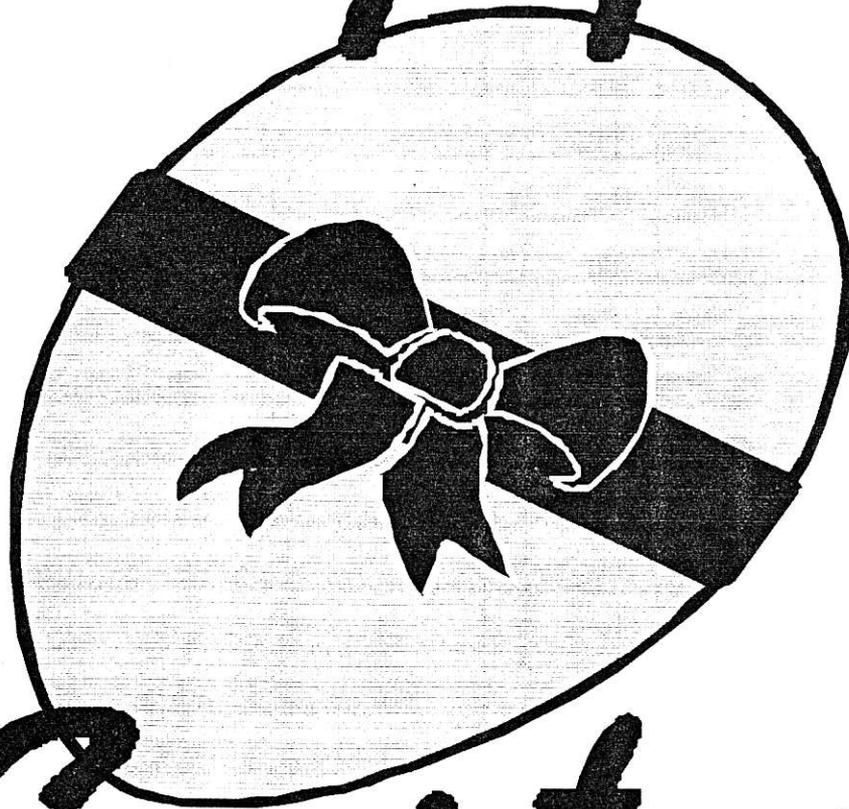


Whilton Newsletter

April 1998

Happy



Easter

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CRIME REPORT

There has been no reported crime in Whilton so far this year.

Remember that home security and continuing vigilance is vitally important. It is the only way to minimise crime.

As warmer days approach, windows are open and doors may be left unlocked. Check that all windows are closed and all doors locked before leaving home. It is important that garage doors are locked and front gates are kept closed at all times.

Remember that most burglaries happen quickly and whilst the house is empty.

RURAL CRIME

Government crime figures show that, whilst overall levels of crime are down, crime outside Britain's cities is rising. The increase can be attributed in part to good road links which enables the criminal to be 50 miles away from the crime in less than an hour. Farms are frequently targeted and car thieves are increasingly turning their attention to four-wheel drive vehicles.

There are approximately 30,000 Countryside Watch Schemes in operation who provide a partnership between rural communities and local police. These links are encouraged and are proving effective in the fight against crime.

ALTERNATIVE GAS SERVICES

There have been reports of agents knocking on doors in the local area offering a new type of gas service. There are currently about 60 contractors representing a company called Tamarind International Ltd. All carry identity cards which will be produced on request.

This should not present any problem in Whilton as we have no gas supply in the village.

Householders are advised that in general they should be on their guard and refuse entry to their property to any salesman who is not known to them or who has not made a previous appointment to call.

Please notify Daventry Police immediately of anything suspicious, either seen or heard, in the village.

DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300

Christine Bilsborough

We have been asked if we will publish the following article, which has also appeared in 'Village Viewpoint'. Eds.

The Prince's Youth Business Trust

The Prince's Youth Business Trust is a registered charity which was set up some 11 years ago by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to help unemployed young people to start up their own businesses by providing financial assistance, business advice and marketing opportunities. The Trust has been established in Northamptonshire for some 8 years and operates out of the offices of The Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, Training and Enterprise at Moulton Park.

Since our establishment in the county in 1989, almost 140 businesses have been set up. These businesses supported by the Trust have a very good survival rate, there being somewhere in the region of 60% still in existence, compared with 30% for non-trust businesses.

How does the Trust help these young people? We give loans of up to £5000 (average £2500) and these are on easy repayment terms over three years, there being no repayments for the first six months and capital and interest over the remaining three years at the rate of 3%.

If a business is doing well and further funds are needed application may be made to the Trust for an expansion loan (at 4%). We also offer grants of up to £1500 in appropriate cases.

If an individual thinks there is a market for his/her business but is not too sure he/she can apply for a test marketing grant of up to £250 and this is taken up by a number of individuals.

Many young people say that without the funding available from the Trust they would not have been able to set up in business, but the most valuable thing that the Trust provides is a business mentor. These are people, both men and women, either in business, commerce or one of the professions, or recently retired and with time on their hands, who are prepared to work with and support these young people. They are all volunteers and without their work the Trust's job would be very much more difficult.

What sort of people do we help? The criteria is that they must have been unemployed for at least six weeks and aged between 18 and 30 (this means up until the day before an individual's 31st birthday). We are a source of last resort finance (i.e. if unable to borrow the money from their family, friends or banks they then apply to the Trust and I have already stated the form in which help is given).

We are here to help disadvantaged young people. We have three target groups (in no particular order) the disabled, members of the ethnic communities and offenders and ex-offenders.

In addition we also have special arrangements with a local firm of solicitors who give up to an hour's free legal advice and three chartered surveyors who give their services free of charge in connection with initial inspections of potential premises. The Trust nationally has also negotiated with a firm of insurance brokers, substantial discounts on insurance premiums and, in certain circumstances, can supply a year's free membership of the RAC.

I have told you what the Trust can do for young people and now I will tell you what the Trust wants from them - it is quite simple.

We are looking for young people with energy and enthusiasm who are prepared to work hard and

take advice to enable them to earn sufficient money to support themselves and their families, where appropriate, rather than continue to exist on state benefits.

I am more than willing to talk to anybody at any time who is prepared to listen to me - parish councils, Women's Institutes, youth groups, sports clubs, churches etc., - the list is endless. Just telephone the office on 01604 671200 and ask for either myself or my colleague Val Grace.

Brian Mutlow
Area Manager for Northamptonshire.

WHILTON W.I. MEETING - WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

This meeting was open to visitors and sixteen members and friends gathered to hear Inspector P. Boatman's advice on "Self Protection Skills".

Those of us who had taken part in previous self-defence classes some years ago were taught, among other skills, to throw our assailant to the ground. This is not now advised.

Instead we must forget about being ladylike and scream and shout and use our fingers to attack our assailant's face, especially the eyes. If you happen to be carrying car keys or a pen, so much the better. The groin can also be attacked, the foot and the knee being used to inflict pain.

There are three A's to be observed:-

Awareness - if you feel uneasy about someone take note of that.

Assessment - quickly assess type of threat.

Action - scream, run, fight.

One extra piece of interesting information concerned the origin of the phrase "rule of thumb". Many years ago a husband was legally allowed to beat his wife but the cane or rod must not be thicker than the husband's thumb. So much for the "good old days"!

We went home feeling that we would be better prepared to deal with an attack but hoping it would never be necessary to apply those skills.

Trudy Haynes

Good supplies of **milk tops, foil and stamps** continue to come in and we were able to deliver three sacks of foil, etc. to Lyncrest last week, together with a very large and varied collection of stamps. Many thanks.

Trudy Haynes

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was attended by eleven members and presided over by the Vice-President, Mrs Jane O'Riordan. Members were informed of the Rural Action Day on 18th April (Whilton Pocket Park) and the Litter Pick on April 22nd.

In celebration of the enduring charm of the County's villages, the Federation has been invited by Countryside Books to take part in a project to produce a book showing the changes that have taken place over the last century. "Then and Now" photographs to be produced - preferably around the turn of the century (no later than 1925) and of a recent date of the same location. It was agreed that Whilton WI would submit some photographs.

Following the business, our Speaker for the evening, Mrs E.Ward, gave an enlightening and often humorous talk on Colour Analysis and the art of creating the perfect outfit. How often on being invited to a function and inspecting the wardrobe has one been heard to exclaim "but I've got nothing to wear"!!

Mrs Ward illustrated the talk with numerous coloured scarves and a colour wheel divided into the four seasons. Each person has their own colour influence which does not alter with age.

Anthea Hiscock was the model for part of the talk and with the use of the scarves we were able to determine which colour influence suited her best.

All colour comes from red, yellow and blue. Red does not affect other colours but the other two do and we were shown the difference between a yellow-influenced green and a blue-influenced green et cetera.

The colour wheel showed the varying depths of colour according to the seasons:-

- Spring - light, bright, clear
- Summer - a melody of colours like sweet peas
- Autumn - rich, warm, earthy
- Winter - blocks of high contrast

The meeting ended with refreshments and the raffle was won by Diana Scott.

Janet Bowers

**GARDENERS! - MANURE - WELL ROTTED - FREE FOR COLLECTION
RING 843221**

**WANTED - EXPERIENCED YOUNG RIDER TO HELP LOOK AFTER AND
EXERCISE TWO PONIES - MUST BE VERY CAPABLE : 843221**



WHILTON FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL 1998

The theme for this year's Church Flower Festival is "Passing of Time - Leisure" and will take place on Sunday, 28th June, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

A number of village gardens will be open and together with various stalls and sideshows should provide a pleasant and hopefully profitable afternoon.

Jane and Paddy O'Riordan have kindly offered their garden at the Little Rectory to relax in with a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

If you would like to help in any way or open your garden, please contact Janet Bowers on 842851. If the junior members of the village could help with sideshows they will especially be welcomed.

The P.C.C. of St Andrew's have applied for planning permission to convert a small area of the church into a kitchen (running water and washing-up facilities are desperately needed) and to extend the vestry to provide a toilet. If this permission is granted then the profits from the Festival will be paid into the Fabric Fund and earmarked for this work. We will, of course, need further fundraising to complete the job.

Janet Bowers



WHILTON POCKET PARK



As reported in the February issue the Planning Meeting took place in the village hall on Monday 9th February 1998 but the number attending was rather disappointing. Unfortunately the "spade work" is an essential part of the progression but we are now at the stage for physical action in the spinney. It is at this stage that we hope to have the involvement of all those who indicated their willingness to help in doing their part for the environment.

Please see notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

A Management Group has been formed from representatives of the various parish organisations and the Group will be responsible for matters of administration and finance and also to oversee that plans made are implemented.

Contact Person - D.F. Brown 842968

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting of the PCC was held on Thursday 26th February 1998 and items which may be of interest are as follows:-

1. Following the Quinquennial Inspection estimates are being obtained for remedial work.
2. Instructions have been given for a survey and plotting of the churchyard and this report is expected to be received shortly.
3. A table has been purchased for refreshments in the church.
4. A yew tree has been ordered for planting in the churchyard to mark the millennium
5. The Chair expressed the grateful thanks of the PCC to Mr Ellison for his hard and successful work in organising the concert by "Mixed Spice", designing and producing the Christmas Card and also for decorating the church with holly balls which this year were illuminated and the much-admired "Whilton Angels"
6. The PCC also extended their thanks to Mrs Sue Townley for organising the village carol singing which raised £120 for the Parkinsons Disease Association.
7. Following the successful benefice outing to Hereford last year, arrangements are being made for a longer visit to York on 19th/20th September 1998
8. Great Brington needs further help to provide stewards to look after the church and welcome visitors.
9. The Flower Festival continues to be an important event in the church calendar and this year will take place on 28th June. The general theme for the next three years will be "The Passing of Time" with emphasis on :- 1998 - Leisure, 1999 - History and 2000 - The Past Century.
10. Millennium Project - There are two projects being considered (1) a kitchen area at the front of the north aisle and (2) a toilet in an extension eastwards of the vestry.
11. Mrs Bowers was elected to represent Whilton Pocket Park on the Management Committee.
12. It was decided to designate the north west corner of the churchyard to be a conservation area.
13. The date of the next PCC Meeting will be 11th June.

D.F.Brown
Parochial Church Council

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

Advance Notice

Whilton Barn Dance - this year the Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, 4th July and once again Mr & Mrs Davies have kindly agreed to us using the barn at Roughmoor Grounds. This event has become more popular every year.

Please put this date in your diary now and watch this space for more details...

Mary Kane

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Congratulations to our January and February winners.

If you would like to take part or even have extra tickets there is still plenty of time left for this year. We have a draw each month with three prizes (see below) and for the small outlay of £13 per year (payable monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually) you could be a lucky winner. If you start in April there will be £9 to pay.

For further details ring Shirley or Derek Brown on 842968 and they will arrange for a collector to call on you.

JANUARY 1998

1st Prize	No.191	G Haynes	£40
2nd Prize	No.010	R.Green	£20
3rd Prize	No.163	J Brierley	£10

FEBRUARY 1998

1st Prize	No.123	L.Morris	£40
2nd Prize	No.072	R Wells	£20
3rd Prize	No.163	J Brierley	£10

Beatrice Poole

It is with regret that we record the death, on 19th February, of Mrs. Beatrice Poole, who for many years had been the parish's oldest inhabitant.

Born on November 10th, 1900, Mrs. Poole had thoughts of reaching the millennium and achieving her "century" but sadly it was not to be.

Beatrice Poole was born at Hardingstone and moved to Whilton in 1929, when she and her husband, Ted, took over the Plough Inn, where they were the hosts until the early 1940's.

After further years in Whilton village, first at Stone House and then South View, a move was made in 1959 to a canalside house at Whilton Locks where, since the death of her husband in 1969, Mrs. Poole had lived alone, supported by members of her large family - she had eleven children, seven of whom survive her.

Although confined to the house for some years Mrs. Poole remained very cheerful and loved talking about the old days and the village characters with whom she came into contact during her time at the "Plough".

A great character herself, it is a pity she did not make the century.

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ACTION!

*RURAL ACTION DAY
IN
WHILTON POCKET PARK
ON
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
10.00AM - 3.00 PM*

ACCESS

CLEARING NETTLES ETC

TREE MARKING & TRAINING

INVOLVEMENT

ON SITE FOOTPATH DESIGN

NEST BOXES



*PLEASE COME ALONG AND TAKE PART
WE NEED YOUR HELP EVEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD*

**LUNCH WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 12NOON - 1.00PM
BRING YOUR PACKED LUNCH, A DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED
YOUR SANDWICHES CAN BE LEFT AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM
9.45 AM PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

IN BRIEF.....

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 1998 We shall be taking part again in this competition and look for the wonderful support that has been given in previous years. There will be further information to follow but no doubt early preparations will be borne in mind.



OPERATION SPRING CLEAN APRIL 1998 Whilton Parish Council have again agreed to act as co-ordinators and with the much appreciated help from the Women's Institute we plan to "litter pick" on 22nd April 1998 from the village green (in front of the church) at 6.00 pm. If you have an hour or two to spare please do come along and assist in this worthwhile environmental exercise. Young people with their sharp eyes will be particularly welcome. Necessary gloves et cetera for adults and children will be provided.

Light refreshments will be served at the village hall after our labours have ceased.

Contact person-D. F. Brown 842968



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHVRCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

This will take place on Saturday, 12th September 1998. Cyclists, recorders, and walkers can all be involved by obtaining sponsorship and taking part. This is a worthwhile cause and 50% of the money raised goes to the Historic Churches Trust and the balance to St Andrew's Whilton. Watch the newsletters and village notice board for further details.

Co-ordinator - D. F. Brown 842968



VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHVRCHYARD COMPETITION 1998

Whilton will be entered for this competition and judging takes place during the period 1st June 1998 to 30th September 1998. This means there is a period of four months during which the judges make unannounced visits to the village and whilst there is already a well cared for appearance, a little extra effort is needed to achieve success.



Summary of Events

- Sun 5 Apr 10.00am United Benefice Family Service for Palm Sunday - East Haddon
- Mon 6 Apr 7.30pm Gardeners' Association Meeting - Village Hall
- Wed 8 Apr 7.30pm Women's Institute - Village Hall - "The Mary Rose" -
Mr. W.H. Davies - Open Meeting (visitors £1.00)
- Sun 12 Apr 6.00pm Sung Eucharist for Easter at **Whilton Church**
- Sat 18 Apr 10.00am - 3.00pm **Rural Action Day - Whilton Pocket Park**
- Wed 22 Apr 6.00pm **Litter Pick - meet at Village Green**
- Sun 3 May 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - Norton
- Mon 4 May 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
- Wed 13 May 7.30pm Women's Institute - Village Hall - Resolutions (VCO to attend)
- Wed 20 May Newsletter Deadline**

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Contributions to the newsletter to any of the above **BY THE DEADLINE DATE, PLEASE**

Owing to pressure of work Anne Heeley has now retired from the editorial committee. Our grateful thanks go to Anne for the tremendous contribution she has made to the *Newsletter* over the years - she was a member of the original committee back in 1987.

We welcome to the committee Derek Brown, who for some time now has been making a considerable input to the *Newsletter*.
