

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2004



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WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS



Just watch those clematis grow!...

That was the message from Janet Cropley, the speaker at the January meeting of the WGA. After last summer's exceptional weather, this year we should be in for a bumper year of clematis – they always seem to do well after a bit of sun apparently.

Janet's talk was highly entertaining and informative, as we have come to expect over the years. The large number of WGA members who attended this first meeting of the year left well pleased and looking forward to this year's calendar of events. Speaking of which....

Coming Soon...

Next Meeting - Monday 5th April at 7.30pm in Whilton Village Hall

Our next lecture, on, will feature a talk on Garden Design from Stuart Phillips, a horticultural lecturer from Moulton College and local radio's gardening expert. If your garden could do with a facelift, or even a radical overhaul, Stuart will be able to provide you with lots of advice on how to design your dream garden. This promises to be a popular meeting and as usual it will be open to non-members.

2004 Programme

The 2004 Programme will feature a range of lectures in Whilton Village Hall and a series of garden visits.

Lectures:

7th June – Subject: Hemerocallis – Day Lilies, Presenter: Gerald Sinclair

4th October - Subject: 100 Years of Gardening, Presenter: Nicholas Warliker

Garden Visits:

May 2004 –Bluebell Walk, Coton Manor

June 2004 –Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury

Early July 2004 – Ryton Gardens, Coventry

2nd August - A visit to three gardens in W

September 2004 –The Botan



CHURCH MATTERS



Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042 or E-mail chris@rectory.freeseve.co.uk

Many years ago a lawyer wrote a book to prove, beyond all reasonable doubt, that the claims of the Christian faith were false, and especially that the idea that the grave of Jesus was empty, and his followers said that he was raised, having defeated the power of death, was all nonsense.

By the end of the book, rather than having proved anything himself, he was convinced by the evidence, and committed his life to following this Jesus. This is one person who has weighed the evidence that demands a verdict, and found it convincing.

I don't know what your 'take' on the Christian message is, but this Easter it is worth looking at the evidence. Look at the message put forward in the Gospels, what is being said, is it true, should this be something to base your life upon? Many people have found that it is, and it explains how some scared fishermen and tax collectors, who stood at a distance watching their friend die upon the cross, had the boldness and confidence in what they believed to say that Jesus had broken through death, and convince others. Not just a few, but many, so the message went out so loudly that in our village, many miles away from where these events took place, a Christian church was built, and a community started worshipping the Lord Jesus. And still does today.

This Easter may you spend time with evidence that demands a verdict.

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON **APRIL 2004**

4TH	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT NORTON</u>
5TH	7.30 PM	SERVICE OF REFLECTION
9TH GOOD FRIDAY	7.30 PM	COMPLINE
11TH EASTER DAY	6.00 PM	FAMILY EUCHARIST
18TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
	?? 00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

CHURCH

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WOULD IT MATTER TO YOU - If Whilton no longer had a parish church?

I suppose most of us take the parish church for granted. After all it's been there for several hundred years and why should it not be there for several hundred more? Maybe we are regular attenders at its services or maybe we seldom enter its doors, unless it be to attend a wedding service, a family baptism or a funeral service.

Whether we are regular worshippers, very occasional attenders or if we never set foot inside the building, I think most of us will be sorry if we hadn't a church there. It is an attractive building in a prominent place and adds something to the character of the village.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY!

Sometimes we hear comments like the above, especially when fund-raising events are organised and some will ask, quite naturally, why the money is needed.

What about the day-to-day running of the church however? How much do we need to finance that?

During the year 2003 we had to meet running costs of almost £9,300. This does not include the fabric although there are certain small works required following a recent quinquennial inspection.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Itemised costs for the year 2003 as follows:-

- Share of benefice expenses £649 - (this is to cover various things such as use of car, postage, telephone, stationery, photo-copying, hospitality etc.)
- Visiting clergy - fees / expenses - £64.
- Minor repairs / organ tuning etc - £101.
- Upkeep of services - £21.
- Organist honorarium / other organist's fees - £270.
- Electricity - £348
- Insurance - £557
- Giving to charities - £160.
- Parish share - £7104

Total expenditure £9274 = approximate weekly cost £178

Many may be puzzled by the item Parish Share and wonder to what it refers. This is the sum that the parish contributes to the administration of the diocese, most of the money going towards the payment of clergy stipends, pensions, housing, training etc. Much of this used to be paid by the Church Commissioners but their contribution has become less and less over the years.

WHERE CAN WE EXPECT THE MONEY TO COME FROM?

By far the largest contribution comes from Regular Payment Pledge This is so valuable because it is known with reasonable certainty what the total for the year will be.

Currently the church has 11 who give on a regular basis by this method, which together with tax we were able to reclaim for the year 2003, amounted to £3,223. Other income came from the following:-

- Church collections - £301
- Collections through the Gift Aid Envelope System and tax reclaimed - £2216
- Donations - £885.
- Fund-raising - £758.
- Fees for wedding etc - £232
- Floodlights, bank interest etc - £114
- Harvest supper and sale - £241

This gave a total income £7970 = approximately weekly income - £153

The weekly deficit amounted to approximately £25 (£1300 for the year) but fortunately we brought forward a balance in hand from the previous year amounting to £1,594 which dealt with the shortfall but has left only a small amount carried forward to 2004

If you have taken the trouble to read this far, you will appreciate the difficulty of ensuring the survival of the church in the parish.

Perhaps you may care to help by adding to the number of those who have made a Regular Payment Pledge. I have a supply of the appropriate forms and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Every £100 pledged brings in another £28 when the tax is reclaimed

Derek Brown, PCC Treasurer (Tel No. 842968)

MOORE CHURCH NEWS

Car Boot Sale – Sunday May 9th 2004 – Spring cleaning, and finding items no longer required ? - Then make money by selling them here.


This will be held in Wadd Close, Whilton between 1.00pm and 4.00 pm by kind permission of the Emery family.

Entry fee for a car - £5 and a van £8

Further details from Linda Treacy (01327 842034) and bookings to Linda or Janet on 842851.


Profit to St Andrew's Church Fund.

Rogation Sunday - Sunday 16th May 2004

Come and join in this special service at 3.00 pm. After a very short service in the church we will proceed to Home Farm, visiting the animals that will be blessed by the Revd. Chris Goble, prayers said for the wellbeing of farming  and appropriate hymns sung.

We then continue across the fields to Hill Top Farm where again all connected with the farm, fields animals and equipment etc. receive the blessings and prayers for a productive and successful farm year.

The afternoon will close with tea and cakes at the farm.

We have not had this service for a few years and it is really a special afternoon. Bring the family  – have an afternoon in the fresh air, see the animals and give thanks for all the benefits we have in living in the countryside and for the farmers who provide the crops etc. for food.

BEETLE DRIVE

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL - 7.30PM – 10.00 PM

ST ANDREW'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL are promoting a Beetle Drive to raise funds for Abby Hawkins for the World Challenge Project in July this year.

Abby has been attending church services here with her family since she was a very young child and deserves our help in raising the balance to finance her project. On 5th July she will be flying to Tanzania and after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and as part of the project, she will be helping the local community improve their school.

JOIN US IN RAISING FUNDS (she still needs £600) by coming and having fun at the Beetle Drive in the Village Hall.

Entry by ticket- prize for the lucky ticket number.

Adults £5 , Juniors 15 and under - £2.50, Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 juniors) £10.
Includes refreshments - hot dogs and various fillings in jacket potatoes.

Prizes – the highest beetle total – adult, the highest beetle total – junior, and the booby for overall lowest score.

COME and HAVE FUN and help Abby.



WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our meeting on 10th March we thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration by Liz Walpole of Encaustic Art.

Very effective pictures are achieved in minutes using melted coloured beeswax which is applied using a small travelling iron, a heated stylus and metal paint brush. The wax is applied to the iron and smeared across a slightly glossy card. The picture is then embellished using the stylus and paintbrush. After a quick buff with a tissue it is ready to frame or make into a greetings card.

It is also possible to drip melted wax onto card and make abstract shapes by blowing it with a hair dryer. It is impossible to create the same picture twice.

This is an ancient art dating back 2000 years used by the ancient Greeks, Egyptians and Romans. There are examples of it in the British Museum. One instance of its use was in creating a 'soul' picture of a dead person which was then bound to him during mummification.

Judith Fuller



MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL RUN 2004



More than 2000 runners braved the bitterly cold weather to take part in this year's event. The threat of snow and winter temperatures was not enough to put the 'Three Whilton Runners' off. Richard Bunce, Jeremy James and Jo Grant trekked over to Castle Ashby whilst other members of their families stayed at home in the warm.

*I am very pleased to report that we have raised over £200 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, so **thank you** everyone who made a donation.*

Although I failed to finish first, my time of 52 minutes was amazing! Jeremy and 'Veteran Richard' did very well, finishing in approximately 50 minutes. (I still have some work to do!)

*Jo Grant
Manor Lane*

USED STAMPS

Two bags of stamps have been sent to Danetre since my Christmas appeal. The second consisted mainly of stamps from people who were not Whiltonians.

Many thanks to the few villagers who were kind enough to respond to my request.

Stamps saved during the year can be left in the porch by the back door of the "Old Plough"

Trudy Haynes

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

JANUARY 2004

1st Prize	184	T Haynes	£40
2nd Prize	026	M Kane	£20
3rd Prize	087	G Lye	£10

FEBRUARY

1st Prize	096	M Seth-Smith	£40
2nd Prize	105	A Gilbert	£20
3rd Prize	077	T Bament	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



Whilton Canal Shop

• **Do you know where your nearest Convenience Store is?**

• The Canal Shop is alongside the canal, behind Whilton Locks Carpet Company, about a mile from Whilton.

• We are open **9-5 Monday to Saturday** and **10-4 on Sundays** during the winter, staying open **an hour later in the summer.**

• The shop is well stocked with useful things from eggs, milk and bread through to bacon, sausages, butter and cheese.

• **We have a range of frozen food as well as canned and bottled food and drink.**

• We stock the Chronicle and Echo and Daventry Express and a selection of morning papers.

• **We also have a good selection of wines, beer and cider.**

• We do phone top-ups and cash back on debit card purchases (over £5).

• **We sell greetings cards, stamps, books, shoes, hats, gloves and waterproofs as well as a wide range of nuts, bolts, oil, fanbelts, paint, brushes, tools and so on.**

• We are agents for dry cleaning, laundry, shoe repairs and film developing.

Why not call in and find out how we can save you driving into Daventry or Northampton?

If there is anything you would like us to provide, please tell us and if we can we will offer it.

Richard & Lesley Sallet, The Canal Shop, Whilton Locks. (01327) 844442

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

All hall users are aware that the toilets are in need of refurbishment. The major problem is the rising damp which has not been cured. Coupled with this is new legislation for public places to meet the Disability Discrimination Act with respect to equal opportunity of access for all. Put together they have resulted in quotes in the region of £10k ! Even with maximum grant aid there will still be a shortfall of approximately £3k for which we will have to fund raise. The hall is an excellent parish amenity which apart from the church is the only meeting/social venue, so we are inviting ideas to enable us to raise as much as possible and complete this last vital refurbishment. Please contact any member of the Hall Committee with your ideas for fund raising or help in any way.

Mike Lewis
Hall Chairman.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - COMING TO A VILLAGE NEAR YOU - SOON

You may have seen comments about this UDC being involved in overseeing the planned expansion of Daventry and thought that it will be a good idea but not affecting you. Wrong - this quango will have far reaching powers including relaxation of planning regulations. It can do anything necessary to further its aims including transport, utility and amenity schemes outside its designated area. As development is scheduled until at least 2021 it may be hard to escape its possible impact on our parish. We are involved with Daventry Villages Together (DVT) to be aware of all plans and attempt to influence those that may be disadvantageous to our community. We are able to have growth if we desire but not say 'if only we knew.....' if anything is imposed. Please take an interest in what is going on and ask if you require any information.

Mike Lewis
PC Chairman

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

This has been a busy term with our numbers increasing each term, so much so, that we now have taken on a new member of staff and welcome Rose South on board. Rose has been with us since the beginning of this ½ term and is settling in well, learning all the children names and enjoying being part of the group.

At the end of the last ½ term we had an Ofsted Inspector with us for a couple of days and have recently received her report which was very encouraging, and we were pleased with the comments it contained. If anyone wishes to read this, the final copy should be with me within the next couple of weeks and it will also be published on the Ofsted website.

During this term we have looked at houses, from caves to detached houses of today, bungalows to houses in different countries. The children especially enjoyed making a village out of cardboard boxes and living as children who have no running water and have to walk miles to fetch water, washing in rivers and pretending to cook on open fires.

At present we are looking at Opposites, day and night, hot and cold, big and small, up and down and we have been doing numbers up to 10, counting, recognising and sorting. We recently have been to Mr & Mrs Emery's farm in Whilton to feed the lambs and were fortunate to see a couple of lambs being born whilst we were there. The children had a great time giving the lambs bottles and many children had enough confidence to carry the lambs or take them for walks up the barn. We thank Mr & Mrs Emery for having us once again; it's a great experience for the children.

After Easter we have some more children joining us and we shall be having a science theme looking at Vibration, Magnetism, Symmetry, all in their simple forms, so we shall have lots of fun doing lots of different experiments.

If there are any parents who have Pre-School age children, 2 years 6 months up to school age who haven't heard about us, we meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whilton Village Hall and as the group is relatively small, we are able to provide a friendly, caring atmosphere where the children can learn through play, learn to socialise with other children of their own age and have fun learning about the world around them.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us please do not hesitate to contact me, Jenny Holman on 01604 770083 as we would be happy to show you around.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.



There are no incidents to report in the village but the latest scam reported in Daventry and Kilsby is offering to do tarmac work and when asked for an estimate they immediately start work digging up the drive even though no consent has been given. In the second case they started work in the garden of a Council house without any consultation. They put up a board "J.Kennedy Block Paving Specialists".

The men are described as traveller types and arrived in a black Renault L145LUD. The Police want to know immediately if they are seen or you see suspicious activity. Ring 01327 300300 and quote incident number 2027638. If approached say firmly you do not want work done and do not ask for estimates.

P.R. Waights.
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



Referring to our article in the February Newsletter, we have now taken delivery of 43 trees for planting and 16 of these have been sponsored and paid for. We have a list of approximately a dozen other trees promised for sponsorship and perhaps those who noted their interest could contact either Shirley, Derek or Anthea. The cost per tree is £5. This will still leave a reasonable number for which we are seeking sponsorship and if you have not already indicated a interest , please contact Shirley, Derek (842968) or Anthea. (843319).

**PLEASE WATCH THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR THE DATE WHEN PLANTING
 WILL TAKE PLACE**

SPONSOR A TREE IN THE SPINNEY

Management Committee

WHILTON W.I. MEETING ON 11th FEBRUARY.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Gary Schaeffer to our February meeting and not for the first time, so we knew we were in for an interesting talk. On this occasion he came to talk about and show us some of the photographs from the Henry Cooper collection entitled "Northampton Town and Country". Popperfoto had acquired the photographs from Barbara Cooper, widow of the late Mr. Cooper for which they were very grateful.

These photographs were then put into an exhibition by the company between October 2003 and January 2004. Talking with great enthusiasm, Gary explained many of the photos and it was fascinating to see the changes that had occurred in both Northampton and County. Needless to say, a lot of memories were stirred as we viewed a "Bye Gone Era"

Should anyone want to find out more about these or other photos held by Popperfoto you can access their website on www.popperfoto.com.

PARISH MATTERS!

The Council met on the first day of March in the presence of Cllr Richard Richard Amos and two members of the public

It had as usual a full agenda but the future shape of the Parish, village and Environs took appropriately the lions share of the agenda.

South East Midlands Plan

Starting with the consultation on the SE Midlands Plan Cllr Amos and Mike Lewis took us carefully through the process these important proposals had for Milton Keynes, Northampton and Daventry with the proposed Urban Development Council taking over much of the planning powers and function of County and District authorities. Apart from the size of increase in houses and the blight on existing plans for Daventry/Long Buckby and decisions about village confines, their concern was over the poor representation there would be on the UDC of local Councils compared with developers. We confirmed our Chairman's support of our local four Parish Council initiative to respond to these proposals voicing both the proposed increase, plans and representation. Next we reviewed the documents from NCC about the planning obligations of new estate builders to provide significant funds for school provision in such areas and considered this only fair.

Planning Consents given

Then we received the confirmation of planning consents for the Barn Conversion at the Coach House, noting it was tied to use as part of that and could not be a separate dwelling, and the two further developments at the Locks Garden Centre, a poly tunnel and sign. No mention was made of our reservations over traffic flow so we will await developments there. The Clerk meanwhile had received a letter from the owners asking for notices of jobs there to be displayed which he had done.

Stonewall Restoration

Within the village itself the clerk advised the meeting that he had received a quotation for restoring the stonewall at the bottom of the Main Street where it meets Brington Lane. This had been sought although the wall belonged to the local farmer because it potentially was a feature worthy of preservation in the village and it was hoped a combination of grants and an input from the owner might be possible. The estimate had come at a higher level than expected as the wall would now have to be levelled and rebuilt by experts as an original dry stone wall. The cost was £5550.24. The clerk had followed up two leads given him by the DDC but neither had produced any likelihood of grant. The Council agreed this was too high to contemplate a meaningful contribution at present but the village should be advised. A second estimate (any suggestions?) and potential for grant assistance should continue to be sought. Penny Price is going to co-ordinate this.

The Village Green

The Village Green area took again a large part of the remainder of the meeting. The questionnaire to affected residents in the proposed extra light had proved indecisive. Five responses out of eight had been received. Two were opposed to its provision, one seeing it yet another source of light pollution, another that other priorities should be pursued, while a third had seen as the means to remove the cement electricity column which even

if the new light had to be put on one of our own would still remain. So only one other resident had supported the original proposer. The Council resolved to take no action.

The Village Green Trees and Their Future- a consultation

However it was the estimate from our tree warden and his accompanying letter over the four trees now apparently the responsibility of the Parish Council that caused most heartsearching. The estimate for pruning these four trees for the first time and the Sycamore on the Green would be £320. However he suggested the council might wish to consider the removal of three now and the planting of smaller more suitable trees as the two Chestnuts and Sycamore would if left grow to 70 feet or more and eventually affect the wall at their back, and the road surface as well as need regular maintenance to avoid liability for accidents. The Council vacillated on this but in the end decided to inform you all and ask for your views. The trees are a feature but can we afford to keep them or should we plan to remove and replace or leave as grassed areas? Please let us have your views before the next meeting on WEDNESDAY 5th MAY

The Annual Inspection of the village

The village annual inspection by the Councillors and clerk the previous Saturday had produced a list of 16 concerns. 11 of these were for NCC Highways Partnership with WS Atkins. Our new Highway Representative took these on and has written to them. He was also thanked for the prompt attention we had got for our many potholes after the recent cold wet spell. A number were notified before but the surfaces of Buckby Lane and Wadd Lane were known along with the bent finger post at the top of the village. Others concerned the broken BT covers in Brington Lane and Manor Lane, lamp visors either not replaced or dirty again, two blocked drains, and three individual matters the clerk was asked to raise with householders.

Investment for the Year Ahead

The purchase of a new strimmer for the maintenance of the Church yard as well as paying for the mower service and an agreement to enter the village of the year competition this coming year were amongst the financial decisions made

New Blood!?

In fixing the next extra meeting, necessitated by the delay in local Parish Council elections to 10th June, a number of important matters were aired. The meeting will very unusually have to be on Wednesday 5th May. This will be the last meeting of this Council. The Annual General Meeting this year will take place with the Parish Meeting on Monday 21st June.

A new council will be elected if the bill goes through parliament in time by experimental postal voting on 10th, however nominations for Parish Councillors will have to be made when papers are available from the District Council and returned within the period 5th-13 May. Anyone interested in standing can contact me or a Councillor for details of what's involved.

Finally and with regret I have indicated to the Council because of certain new challenges involving an adjustment of priorities I will be giving up the post of Clerk after seven years at the end of August when the years' accounts and Audit are complete and the new Council settled in. You may wish to consider this post which will be advertised as a possibility as well

The following historically interesting letter and envelope from the Home Office was found by John Townley Senior amongst his family papers. This is apparently the first time that the clocks were put forward one hour from Greenwich Mean Time.

SUMMER TIME ACT, 1916.

This Act comes into force on Sunday next, May 21st, and provides that up to the end of September the time for all general purposes shall be one hour in advance of Greenwich mean time.

In order to facilitate the introduction of the change the Home Secretary, with the concurrence of ~~the Archbishop of Canterbury, asks Incumbents to~~ be good enough to arrange for the church clocks under their charge to be put forward one hour on Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

A similar change will be made at the same time in clocks at post offices and railway stations, and other public clocks.

HOME OFFICE,
17th May, 1916.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

No. 3.

THE INCUMBENT

OF THE PARISH OF

*St Andrew
Whilton
Daventry*

HOME OFFICE.

More interesting history from the Townley family records regarding the salary for being a Sexton.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary describes 'sexton' as a person who looks after a church and churchyard, typically acting as bell-ringer and gravedigger.

		Whetton Daventry		
		April 12 th 1917		
		The Rector & Churchwardens To John Townley Junr		
Easter 1917		£	s	d
	One years salary as clerk & attendance to Church fires and wood for lighting	5	10	0-
	One years salary for winding Church Clock		10	0-
	Cleaning spouts out around the Church 3 times		4	6
		6	4	6

		Whetton		
		Dec 24 th 1925		
		The Rector & Churchwardens To John Townley Junr		
		£	s	d
	One year salary as Sexton and wood for Church fires Dec 25mas 1925	5	10	0
	One years salary for winding Church Clock Dec Christmas 1925	2	12	0
	Ob for Church Clock		2	0
		8	4	0

These letters also come from the Townley family archives obviously written in the early days of Whilton WI. The writer is still alive and is now over 90 and is a resident in the Wheatsheaf Nursing home in Daventry.

Whilton - Whilton WI
 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
 Telephone No. 8.323
 Secretary's Address: Roughwood Farm
 Whilton Daventry
 26.10.18
 Dear Mr Townley,
 I feel you kindly
 give the W.I. permission to stand
 be employed in the school room.
 Yours
 B. E. Prida (asc)

Whilton - Whilton WI
 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
 Telephone No. 8.323
 Secretary's Address: Roughwood Farm
 Whilton Daventry
 26.10.18
 Dear Mr Townley,
 I feel you kindly
 allow the school managers to
 for all W.I. standing permission for
 to be employed in the school room
 for the coming year.
 Yours
 Elizabeth Prida (asc)

Whilton - Whilton WI
 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
 Secretary's Address: Roughwood Farm
 Telephone Number 8.323
 Sep. 29/18
 Dear Mr Townley
 The W.I. Committee wish
 to notify the school managers that
 the gate in the small school room
 which is used for most public
 functions is in an unsafe condition.
 They would be grateful if something
 could be done to rectify this.
 Yours Sincerely
 Elizabeth Prida (asc)

Do any of the current members of Whilton WI have a clue as to the year when these were written, please could you let us know?

Our grateful thanks to John Townley Senior for allowing us to copy these for the interest of Whilton Parishioners and learn a bit more of our history.



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM



Under the umbrella of Whilton Gardeners' Association we are again this year entering the above competition.

East Midlands In Bloom is an annual competition organised by the EMIB Regional Committee. The aim of the competition is to encourage the improvement in our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter-free and sustainable environment. The competition covers the counties of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland.

Whilton enters under category A – small village – population 300 and under.

Our first entry was in 1992 and most years since we have received an award including Highly Commended, Second Placing and the David Hakes Memorial Trophy for the most improved village.

Last year in addition to a Class Placing we received a Special Judges Award for the Spinney Project.

For 2004 the following improvements are being made – all entrants will be judged using the 'medal' criteria with awards available being Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver, Bronze, Certificates of Achievement. This will mean that there may be more than one medal at each level.

Judging will take place between 7th and 16th July 2004. **Let Whilton keep up its high standard for 2004** by mowing and keeping the verges neat and tidy, colourful baskets, tubs etc. and litter-free.

The Whilton Gardeners' Association will be awarding a prize for:

1. Best hanging basket.
2. Best window box
3. Best tub.

The winners, we hope will be chosen by the EMIB Judge.

Also EMIB run a Painting competition for juniors, so Whilton artists why not have a go?

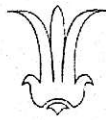
See elsewhere in Newsletter. **Entry Forms are available from Janet Bowers, Co-Ordinator for Whilton Gardeners' Association.**

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 2004

Northamptonshire ACRE / Calor Gas arrange the above competitions and Whilton Village will again be entered this year.

Whilst these competitions cover the all points looked for in the East Midlands in Bloom Competition, the judges are also looking at all aspects of the village including the public features. They will look at the overall impression the village gives to a visitor. To summarise the judges are looking for a "well balanced, pro-active, caring village community which, irrespective of size, made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all the inhabitants".

Judging starts 1st June and further information will appear in the next Whilton Newsletter.



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

National Curriculum

To:- Record responses, including observations of the natural and man made environment.

Through this Competition we are hoping to encourage young people to develop a caring attitude towards the environment by looking at their immediate surroundings, by recognising and recording plants, flowers, trees and shrubs: and acknowledge the contribution an environment which is cared for, makes to the quality of life.

The Competition is regional and is organised by East Midlands in Bloom.

It is open to all children in the East Midlands up to the age of 16 years.

To enter, children are asked to paint a picture which represents a certain season of the year.

Prizes and certificates are awarded to the two winning entries, for each class, at the East Midlands Awards Ceremony held during September.

The Competition is divided into four classes. Children must paint one of the seasons according to their age group.

AGE GROUP

Class 1 Up to 7 years of age

Class 2 8 to 10 years of age

Class 3 11 to 13 years of age

Class 4 14 to 16 years of age

Special Schools May enter any chosen season irrespective of age.

SEASONS

Winter/ Spring/ Autumn

Spring/ Summer/ Autumn

Spring/ Summer/ Winter

Summer/ Autumn/ Winter

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RULES

- 1 A maximum size of 500mm wide x 750mm (20 x 30 inches) high. Portrait pictures only.
- 2 Pictures must not contain any wording.
- 3 An entry form must be completed in **FULL BLOCK CAPITALS** and *affixed to the reverse of each painting.*
- 4 Paint must be used, montage will not be accepted.
- 5 Each painting must be the child's unaided work, not a group of children.

GENERAL

The Judges decision will be final and any entries which do not comply with the rules will be rejected.

East Midlands in Bloom reserves the right to reproduce in any form the winning paintings without seeking individual permission.

No responsibility can be taken for any loss or damage in transit or during judging.

The winning paintings will be retained.

If you would like your painting(s) returned, be sure to send a large enough stamped and addressed envelope with your entry.



ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

MR F CONSTABLE
EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM
PAINTING COMPETITION
16 GISBORNE CRESCENT
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TEN TIPS to Help You Choose the Right Mobility or Health Aid Product for Your Needs:

1. Don't agree to a home visit by a consultant if you just want a brochure or more information.
2. Decide when you want a salesman to visit - try and have a friend or relative present.
3. Tell the sales person you are getting other quotes and you will consider the best product for you - this may not necessarily be the cheapest.
4. Beware of sales people who out stay their welcome and refuse to take "No" for an answer. Politely and firmly ask them to leave when you've heard enough. Be prepared for claims that the price only applies at that time - a reputable company should not pressure you to buy there and then.
5. Don't be swayed by tactics like false price reductions or calls to the 'boss' to get you a special deal.
6. Some companies offer buy back schemes, make sure that this option is clearly explained on the contract.
7. Make absolutely sure that the equipment is suitable for your needs; don't be swayed by glossy sales brochures or patter.
8. Remember you have no cancellation rights if you asked for an appointment for the consultant to visit.
9. If you pay part or all of the bill by credit card, you can pursue the credit card company for problems like wrong description or faulty goods.
10. In more serious cases, help to buy the right product can be sought from Occupational Therapists.

WHILTON APPRAISAL

Just over nine years ago an appraisal of Whilton was produced by various people in the parish. The aim was to cover Whilton past, Whilton present and give a few ideas for Whilton future. Although a number of things have changed, (we now have an environmental and conservation area – Roughmoor Spinney), the basic facts are still very interesting.

This publication has 134 pages, many photographs, old and new and has been professionally edited and printed.

Since this book was produced there have been several new residents in the parish and if anyone would like to borrow the master copy to read, please contact Derek Brown on 842968. It may be possible to make up more copies of the original if the interest is there.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Thurs	1st	Apr	7.30 pm	AGM of St Andrew's Parochial Church Council in village hall
Mon	5th	Apr	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association - 'Garden Design' in village hall
Tues	6th	Apr	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Wed	14th	Apr	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in village hall - 'Fish Dishes' - Mrs O'Dell
Tues	20th	Apr	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Fri	30th	Apr	7.30 pm	Beetle Drive in village hall in aid of World Challenge Project - Abby Hawkins
Tues	4th	May	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Weds	5th	May	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in village hall
Sun	9th	May	1.00 pm	Car Boot Sale in Wadd Close Field
Wed	12th	May	7.30 pm	WI - Resolutions in village hall
Sun	16th	May	3.00 pm	Rogation Service and walking farm fields
Tues	18th	May	9.10 am	Library Van in village

Mon 17th May	Newsletter Deadline - Trinity School who print this newsletter will break up for half-term so please hand in your contributions before this date, preferably well before or otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition
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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children. Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, récipés, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Any contributions to the newsletter by the deadline date please, to any of the Editors.
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