



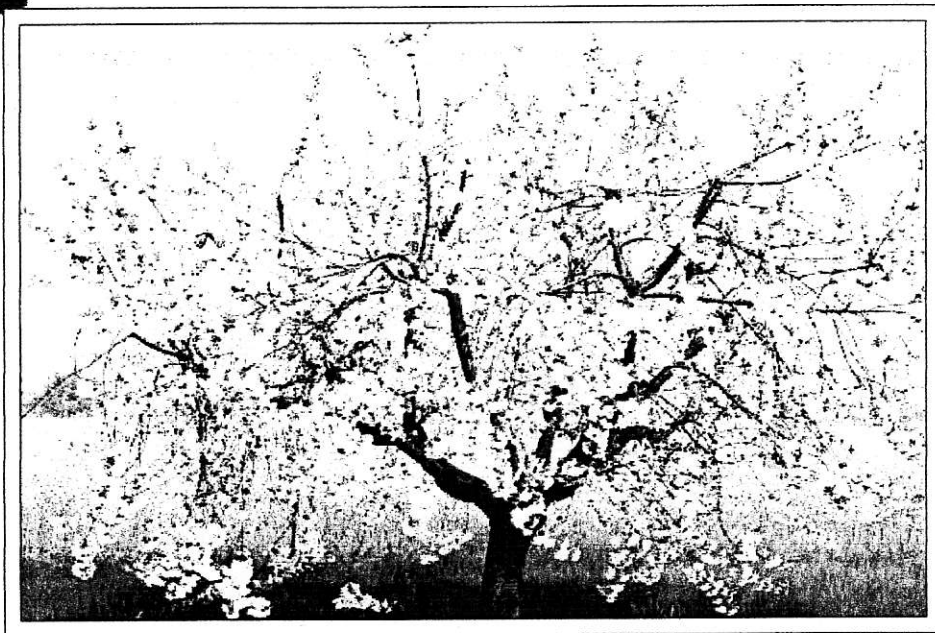
# WHILTON NEWSLETTER



**APRIL 2005**



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**NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH**

# WHILTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2005

The meeting was held in the village hall at 7.30 pm and eight Committee Members attended. The Chairman – Mike Lewis, Vice-Chairman – Maurice Clements, Secretary - Ron Fuller and Treasurer – Derek Brown agreed to stand again for 2005 and there were no changes in the rest of the committee representing various organisations in the village. (Janet Bowers, Shirley Brown Joyce Fallows, Jenny Holman and Phil Waights ).

It was agreed that there was a need to increase the hiring rates as they had not been amended since February 2003. The new hourly rates are as follows:

- ❖ Adult Education - £6.50
- ❖ Village £4.50
- ❖ Others £7.50
  
- ❖ Pre-School £7.50 per session
- ❖ Elections £125 per day.

The response from the questionnaire for the new village hall was 27 from the village and nil from Whilton Locks with approximately 20% doubting the viability of the idea. As a reply to a letter requesting further information was awaited from the Townley family, further discussions were put on hold.

The toilet project awaits details from the builder to further satisfy Building Regulations Department.

A social fund-raising event is planned for later this year.



## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



### **Kelmarsh Hall**

In February the WGA heard a talk by Esther MacMillan on the restoration of Kelmarsh Hall gardens. We are going to follow this up with a visit on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Kelmarsh has a grass terrace, wild flower meadow, lakes, rose garden and a beautiful sunken garden. It will make an ideal venue for April visit. Members and non-members are invited to come along and further details are available from Neil Phillips on 01327 844182.

### **Low Maintenance Gardening**

Our next meeting in the village hall is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Maurice Billingham will be talking about low maintenance gardening, something that many of us probably prefer. So if you want to know more about how to keep your garden looking its best, but without spending hours armed with a hoe and fork, the talk starts at 7.30.

**Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA**

## WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ( 1 )

At our meeting in **February 2005** we were visited by Paul Williams from the East Midlands Air Support Unit which is based at Husbands Bosworth and serves the counties of Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire.

It is a small team of 16 (including the cleaner) flying an EC135 helicopter which is available for use for 18.5 hours every day and has a flying time of 1.5 hours at an annual cost of £250 000. It is a fast response helicopter – Northampton in 4-6 minutes. Today's helicopter is now six years old and cost £3.5 million; its replacement which is now needed will cost £4.5 million but it is invaluable to the police.



It is equipped with a thermal image/video camera which revolves through 360 degrees, a microwave down link which enables a receiver on the ground to have the same view as the helicopter, a 15 million candle power 'nite sun' – hot enough to melt tarmac, a 'sky shout' p.a. system, 'Euronav' digital mapping and a vacuum stretcher which can be used when the air ambulance is unavailable. Most of this equipment is in a 'pod' under the helicopter.

The unit deals with about twenty incidents a week ranging from tracking missing people and suspects through

pursuits to photography and surveillance. We saw videos of people being tracked where with thermal imaging their route is not lost through trees. One future project is to take detailed photographs of Coventry Airport for use in the event of a terrorist attack.

Next time you see a blue helicopter with a 'pod' underneath you will know what it is. The members of the unit spend quite a lot of time waiting to be called and are very happy to show visitors around. This would make a very interesting family trip. Call them on 01858 881155 to arrange a visit.

**Judith Fuller**

## WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ( 2 )

**A**t the March 2005 Meeting in the village hall, the following were discussed:-

- National WI AGM 8<sup>th</sup> June - Albert Hall – Anthea said she may be able to go.
- Rates for hire of village hall to rise
- Basic Car Maintenance Course to be held in Daventry.
- County 500 Club.- membership
- County outing to Newmarket on 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Janet volunteered to be programme organiser for 2006.

Our Speaker, Doctor Greg Spellman( a Lecturer in Meteorology at University College, Northampton) then gave us a very interesting and enlightening and humorous talk on weather with visual aids.

We were shown views of the UK from outer space, cloud formations and weather forecasting maps.

From a survey in Cambridge it appears that overseas visitors think our weather is always wet, depressing, bland and unspectacular as well as smoggy and polluted.



On most counts we are guilty and although we do have a low rainfall (654mm in Northampton) it is spread throughout the year and we do have a lot of cloud cover (88% of the time) and we can have some spectacular storms and gales (1987 & 1990) **but nowadays we have the cleanest air of any developed country in the world.**

For the future – warmer summers, better winters.

Dr Spellman is so enthusiastic about weather and is on the Committee for Tornado Research and also has a PHD in Spanish Weather and is a writer for the Journal of Meteorology.

Janet Bowers



We have had one successful Working Party in February when we planted six oak trees which started life on the allotments originally set by Derek Coates for the spinney. A certain amount of tidying was also carried out. We try and walk the paths every two weeks to see if there are any problems.

At the moment it is very wet in some areas – more than at any time earlier in the winter.

We hope to have another Working Party in early April, please watch the noticeboards for the date.

Management Committee.

## **HIGHWAYS**

Every household should have received the **Northamptonshire Magazine** and I would draw attention to the '**Street Doctor**' which is the new system of reporting highway defects. You can register your complaint or observation by ringing **0845 601113** or by logging on to [WWW.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://WWW.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and you will be given a reference number and the intention is that shortly thereafter they will post on the net what action, if any, they propose to take in the matter raised.

Your Parish Council have already submitted a list of about 15 matters needing attention but in the background that the County Council's agents Atkins have included the village in the list of roads which should be resurfaced in 2005 they are only dealing with matters they consider create a danger. Whether the resurfacing work will be done depends on how much money the County Council allocate.

For public liability reasons I cannot pass on complaints. You must register them yourself.

Philip Waights  
Parish Council Highway Liaison Representative

**A total of £168.50  
was sent to the  
RNIB in memory  
of Betty Pride.**

**Many thanks to all  
who contributed**

### **EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2005**

Whilton Gardeners' Association have entered the village in the competition again this year. Judging usually takes place in July when the village best hanging baskets, window boxes and planters are also judged for the WGA who donate the prizes

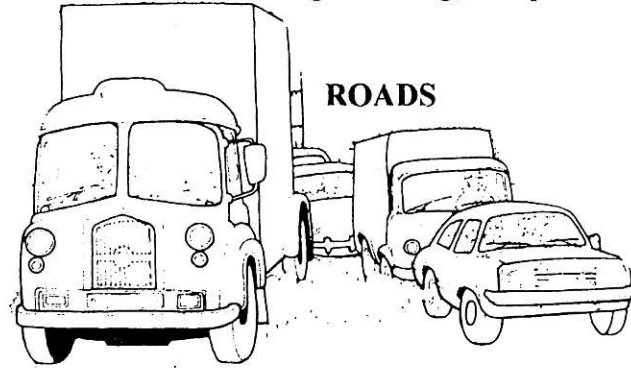
## PARISH MATTERS

All seven Parish Councillors were present for the meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting was also attended by three parishioners, including Phil Waights, our Highways Representative. District Councillor Wendy Amos and County Councillor Richard Amos each came for part of the meeting.

Payments included £47.50 to Unity College for printing the Newsletter, £72 for our subscription to Northants Association of Local Councils, £60 to Daventry District Council for the allotment rent, £242.09 for the Clerk's salary and expenses and £10 to enter the Village of the Year competition for 2005.

Penny Price said she had found she could get cheaper electricity from British Gas, which caused some amusement in gas-free Whilton! However, it was agreed that the Council should investigate whether our street lighting electricity could be supplied more cheaply than with Powergen.

There were no new planning applications. Whilton Locks Garden Centre has been granted permission to build a new storage building, as reported in the last issue.



There was much discussion about roads and safety. Mike Lewis, our Chairman, agreed to respond to the M1 Route Management Strategy Consultation on our behalf. There are plans to widen the M1 to four carriageways and there is concern about the effect this will have on the surrounding areas, and hints of other road developments.

The County Council have begun to resolve the problem of insurance for Parish Highway Representatives by recognising that they are covered under County insurance. Our Representative, Phil Waights, reported that he will be attending a meeting of Representatives at Weedon this month and hopes to gather more information then.

On a more local level, Phil understands that Whilton is on the schedule for road resurfacing in the coming year. However, this depends on funds remaining available! Various concerns were raised about our roads. The Clerk agreed to report that the road drains should be cleared out again, that there is a problem with the manhole cover outside "Woodview", the reflectors at the top of the village have been knocked down and there is a need for a better way of restricting speed on the main road, following yet another accident there.

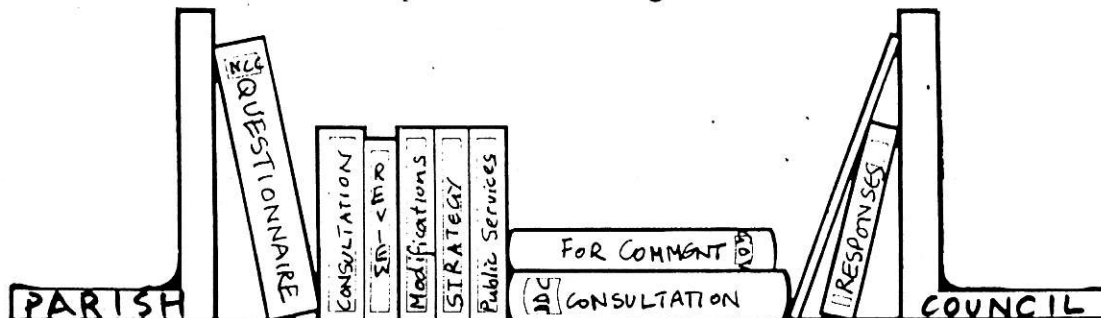
Speed is also a problem at Whilton Locks. Mike Lewis is to investigate whether the provision of another street light there would make it easier to get a speed limit installed. It was also suggested that a light at Langton Rise might be helpful. Greg Lye agreed to find the opinions of the residents there.



The Parish Council has also been informed that sometime in the next 18 months, the road between the top of the village and the A5 will be closed while the surface under the railway bridge is replaced. It is not clear how long this will take, but there will be a diversion via Flore, probably only in non-peak hours.. The Parish should be given 10 days notice and the Council will try to inform everyone when a date is arranged.

### A HEAVY LOAD

As usual there were a number of consultation documents to be considered by the Councillors. This month they covered consultations on Councillors' Code of Conduct, the East Midlands Freight Strategy, the East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy, Vibrant Local Leadership, Citizen Engagement and Public Services and the Northants Waste Local Plan. We were able to pass on the Burial Grounds questionnaire to the Parochial Church Council, but the rest are passed round among the Councillors for comment.



Many of these documents are solid and heavy reading ( in every sense of the word!) and as a result, those which do not seem to have an immediate relevance to Whilton are usually ignored. Every parish receives the same amount of material, whatever its size. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should sort out a strategy for dealing with this paperwork in a responsible way and this will be raised on the next agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9 May and will be preceded by The Annual Parish Meeting. This is a time when all parishioners are welcome to attend, and anyone may speak on any matter connected with the parish. Come along and have your say!

Anthea Hiscock  
Clerk to the Parish Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NORTON ROAD, WHILTON  
LOCKS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2005

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which will is prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Norton Road, Whilton Locks as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Norton Road, Whilton Locks from the junction of the A5 Watling Street to the junction of Norton Road to Whilton village.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required owing to works being carried out on the said road.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. It is expected that the road will be restricted during off peak hours only.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The diversionary route for vehicles travelling east use the A5 Watling Street to Weedon, then use the A45 Flore Hill to Flore. In Flore use Brington Road to Nobottle Road. For vehicles travelling west the route is vice-versa.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2005

VICTOR SMITH  
Head of Legal Services

County Hall  
NORTHAMPTON

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If you require any further information please contact Andrew Leighton on 01604-236688.

***NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE:- CALLS IN THE VILLAGE ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE 'OLD PLOUGH'. THE DATES FOR APRIL ARE 5TH AND 19TH AND MAY - 3RD, 17TH AND 31ST.***

**Whilton Village Hall 200 Club Draw**

**JANUARY**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	168	C Battison	£40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	167	D Scott	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	043	R Hawkins	£10

**FEBRUARY**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	049	A Tilston	£40
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	007	S Meadows	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	074	TL Cons. Serv	£10

**Congratulations to all the winners**

 **SMILE PLEASE** 

**It has been reported that our lonely village peacock was seen hurrying along the road to answer the mating call of 'burglar alarm' !!!**



**LOCAL PAPERS DELIVERED**



***Did you know that you can have the Northampton Chronicle & Echo delivered to your door in Whilton? If you would like a paper, please telephone the Chronicle & Echo on 01604 467000 and they will pass on your order to me.***

***I also deliver the Daventry Express on Thursdays. If you are interested please contact me direct on 01327 842618.***

***I am sorry I can only deliver to Whilton and not Whilton Locks.***



**Your local paper boy - Tom Kane**



## **CHURCH MATTERS**



**Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042 or E-mail [chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk)**

There are words in the English language which, I know, I understand differently than many others. The word Spring, for me, conjures up a picture of Zebedee in the Magic Roundabout, rather than the season we are now in. Diverse I have redefined as Welsh Poetry, and Carnation is a new name for our country. It can be fun thinking up new definitions of words, and we can enjoy our language.

English only works, of course, if we have some form of common agreement. If I used the word 'Daffodil' to mean Chicken pie and I had decided that is what I meant by the word

confusion would reign at the restaurant. If I decided to call all plants 'Tortoise' then I may come away from the garden centre with something unplatable that munches lettuce. Faith is a word that can be very hard to define, even by those who say that have it. I know that I cannot always define what it means for me easily, but that it is an amazing journey with God, which is not dull, but we know that we can walk alongside Jesus Christ, and be part of his community in this world.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL and VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005 1.00PM - 5.00 PM**

**Note change of date this year.**

This year's Flower Festival in St Andrew's is on the theme of 'English Counties' and has the promise of being an excellent one. The flower arrangers are already busy planning their preferred counties which so far range from Cumbria & Yorkshire in the north to Devon in the south and many in between - Staffs, Notts, Warks and Norfolk to name some already chosen. Several gardens will be open for viewing and as on previous years, there will be stalls on the village green and special activities for our junior villagers. **The day will close with a special Festival Service in St Andrew's at 6.00 pm**

If you can help in any way - on stalls, teas or by opening your garden please contact **Janet Bowers on 842851** or any of the following committee members:- **Mary Emery (842741), Linda Treacy (842034) or Teresa Leadbetter (843988).**

All profit to St Andrew's Church funds

### **SPRING CLEANING - UNWANTED GOODS**

**A Car Boot Sale is due to be held in Wadds Close( by kind permission of the Emery family on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1.00pm - 4.00 pm) Cars £6 (pre-booked £5), vans £10 (pre-booked £8). Refreshments available. Please come along and sell those unwanted items and make yourselves some money . Contact for bookings - Linda on 842034 or Janet on 842851**

*Janet Bowers*

**PUDDINGS AND PIMMS EVENING**  
**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

An evening of sampling various puds will be held at Woodview by kind permission of Teresa and Ian on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Tasty puds, a glass of Pimms and good company herald a most enjoyable evening so do come along.

Tickets will be available nearer the date

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

**APRIL 2005**

<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HARLESTONE</u></b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT NORTON</u></b>



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



The police have issued a warning about Shed break-ins and given advice on protection. They advise:-

1. Strengthen fences and cut back foliage to improve visibility.
2. Use good quality locks.
3. Strengthen weak panels.
4. Use shed alarms and security lights.
5. Cover windows.
6. Make a note of serial numbers and mark items with postcodes.

The police also warn about a group of men claiming to be from the Highways Dept and using a van so marked, offering to fill potholes and then demanding money they will even do work without authorisation on the part of the landowner and making demands. There is fear that they may do work when owners are not present. No Highway Department employees will do work on private land and offers should be refused and requests for money reported to the police.

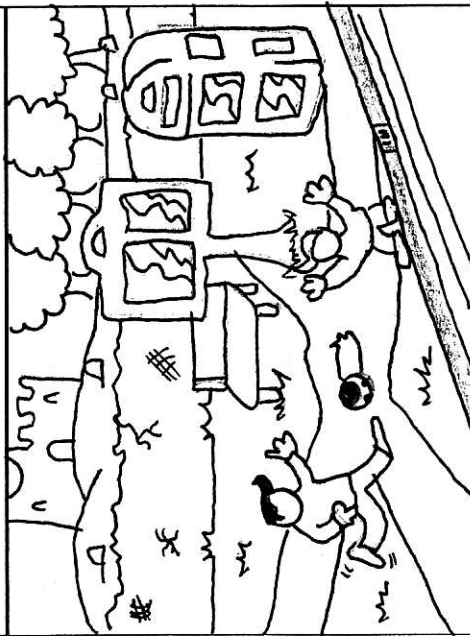
No incidents have been reported in Whilton but stables have been broken into in Brington.

P. Waights, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

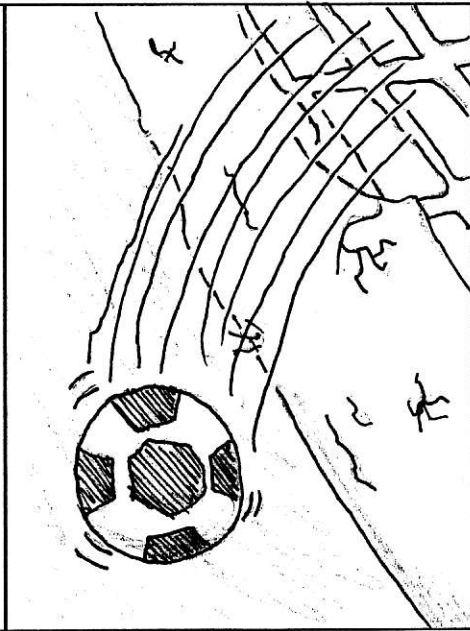
# The Woolies

by Noah Price

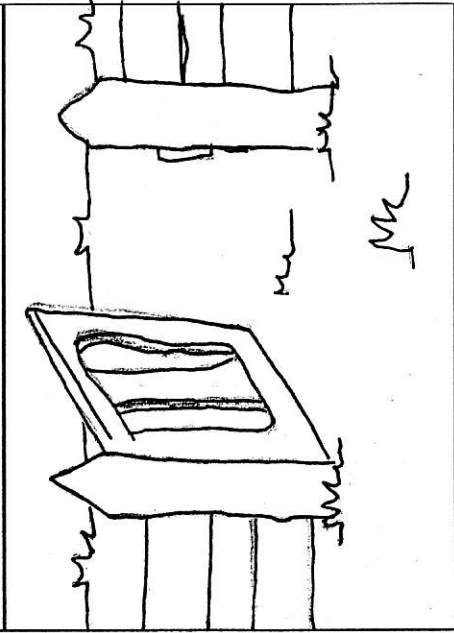
The Whilton lads are playing football on The Green.



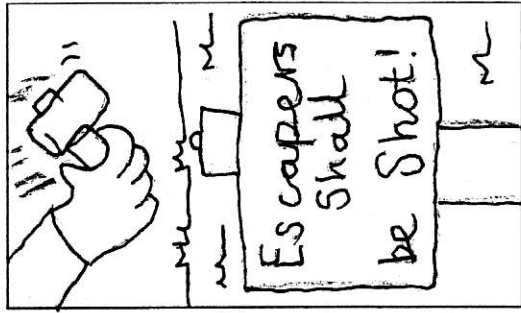
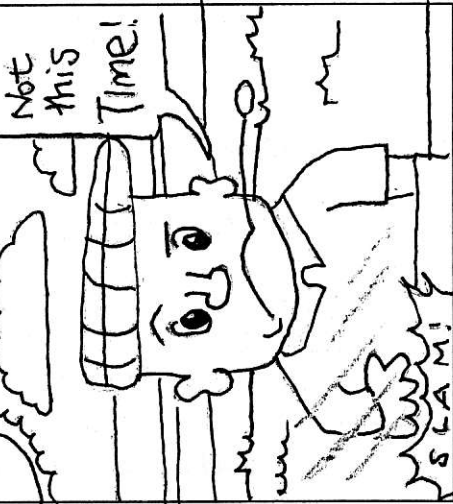
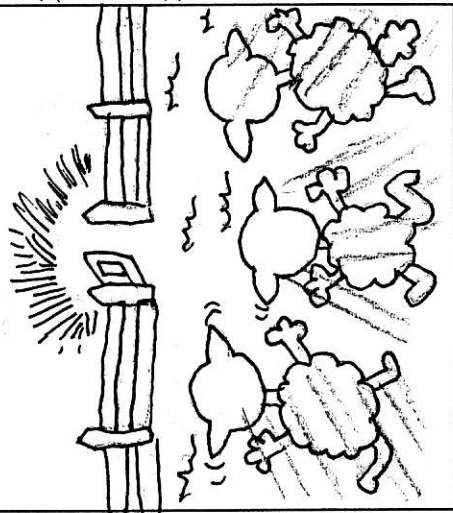
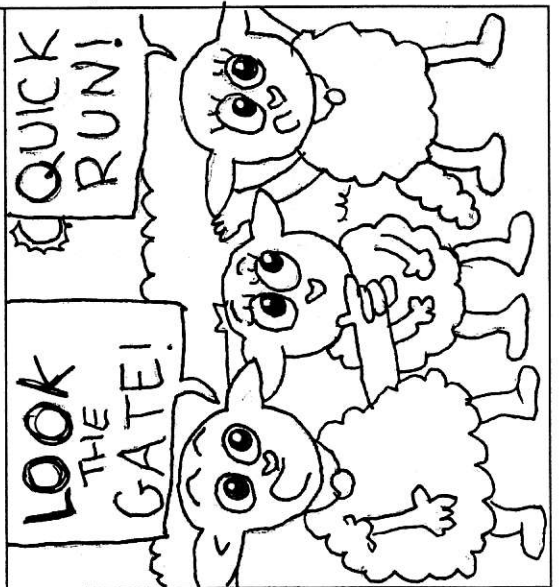
But the ball goes over the wall, into Farmer Bob's field.



One of the boys goes to get it back, but leaves the field gate open.



The Woolies see the gate is open!



To be continued...

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	4th	Apr	7.30 pm	W G A – ‘ Low Maintenance Gardening’ in Village Hall
Tues	5th	Apr	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	13th	Apr	7.30 pm	WI – Party Puds.’ – Village Hall
Sun	17th	Apr	1.00 pm	Car Boot Sale – Wadds Close
Tues	19th	Apr	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Tues	3rd	May	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Mon	9th	May	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall
Wed	11th	May	7.30 pm	WI – ‘Resolutions’ - Village Hall
Tues	17th	May	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Thurs	19th	May		<b><u>Newsletter Deadline for June – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.</u></b>
Tues	31st	May	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children. Noah Price has drawn us some amusing cartoons for which we are very grateful.

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, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Any contributions for the newsletter to any of the Editors .

**by the deadline date please.**