

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1991

Ed's Notes

The coldest, wettest June for 300 years! this time we really believe what the papers are saying! Never mind ... there are vague promises of a heat wave to come, and cheers - the strawberries are ready.

Who needs the Costa del's when you live in the Whilton area!

Ed's

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Parish Church

Sunday Services: 1st Sunday of month. BENEFICE EUCHARIST 10.00am
each church in turn. (August Brington; September
Whilton; October Norton)
Other Sundays 6.00pm

Fridays at Brington. Mothers and Toddlers 2.15pm
Standing Committee: Wednesday 12th August 3.45pm
P.C.C. Thursday 22nd August 7.30pm

Benefice Service at Whilton Sunday September 1st at 10.00am. Fr. Norman would very much like to have all communicant members of our Communion sharing at this Service.

Harvest Festival Concert of Music in the Church Saturday 28th September 7.30pm (Refreshments after in the Village Hall).

Harvest Thanksgiving Service Sunday 29th September 6.00pm.

Harvest Supper Monday 30th September 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Elections & Appointments 1991

Churchwardens: Mr. W. Adams Mr. H. Haynes (also Treasurer and
Vice-Chairman)

Deanery Synod: Mrs. J. Coles (also Secretary to PCC)

P.C.C. Mrs. J. Bowers (also E.R. Officer; Rep. to Village Hall
Committee; Fund Raising Co-ordinator)

Mr. C. Ellison

Mrs. G. Haynes

Mrs. F. Thomas

Mrs. S. Townley

Mrs. K. Wright (also Rep. to Village Hall Committee)

Hon. Auditor: Mr. D. Heeley

The Bishop of Peterborough, in his last Address to the Diocesan Synod, was outspoken in criticizing the viability of many parishes in the Diocese (and indeed in the Church at large). He may come in for a spot of opprobrium for being some-what negative. But he is doing no more than facing facts. His subject was finance. The burden of its content was that unless parishes contribute fully to the expenses associated with the running of a parish church (which includes monies due to the Diocese and the wider church) then those parishes cannot be counted viable. The logical outcome will be that services and buildings will have to be curtailed.

Some people take offence at any assumption that the church buildings and system of organisation cannot be taken for granted. But the church, in its structures systems and plant is no different from any commercial business, or a private family in its own home. You pay your way or the business goes phut. (Look around today.) Or if the mortgage is not paid certain inevitabilities follow. Why are people amazed at this? In material matters there are material costs. (Buildings, salaries, houses, organisational bureaucracies all have to be maintained.) No pay - no have. Yes, even ancient village churches - unless of course, as some opine should be the case - the State takes them over.

The Bishop's subject is financial and he is right in what he says, if the present structures are to be maintained. He did not, because it is a different subject, go on to examine the possibility of different structures - buildings - staff arrangements. But questions are being asked.

For the present writer the financial problem is not nearly so important as the people factor - or as we express it in our quaint clerical language - bums on seats. If there need to be exhortations as to financial commitment, how much more is there a need for exhortation to commitment as members. Maybe, along with the re-examination of structures and systems, forced by financial imperatives, there needs to be a re-appraisal of what it means to be a "member" of a church.

Fr. Norman Knibbs

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Adult Education

It is proposed to run three adult education classes in Whilton from 23rd September, 1991 - YOGA from 1.15 - 2.45 pm on Monday afternoons; UPHOLSTERY from 1.30 - 3.30 pm on Tuesday afternoons and CALLIGRAPHY from 7.30 - 9.30 pm on Thursday evenings. Each class must have 10 people to run and at least 6 must have enroled at the enrolment evening on MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 7.30 - 9.00 pm for the class to start. If less than 6 have enrolled on 9th September the class will be cancelled then and if less than 10 have enrolled by the end of the first session the class will not continue.

Details of the cost of classes will be published in August and the Adult Education Centre is arranging to deliver a list of all classes available in the county to every household.

If you need any further information please contact me at Churchgate or on Long Buckby 843114.

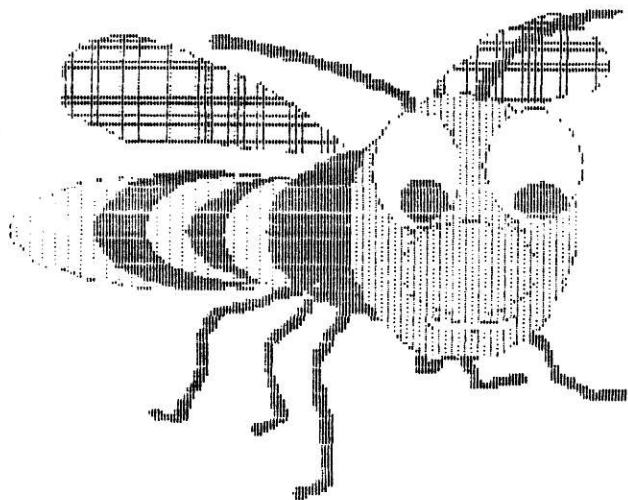
Gill Houghton

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The Jumble Sale on Saturday 29th June for the WI raised £105. Members are most grateful to all who donated jumble or helped in any way. Items left were donated to Age Concern.

Ros Gardner

neighbourhood watch says



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alert !

Langton Rise residents were unfortunate enough to have a visit from two potential burglars, during the early hours last weekend (29/30 June).

Vigilant neighbours spotted them and called the police. Burglaries from houses can be very distressing, so please take extra care with security e.g. lock the front door and windows, if you are in the back garden.

There has been a general increase in rural crime of 31% from January to July, but the most alarming rise is in thefts from cars, this stands at 173%. Be sure to hide or remove valuable handbags, briefcases, cameras, cassettes, etc. even when parked on your own drive.

As the holiday period is approaching, please do not forget the "Good Neighbour" policy and report any suspicious events quickly, giving as much detail as possible, especially registration numbers of vehicles.

Whilton Gardeners' Association

The Whilton Gardeners' Association held a meeting in the Village Hall on Monday June 4th.

It was explained that no Horticultural Show could be held this year because improvements to the hall would be carried out during the school holidays. There was a strong feeling however that the event should not be allowed to lapse but should be continued next year if possible.

The Committee suggested to members that the constitution should be altered at this year's Annual General Meeting in October, firstly to hold the A.G.M. from 1992 in December rather than in October and secondly that the subscription should be decided at the October meeting for payment at the A.G.M. The bank balance was reported to be in a healthy state, as usual.

The main business of the evening was a talk by Mr. Gates, a fruit consultant. He told us about methods of growing trees to suit today's small gardens on M9 or MM106 and 111 dwarf rooting stock. He recommended the two MM varieties. He said that a lot of spraying was unnecessary but suggested "Rapid" for the control of aphids and "Picket" and "Nimrod T" for general use. He illustrated the correct method of training cordon and espalier trees and warned against trying to reduce a Bramley apple to either of these small sizes. He also told us when and how to prune correctly and how to try to get a reluctant bud to shoot.

It is always a pleasure to listen to somebody who is knowledgeable about his subject and who is also able to convey what he knows to an audience clearly and succinctly. Mr. Gates satisfied both criteria. He was thanked by Mr. Phil Waights. The raffle was won by Mrs. Freda Thomas.

The next meeting will be on Monday August 5th when Mrs. Anne Bird will speak about roses. If the work on the village hall has started, the meeting will be at "Heritage" Mr. & Mrs. Bowers' home.

Diana Scott

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Whilton Village Hall

Barn Dance 22nd June - Our thanks go to everyone who helped to make the barn dance so successful. The dance was well attended by the village and friends and we raised £370. towards the village hall roof renovation fund. Special thanks to Mary and Gordon Emery who put in a lot of work preparing the barn for our use.

Grand Draw - 200 Club - the 200 Club was drawn on 22nd June. Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize £30 Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins
2nd Prize £20 Mr. & Mrs. Clements

Roof Renovation - Local Authority grants have now been officially approved. Subject to tenders for the work, we are hoping to go ahead with the work during the next few months. We shall try to have the work completed during the summer holidays.

Mary Kane

Parish Council Notes

Meetings of the Parish Council were held on 6th June and the 1st July. The following items were among matters discussed;

1. Closed Village - Without the agreement of Brington Parish Council the scheme could not even be considered by the County Council. Mr. Haynes and Mr. Lewis had however had a meeting with the Area Surveyor to discuss traffic "calming" measures that could be introduced in the village. The first step towards this would however be a detailed traffic census. Mr. Haynes offered to formulate a plan to achieve this.
2. Wadd Close Development - The developers had suggested the name "Andrew Court" for the two properties. The Parish Council agreed to write to the District Council saying that it was completely unnecessary to name a development of two dwellings especially as the lane was already named "Wadd Close". If a separate name was insisted upon then the Parish Council would much prefer "Tudor Gardens".
3. New Clerk - Mrs. A. Heeley had been offered the position of Clerk to the Parish Council following Mrs. Houghton's resignation. Mrs. Heeley had accepted the job from 1st July.
4. 1992 - Leaflets and information regarding the building and lighting of a beacon in December 1992 to celebrate the new united Europe were discussed and it was decided not to pursue the matter further.
5. Entrance to Allotments - The question of providing a chain and posts to the entrance of the allotments had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed not to go ahead at the present time with this.
6. Road Surfaces etc. - The Council agreed to write to the Area Surveyor regarding the large pot-holes in the road surface near Hill Top Farm and also the unfinished footpath in Wadd Close Lane.
7. Grass Cutting - As the current contractor does not seem to cut the grass satisfactorily the clerk was asked to obtain details of the precise specification of the contract. This should then clarify, frequency of cutting, mode of cutting and also whether any weed killing should be undertaken.
8. Telephone Kiosk - The kiosk is in desperate need of refurbishment and as it is now a "listed building" the council agreed to contact the appropriate authority with a view to getting this carried out.
9. Overgrowing Greenery - Shrubs and hedging from gardens between Tudor House and Holly House are overhanging onto the pavement and as a result causing pedestrians to walk in the road. The Chairman offered to "consult" the owners of the relevant properties and the clerk was to write to the estate agents with regard to "Tudor House".

10. Planning Matters - The following items were dealt with and comments as noted were forwarded to the District Council:

Clay Pigeon Shoot - Monitoring of Conditions - The District Council had forwarded a letter detailing how conditions would be monitored.

After discussion it was agreed by the Council that the letter should be published in the Parish Newsletter in order that all parishioners were aware of the situation.

Whilton Mill - Drinks Licence - This licensing application was discussed and some reservations were expressed regarding how some conditions could be enforced. The Council decided however not to make any formal objections to the Licensing Authority.

Whilton Mill - Change of Use of part to Clubhouse - The Parish Council had no comment to make regarding this application. It was however noted that the application was dated after the application was made for the drinks licence.

Main points of letter from District Council in reply to a query from the Parish Council:

"As you will be aware, the permission was valid for a period of one year from the date of the Inspector's letter (25th March 1991). Conditions 02 and 06 of the permission specified that details of the car parking area and the layout of the shoot should be agreed with the Local Planning Authority before the use commenced. To date, such details have not been forwarded to this department, and therefore the use should not have commenced at the present time.

With regard to Conditions 03 and 04 of the permission, the Local Planning Authority must rely on the good will and co-operation of the appellant to ensure compliance with the restrictions. However, should a local resident of the Parish Council have evidence to suggest that the conditions are not being complied with, the Local Planning Authority would request that they keep a written record of such breaches of restrictions, and forward details to this department for further investigations to be carried out and action to be taken if appropriate. Conditions 05 of the decision letter is clearly a matter which can be measured and quantified to ensure compliance, should it appear that this is not the case.

For your information, if the owner of the site should choose not to implement the permission granted on appeal, he can still carry out clay pigeon shooting on a maximum of 28 days in total in any one calendar year under the permitted development allowance of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1988, without formally applying for planning permission."

Jim Gardner

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W I Meeting

The meeting held on Wednesday 12th June was a rather long meeting there being much to discuss and consider.

The Jumble sale at Foundry Hall, Daventry on Saturday 29th June.

Joining a W.I. project to sponsor a baby elephant.

The planned evening out for dinner at either Brodies or Pickwick, more support is needed to make it worthwhile, so was postponed until the Autumn - why not join us!

Miss Drake reported on her two days at the W.I. Triennial Meeting held in the NEC Birmingham. This was a splendid meeting with all resolutions passed except one concerning Child Care for Working Parents, which is needing further thought. Included in the two days was a Speaker from the Ministry of Food and a lively talk given by Mr. Roddick, founder of The Body Shop. There was an evening concert for those staying overnight.

Our evening ended with a most detailed talk by Mr. Frank Churchill on The History of Horse Brasses, a retired gentleman with many hobbies, a fund of stories and an impressive collection of Horse Brasses.

K. Roberts

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Country Sayings and Customs

Here is a miscellany for this issue:

The word 'barn' is derived from the old English word 'bere-en', which means the barley place.

Who is the truly educated man - the one who can grow onions or the one who can only spell 'em?

'Tis the farmer, not the date, that calls the tune.
Better dry August hay than wet in June.

Every good gardener knows the benefit of sowing seeds with the new moon.
(Any comments, gardeners?).

On the subject of seed sowing. Mr. Adams tells me he remembers a dibber, or dibbler, owned by his grandfather. This consisted of a circular metal plate with a thick metal spike as the dibber. It had a long metal shank with a wooden handle - similar to the handles on present day spades, etc. This must have alleviated some back-aching work for the seed planters.

Rather different from seed sowing today, however, with one man and a machine!

Milk Tops, Stamps etc - Once again the response has been very gratifying. Two more sacks of foil and lots of stamps have been taken to Lyncrest School.

Trudy Haynes

Village Outings

Lea Gardens and Haddon Hall May 23rd - The coach left the village just after 9.00am for a pleasant drive which took us along the motorway into Derbyshire. A stop was made on the way for a coffee break, then off we went to Lea Gardens. The sun came out and the colours of the rhododendrons were beautiful; I have never seen so many different hues together. Quite a number of the ladies bought an assortment of plants here and most of the party then partook of the lunch (ham salad - very nice!)

We then continued our journey to Haddon Hall. From the coach park it was a pleasant walk to the Hall across the little bridge over the river. The Hall itself was very old and interesting. The stone steps were well worn showing the ravages of time. The chapel inside the Hall contained the marble tomb of a young boy, the eldest son of the Duke of Rutland, who died when he was nine years old.

There was a lovely view from the tower, looking down on the gardens, which were very well maintained.

Time, however, caught up with us and, after a refreshing cup of tea, we began our journey back to Whilton, enjoying a lovely drive through Derbyshire and arriving home at about 5.40pm. Many thanks to Diana for another very interesting outing. Jean Lockhart

Burghley House and Rutland Water - How very lucky we were dodging those heavy showers! The beautiful buildings of Stamford prepared us for the splendour of Burghley, where everything is on a really grand scale.

We entered through the vast, vaulted kitchen, ablaze with copper pans, and progressed through a series of quite small rooms, created to provide as many walls as possible to display innumerable paintings and huge tapestries (some made in Stamford). These rooms also had ornate, painted ceilings.

With the heavy influence of Italian art, it was quite refreshing to learn that the garden had been re-designed by Capability Brown, whose delightfully honest portrait is located near a doorway in the Pagoda room, and to hear that a Savonnerie Carpet has been replaced with a copy by Axminster. Also that local craftsmen and Belgian refugees had contributed carvings made from "home grown" timber.

Flowers from the garden enlivened the rooms and refreshments were served in the delightful surroundings of the Orangery.

Rutland Water, with the occasional glint of sunlit ripples, its vast expanse (27 miles all round), high dam, yacht club, sailing school and colourful sail board enthusiasts, was a real pleasure. Even the sad sight of the half submerged Normanton Church brought a smile when one remembered that the Yanks wanted to take it home!

Leaving via Whitwell village, past Barnsdale gardens, a bonus awaited us at Geddington Village Hall, where the local W.I. provided an excellent tea - what a fine finale! Whilton village outing has scored again and rain did not stop play!
Norma Henson

Village Outings

The next village outing will be to Wimpole Hall in Cambridgeshire on Wednesday 25th September (PROVISIONAL DATE). Please check village notice board nearer the time, or contact Diana Scott.

Village Appraisal

A group has been formed to initiate a Village Appraisal. During the next six months you may get people visiting you to ask a variety of questions regarding village life, gardening and natural surroundings. We do hope that you will welcome these visits from people, probably well known to you, and be able to help to construct a picture of the present village, for the future.

Anybody interested in helping would be most welcome.

Frances Drake

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Domestic Help Required - Two mornings or afternoons per week (total 6 hours) Please telephone Sally Jackson 842188.

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Harvest Festival
Concert of Music
Church of St Andrew. Whilton
Sat. Sept 28th 7.30pm

followed by refreshments in the Village Hall
profits to Church Fabric Fund
tickets will be on sale nearer the date.

Summary of Events

Mon.	Aug.	5th	7.30pm	Gardeners Association, village hall or "Heritage"
				W.I. no meeting in August
Sun.	Sept.	1st	10.00am	Benefice Service, Whilton
Mon.	Sept.	9th	7.30pm	Evening Class enrolment
Wed.	Sept.	11th	7.30pm	W.I. in Village Hall
Wed.	Sept.	11th		Last date for NEWSLETTER
Wed.	Sept.	25th		Village Outing - Provisional date
Sat.	Sept.	28th	7.30pm	Harvest Festival Concert in Church
Sun.	Sept.	29th	6.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Mon.	Sept.	30th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper in village hall

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