Court of Visitation ! Well, historically it was usual for a bishop (who was often based in London) to 'visit' his diocese from time to time, and when he didn't do it, for his Archdeacon to represent him. The main business is to admit churchwardens (who are officers of the bishop) to their post, but it is also an occasion for the Archdeacon to enquire into the state of the parishes, and to receive complaints and petitions (not least about the clergy !). It is a proper legal affair, and it is usual for a lawyer to be present. In some doiceses the Court is a colourful event, with the clergy present to hear the Archdeacon's 'Charge', but in our area the whole affair is much quieter and more informal. Nevertheless, it is a great honour to be asked to host this important meeting, and to welcome again the Archdeacon to our village.

Going upwards in the hierarchy, we have two bishops coming this year to see us ! First, the Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt. Reverend Paul Barber, and his wife Pat, will be here for the Village Flower Festival, the weekend of 25th/26th June. The Bishop will be preaching at a special 'Service for All' on the Sunday evening. We want St. Andrew's full for this occasion, so do make a note of the date in your diary.

Secondly, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough himself will be in Whilton on Thursday, 29th September, at 7.30pm, to dedicate our new peal of eight bells, which will be one of the largest and finest in the district. The bishop is retiring fairly soon, so this could behis last visit to us while in office.

I think you would like to know what he says in his letter of acceptance -

"My warmest congratulations to you all at Whilton on the magnificent achievement : you have raised a really large amount of money and everyone must feel rightly proud. Of course, I shall be delighted to come and dedicate the new peal."

I would endorse what Bishop William has said : the village has responded wonderfully generously to our Bell Appeal, and I add my own congratulations and thanks. John and Sue Townley in particular, but Harold Haynes and Janet Bowers, the churchwardens, have done a magnificent job to get the project off the ground. But - keep it from the Bishop ! - we have not reached our target, and we do need extra help if we are to do so in time to pay the bills. If you can help we shall be immensely grateful. The new peal will be ringing in Whilton for centuries to come.

By the time you receive this edition of the NEWSLETTER, Easter will be here, the 'Queen of Festivals' . The good news of Easter is that nothing can overcome the love of God for us, not the blackest darkness, the greatest evil, or even death itself. I look forward to welcoming you to St. Andrew's on Easter Day. The Festival Sung Eucharist is at 6.00pm.

St. Andrew's in the news ? Just one last word. I want to revive this year the old tradition of the blessing of our farms on Rogation Sunday. The date is 8th May. The service will begin in church at 3.00pm, and then we process to the farms at each end of the village to bless the fields, crops and animals - followed by tea with the Townley's ! Watch for more details later.

With my prayers and blessing

JIM RICHARDSON, Parish Priest (770402)

AUCTION

on SATURDAY, 7th MAY, at HOME FARM

Sale to commence at 11.00am.

Why not spring clean your attic or garage to turn all your unwanted items into cash and also help Whilton Church Bell Fund ?

Any items, large or small, accepted.

(20% of the sale price to go to the Bell Fund)

For further information contact John or Sue Townley.

WHILTON CHURCH BELLS

A short article on the bells was given in the Newsletter of August last year, when it was stated that expert advice was being sought on the condition of the bells, frame and fittings. The two leading bell founders, Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough and the Whitechapel Foundry, were asked to send representatives to make an inspection and report back to the PCC on their conclusions and recommendations.

The reports confirmed that the bells, although sound, are rather poor for tone and their strike notes not really in tune, the four smaller bells becoming progressively sharp. It was pointed out, too, that they were all cast before their founders fully understood the harmonic structure of bells and therefore their various harmonic tones are "wild". It was suggested that some improvement could be made by careful treatment on the tuning machine but this was necessarily limited, especially as the two largest bells are of a rather thin section. Another defect is that the bells all have cast-in clapper staples. These staples, being of iron, are often the cause of old bells becoming cracked due to their rusting and consequent expansion. This is probably why the 5th and 6th bells were recast in 1853 and the 4th in 1900.

The bell frame is not the conventional type as the bells are hung directly onto large steel girders, the ends of which go into the tower walls. Apparently this type of frame causes the horizontal forces generated by the bells when ringing to be transmitted directly into the tower walls, subjecting them to much more stress than would be the case with a modern, conventional frame.

Having carefully considered all the aspects of the reports the PCC decided that the only really satisfactory option was to have the bells recast and rehung on a new frame. The next step was to approach the Diocesan Advisory Committee for permission to do the work and to make application for the Faculty that is required when any work is done on the church building or to the fittings and furnishings. The DAC asked their bells adviser, architect Mr. Brian Austin, to make an inspection on their behalf before recommending whether or not a Faculty should be issued. Mr. Austin supported the proposals and also recommended that, rather than put in a frame for six bells, the PCC consider installing a frame to take eight, allowing for the possibility of adding two more bells at a later date.

Following this recommendation the PCC was offered a donation to cover the cost of providing two extra bells and the enlargement to the frame. This was gratefully accepted and application for a Faculty was made accordingly. This Faculty has been granted and an order placed with the Whitechapel Foundry to carry out the work. This involves melting down the existing bells, adding extra copper and tin and casting a new peal of eight bells in the key of F Sharp, with a tenor bell, i.e. no. 8, the heaviest, weighing approximately 13cwt.; just over 3cwt. more than the existing tenor bell.

There have been some very generous donations from villagers and others, in addition to that already mentioned. Altogether a total of £16,000 has been given so far, in the form of covenanted donations, which should bring in another £5,333 when the tax is reclaimed. The PCC is delighted with this wonderful response and would like to place on record its very grateful thanks to the kind donors. From these donations four of the new bells have been sponsored and should anyone else wish to sponsor a bell there is still time. A bell might be given in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us and a suitable inscription made on the bell. It is expected that the foundry will soon need to be given details of inscriptions

required, however, so time is getting short. The cost of individual bells range from about £2,500 for the lightest bell to £10,000 for the heaviest.

Work is due to start on dismantling the existing bells and fittings immediately after Easter. To save money John Townley and his team of ringers are hoping to do the dismantling work themselves and John will arrange the transport of the bells, etc. to the Whitechapel Foundry. If all goes according to plan the new bells should be installed and ready for ringing before the end of July, and Whilton should have a peal of bells of which it can be justly proud ! The dedication service, when the Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the new peal, is already being planned and is likely to be during the evening of Thursday, September 29th.

It is highly likely that the clock will be out of action until the new bells are installed as a new clock hammer has to be made and fitted. When a public clock is out of action for any length of time it is, apparently, customary to set the hands at 12 o'clock, so be prepared for a long noon (or midnight !).

Harold Haynes

Whilton Gardeners' Association

Butterflies and Orchids

The first meeting of the 1994 season was held on Monday, 7th February, when members were pleased to welcome the keen naturalist and photographer Mr. Ted Moon, again.

This year he showed his skill as a photographer by presenting a selection of close-up slides of butterflies and orchids in their natural habitats - not only the common ones found in this area but also the rare species which thrive in protected sites around the country.

Two butterflies to look for in your garden during April

Many butterflies survive the winter as eggs or in pupa but a few will survive as adults and can be found hibernating in dry outbuildings or sometimes inside the house. These will emerge during a warm spell at the end of March/early April and can be seen flying in the garden until they lay eggs in June to produce the next generation.

In Whilton we may be lucky to see both the following :

SMALL TORTOISESHELL - wing span 50mm (2 inches)

Orange and black wings edged with small blue half moons

PEACOCK - wing span 60mm (2½ inches)

Red/orange wings each with a large blue spot. Underside almost black.

Beryl Williams

We have been asked by the County Council Social Services Department if we will publish the following :-

Fostering and Adoption

Children come into care for a number of reasons and we need foster carers who can provide emotional and physical space to care for these children. It does take a lot of commitment and support from the whole family. Carers do not need to have special qualifications, to be married, or in employment. We need carers from all backgrounds to reflect the needs of children of various ages and ethnicities.

Fostering can be temporary for a few days or up to several months, or permanent where the child stays for the rest of its childhood.

Adoption is a way of making or completing your family and is a legal means of transferring all parental responsibility to the adopters by a court. We also need carers for our other schemes. Approved lodgings is a scheme that provides for 16-18 year olds. It allows the young person some independence with adult support and care.

The Family Link Scheme provides regular, short breaks for parents who have a child with a disability. It can be for a few hours or days at a time.

All carers have support in terms of a Social Worker from the Homefinding Team and allowances to cover the cost of caring for a child.

We would be particularly interested to hear from people who could consider fostering older children (aged 10-15 years) on both a temporary or a permanent basis.

For further information please contact your local Homefinding Team.

Daventry/South Northants - 0327 300567

Tessa Saunders
Social Worker
Homefinding Team

Collection of milk tops, foil, stamps, etc

Two sack of foil, etc. and the usual goodly number of stamps have been taken to Lyncrest since the last report.

A letter has been received from the head teacher to say that a member of the "Guide Dogs for the Blind" Association and a blind lady with her dog had been invited to Lyncrest for the presentation of a cheque for £320. This was gratefully received.

We can feel that we played our part in helping to raise this cash and that our efforts are very much appreciated. Many thanks to everyone for their help. Keep up the good work !

Parish Council Notes

The Parish Council met on Monday 7th March in the village hall, amongst items discussed were the following:

Emergency Planning - a list of names and phone numbers of useful contacts, in case of a local emergency, had been gathered together and it was agreed to deposit this with the Parish Council and the County Council.

DA/93/1086 - Permission had been granted for change of use of existing extension to Acupuncture Clinic, Tudor House.

An application had been received from British Waterways for bridge repairs on Bridge No. 14 which carries farm traffic over the canal. The bridge is one of the Parish's listed buildings and British Waterways intention to repair it came as welcome news.

Best Kept Village and Tidy Churchyard was entered again with a note that the criteria for the village competition had altered slightly, see article.

The date for public and Local Authority submissions to Local Government Review Commission had been delayed to 29th April 1994.

The Parish Council expressed concern regarding public safety at the Garden Centre, Whilton Locks. The Garden Centre entrance was being used as a caravan entrance, contrary to the Planning permission which required a separate entry point to the site.

Concern was expressed regarding dogs roaming free in the village and dogs being allowed to foul footpaths and public places both in the village and Whilton Locks, see separate article.

A letter from the Motorway Widening Unit had been received stating that no decisions had, as yet, been reached regarding this stretch of the M1 motorway and that the Parish Council would be informed when proposals were to be published.

Assurances had been received from the County Council that road safety, in particularly on the A5, would be taken into account when an application to extract gravel at Dodford was considered, following the Gravel Public Enquiry presently taking place.

The Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th May 1994 in the Village Hall, commencing at 8.00 pm.

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The Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 9th May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, is a public meeting of the parish at which any parishioner is entitled to speak. If a parishioner would like an item included on the Agenda for this meeting please contact the Clerk (Anne Heeley, 843270) before 20th April 1994.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the January and February draws.

On 28th January 1994 the winners were:-

1st Prize	-	No. 173	F. Drake
2nd Prize	-	No. 197	T. Price
3rd Prize	-	No. 207	J. Clements

On 25th February 1994 the winners were:-

1st Prize	-	No. 185	G. Heeley
2nd Prize	-	No. 51	M. Emery
3rd Prize	-	No. 59	J. Dunkley

The 200 Club has been running since January 1991. Each year it provides the Village Hall Committee with somewhere between £1100 and £1200, depending on the number of subscribers. The committee has also organised a number of fund raising events which have been well supported by the village and have provided additional funds for the running of the hall. During 1991 and 1992 we paid out a total of £4162 from Village Hall funds to pay our contribution towards substantial renovation work (£6750 was paid from local council and parish council grants).

Since 1992, there has been other repair work completed and additional facilities provided:-

New floor covering in both toilet areas	£168-00
Water heaters to washbasins in toilets	£270-88
Repair of mould damage and vents installed in kitchen and toilets	£430.02
New folding lightweight tables	£363-07
Guttering repair	£ 35-00
New heaters in toilets	£89-00
Forming racks for storage of new tables	
Repairs to wood block floor	
Alterations to kitchen window	£186-00
Repairs to heaters in main hall	£119-00

You will see from this list that all funds that have been paid into the Village Hall have been put to good use in maintaining the hall and in providing additional facilities. The Committee has also held rents constant for three years, so some funds were paying towards running costs. We have decided this year to put rents up by 25p per hour from 1st January 1994 to cover rising electricity costs. The new charges are as follows:-

Adult Education	£3-75	per	hour
Village Users	£3-50	per	hour
Playgroup	£4-00	per	session
Other (outside village)	£5-00	per	hour

The Committee decided at their December meeting that they needed to continue running the 200 Club and to have further fund raising events. The hall, you will appreciate, is an old building. We feel that the window frames throughout the hall are nearing the end of their life. The timber is rotting. It would appear also that the seal under the floor needs replacing since damp is coming up through the flooring. Both these jobs are substantial in terms of cost. There have also been electrical problems and the cooker is not functioning properly and may have to be replaced. The Committee therefore feels it is essential to establish a Capital Fund to meet unexpected but inevitable problems which will arise in the future.

The Village Hall is, other than the Church, the only public amenity and it is therefore very important that this should be preserved.

Your support over the past three years has been very much appreciated and we ask that this may continue with the 200 Club and the events that are in the pipeline for 1994.

We are planning to hold a Barn Dance at Roughmoor Grounds on 9th July with a live band and a barbeque supper; so make a note in your diaries. We have provisionally set aside 29th October for a Halloween Party and 10th December for a Pub Night or some form of entertainment to celebrate the 200 Club Grand Draw.

Mary Kane
Secretary

WANTED

The E.M.E.B. has made an inspection of the cooker and reported that there are a number of faults and it is not therefore economical to repair. We therefore need a replacement free standing model in good working order. If anyone has a cooker surplus to their requirements please contact Phil Waights, Chairman or Mary Kane, Secretary.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No incidents have been recorded by the Daventry Police in Whilton village this year.

CRIMES IN WHILTON IN 1993

No violent offences
No sexual offences
2 Burglary (dwellings)
10 Burglary (sheds, garages etc.)
3 Theft from vehicles
4 Theft of vehicles
1 Criminal damage
11 Other crimes

31 crimes in total

This compares with 172 crimes recorded in Long Buckby, 54 in Flore and none in Brockhall.

REPORT ON COMMUNITY WATCH CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

A meeting of local co-ordinators and members of the Daventry Area Police was held on 24th February 1994 at Towcester Town Hall.

Daventry police cover the Daventry, Towcester and Brackley area of the county. Their three main targets are:-

- 1) Tackling crime
- 2) Victim support
- 3) Higher police profile.

1993 Crime

Computerised details of crime makes information available to every officer in the force. It assists in the analysis of crime and helps in returning stolen property to the owner.

The marking of personal property is vital for easy identification

Crimes of violence show a significant decrease but burglary and auto-crime have increased.

In August 1993 an Auto-crime Unit was established in Daventry. This employs officers trained in special skills and has good contact with surrounding forces.

At the same time a Drugs Unit was set up which is making a big impact across the area.

Message Manager Communication System

PC Mick Downing reported on the new communication system which is being introduced in the Daventry area. A similar method has been in operation for twelve months in Cambridge. The system works via the existing phone network which will be programmed to pass messages to co-ordinators at a cost of 5p per call. It can record and relay messages at anytime but will be used chiefly in the evening between 6-00 pm and 9-00 pm. It includes the facility to reply, allowing a message of up to 3 minutes.

The information passed will relate to House, Drug and Auto-crime. These three are inter-related crimes affecting the general public.

The system plans to include Neighbourhood Watch, Farm Watch and Business Watch. Schools and Post Offices will be added in the future. Its implementation will lead to instant communication between the police and the public and will help to extend their partnership.

Christine Bilsborough
Co-ordinator

ULTRA VIOLET OR "INVISIBLE" MARKING

An ultra violet (UV) pen can put an invisible mark on your property which can only be seen by using a UV lamp. Not all items are suitable for marking but typical items that can be marked are televisions, videos, radios, cameras and the like. Remember that the mark can fade in time especially when exposed to sunlight and can be washed off so it needs renewing fairly regularly.

These marker pens can be obtained from Derek Brown co-ordinator at a cost of £1-00.

Personal Attack alarms are still available at the cost of £8-50 each.

A leaflet is enclosed regarding Home Insurance - a special scheme exclusive to members of Neighbourhood Watch.

If you are interested please telephone 842968.

BELLS "N" BANGERS

The above event was held at St Andrew's Church, Whilton on Saturday 19th February 1994 starting at 4-00 pm.

Approximately thirty people attended and after a short video about Whilton bellringers in action, we were split into four groups so that six or seven persons were each learning something different every fifteen minutes.

Harold Haynes explained the technical aspect of ringing using a model of a bell with its stay and wheel and also described the ropes and the bell tower.

Bryan Williams demonstrated the "changes and methods" that could be rung with varying numbers of bells - apparently 5040 changes can be rung to a full peal!

Sue and John Townley actually let us pull the muffled bells in their practical group. This was not quite so simple as many of those attending had thought.

Janet Bowers informed the groups of the networking of the Branches and Guilds of Bellringers. The business and social aspects are very extensive.

At approximately 6-00 pm we adjourned to the Village Hall for a supper of sausage and mash. Unfortunately the electrical system had failed and this was found to be the trip and power was quickly restored. However shortly afterwards it was found that the cooker had failed which resulted in potatoes, sausages and beans being rushed down the village to private homes for cooking. Dashing along the street reminded one of times past when Sunday joints were taken to the bakery for cooking.

The mission was completed in very good time and we all sat down for an enjoyable meal. Two further videos on bellringing and casting were shown to complete the very successful event.

Many thanks to the people involved in staging the event which stimulated a good level of interest resulting in a number attending the bellringing instruction classes

Shirley Brown

SCHOOL REPORT

Last term seems so long ago (well it was last year!) that everything we did then is old news and almost forgotten about.

In our last letter we told of Mr Bilsborough's class going to Holdenby House for a Stuart and Tudor theme. Mr Bilsborough took them in the Campion School minibus. They were all suitably dressed in peasant clothes of the time, including Sir! They performed pike duty and made candles as well as looking round the house. This term Mrs Matthews and Mrs Smiths classes will be going to Holdenby House to participate in a Victorian day.

Just before Christmas we were visited by Welephant who spoke to the younger children on fire safety. A good thing too, as most of Mrs Smiths Christmas activities centred around candles. The Christmas play "The Bells of London" was a great success, followed by the Christmas party, which was visited by Father Christmas. Term ended with a final clear up, giving us a good clear week before Christmas proper!

The sad news came just before Christmas that Mr Bilsborough will be leaving us in April, taking early retirement on medical grounds. He has not been well for some time but everyone was very upset that the decision had come so quickly. He will be greatly missed by all the children and staff.

We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

BRINGTON C.P. SCHOOL

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A RECIPE

Ingredients

4	eggs	1/4	cup margarine
1	cup white sugar	1/2	cup s/r flour
1/4	teaspoon salt	1/2	teaspoon baking powder
2	cups milk	1	cup dessicated coconut
1	teaspoon vanilla essence		

Method

Put all ingredients in blender and mix well. Pour into buttered 10" pie dish and bake at 350 degrees F or 180 degrees C for approximately 1 hour.

Result - Impossible Pie

There should be a pastry crust at the base, custard in the middle and coconut sponge on the top.

WHILTON W.I. FEBRUARY 1994

February weather was kind to us this year and Mrs Tims, our speaker on "Patchwork" was able to reach the village hall without difficulty.

Business matters were, as usual, swiftly dealt with and we were soon able to turn our chairs to face the display that Mrs Tims and her husband had brought and which covered two large tables. We first heard, most interestingly, about the history of patchwork from early times in England, across to America with the early settler and back to England again more recently. The examples Mrs Tims had with her were varied and fascinating, particularly one very old disintegrating section of quilting which had been rescued just before its demise in somebody's dustbin. Mrs Tims was collecting the pieces of paper backing to try and assemble them to give clues and hopefully an answer to the date and original home of the antique needlework.

She was pleased to hear that a number of people from the village had seen the display of patchwork quilts at Althorp last summer and recommended a visit to the American Museum near Bath which houses amongst other things a number of very fine American examples of the craft.

Mrs Tims was thanked by Mrs Hiscock. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Jelley and the raffle was won by Mrs Brown.

D.S.

WHILTON W.I MARCH 1994

The "Grand Union" is the name of the group to which, under re-organisation, Whilton W.I. now belongs. It is apparently the largest group in the county federation and gets its name from the fact that all the institutes belonging to it are close to the canal. Two half-yearly meetings will be held instead of the previous quarterly ones and, as there is now no time to arrange a Spring get-together, the first one will be in Daventry next November when the speaker will be Mr Robert Hudson former head of B.B.C. outside broadcasts. More details later.

Four reluctant volunteers are representing Whilton at a Quiz evening on 27th March. Wish them luck!

Mrs Gardner (not Roz, though she spins too) gave a talk and demonstration entitled "From Ewe to Me to You". She uses sheeps' wool mostly from local, Welsh and rare breeds but also showed us articles made with camel, yak and dog hair, showing that her work mixes the rough with the smooth. We all stayed alert because what Mrs Gardner had to tell us was so interesting but the sound

of the spinning-wheel was very relaxing and soporific and it was easy to imagine how we could be lulled to sleep by it. Two members contributed the hair of their dogs for Mrs Gardner to spin - next lot in paper not plastic bags please, she said, to reduce the smell! Two 'years' brushings should provide enough for a jumper, so watch out for Mrs Bowers and Mrs Davies in 1966 in their smart new woollens.

Mrs Gardner was thanked by Mrs Jelley, the refreshments were provided by Mrs Bowers and Mrs Wright, and the raffle was won by Mrs Messinger.

The bookstall sold £31 worth of goods. Thanks to our Mrs Gardner for collecting the things from W.I House for us. at a time when she was involved in very unhappy family circumstances. Our condolences to her and her family in their loss.

D.S.

WHILTON VILLAGE OUTINGS

Several people have asked me whether I am organising any this year. The answer is that matters are in hand but not finalised as a lot of places do not get going till the end of this month and replies to my enquiries take some time to come back.

I hope things will be as follows:-

- April Coventry Cathedral and Warwick Castle.
- May Stamford Brewery, Museum and Belton House (N.T.)
- June Syon Park near London, - house, butterfly house
rose garden and garden centre.
- July Stonor House near Henley-on-Thames (we last
visited in 1987) and the Botanical Gardens at Oxford.

The final outing will, hopefully, be to Buckingham Palace, but there will be a ballot of coach parties for this so we have to find out first whether we are picked out of the hat (or crown) or not.

I will let you have these dates as soon as I have had all my enquiries answered and the arrangements sorted out with Adkins Coaches. Meanwhile keep an eye on the notice board.

If you have not been with us before, do join us this year. We always enjoy ourselves and are usually lucky with the weather and the cost is as little as I can manage.

Like the rest of you. however, I do not get any younger year by year; I have organised outings for quite a time now and should perhaps hand on to somebody younger before too long. Might you be a successor? Give it a thought please.

D. SCOTT

Village of the Year

The competition formally known as Best Kept Village has had a change of name and slight change of emphasis. Whilton is, of course, going to enter again and will be judged in The Cup Winners Cup section. This year 15% of the marks will be awarded for evidence of village activities, marks will also be awarded for displaying posters and children's posters are especially welcome. Whilton needs to make the usual effort to show that it is tidy, clean and well groomed and just a tiny bit more effort in areas that are, at times neglected.

Whilton will also be entering the Best Kept Churchyard competition. There are a small number of people who work extremely hard in the Churchyard each year to make sure it is always tidy and well cared for, grateful thanks go to them for their efforts. Any new volunteers, welcome.

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DOG MUCK

Yes, you did read the title correctly, and it follows the article regarding our tidy village of Whilton.....

We have a problem both in Whilton and in Whilton Locks - dog muck - in places where it shouldn't be. That is to say on pavements and in public places, on grass where our children walk and play.

It is an offence under the local bye-laws to allow your dog to foul in the street. The penalty can be a £500 fine.

Dogs should not be allowed to roam in public places, not only to safeguard public health, but also pedestrian and traffic safety. Dogs on leads should not be allowed to foul in the street, if they do then it is your duty as an owner to clear up after your dog, for everyone's sake.

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Go Cart Grand Prix

A Grand Prix was held in January with an excellent turnout by villagers and local dignitaries. It is quite unusual driving with your anatomy one inch from the ground at such a speed. A few semi professional drivers were soon out of the running, going for gaps that were too narrow only to examine the tyre walls in minute detail.

Several villagers trying this sport out for their first time excelled themselves giving the old timers a run for their money. Results after a 25 lap final 1st Nick Hill, Evergreen - 2nd Tim Hill, Daventry - 3rd Andy Kane, Fallowfield. Fastest driver Rob Houghton, Churchgate - Best Newcomer Amanda Hill (Now known as Mad Manda). A future grand prix could be held November-ish if you are interested - contact R. Newborough 842888 or A. Kane 842618.

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Summary of Events

Sun. 3rd Apr 6.00 pm Eucharist, St. Andrews, Whilton
Mon. 11th Apr 7.30 pm Gardeners' Association meeting
Wed. 13th Apr 7.30 pm W. I. Meeting, Village Hall
Sat. 7th May 11.00 am Auction, Home Farm, Whilton
Sun. 8th May 3.00 pm Rogation Service, Whilton
Mon. 9th May 8.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting, V.H.
Tues. 10th May 6.00 pm Court of Visitation - Archdeacon
Wed. 11th May 7.30 pm W.I. Meeting, Village Hall

Thurs. ^{12th} ~~14th~~ ^{May} ~~Apr~~ Last date for items for ^{June} ~~February~~ Newsletter

Advance Notice - Village flower festival 25th and 26th June 1994

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