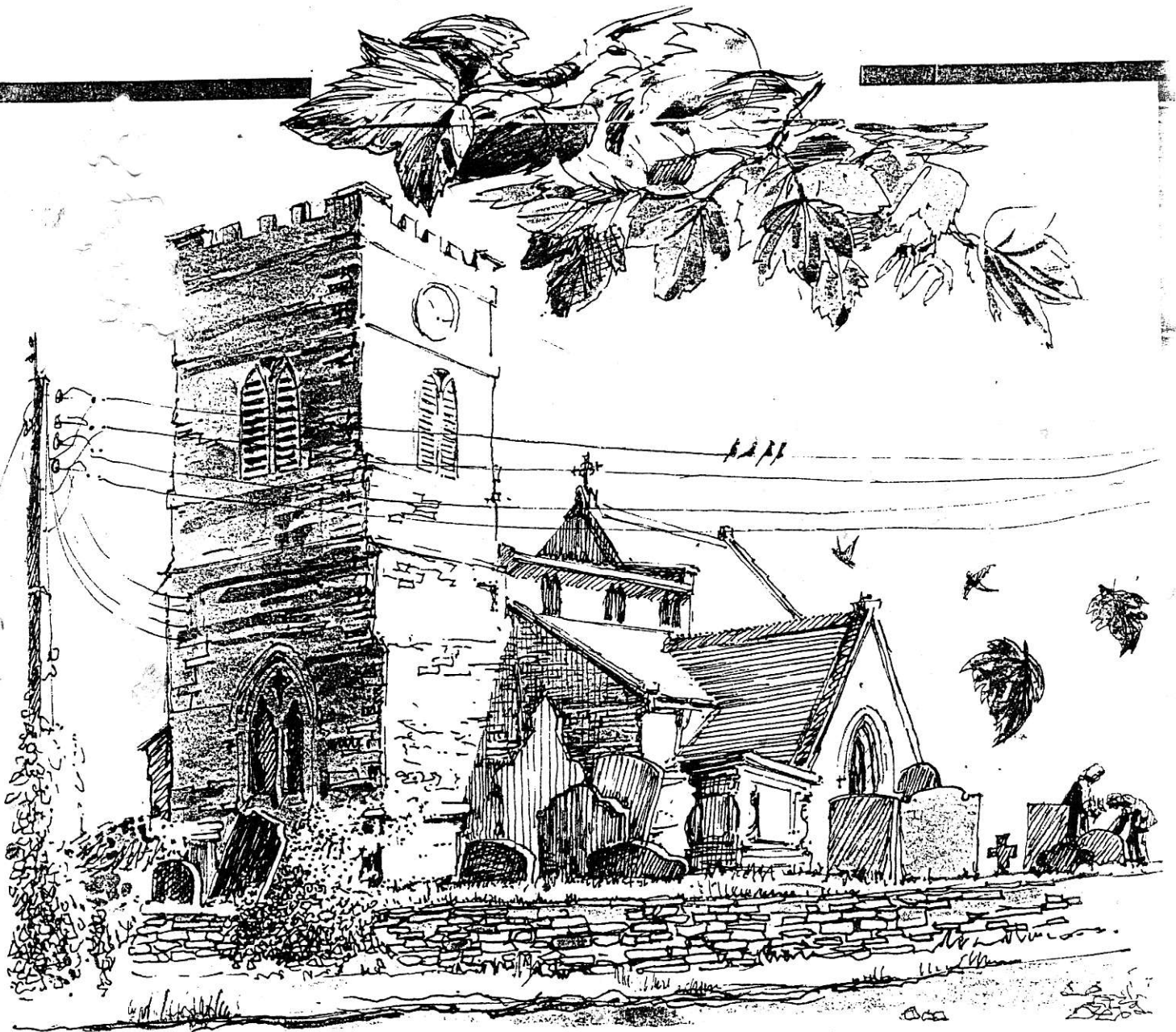


WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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EDS' NOTES

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1.

The August edition herewith, over half way through the year already ! Now well past the longest day we should soon notice the evenings beginning to close in ! Time just seems to fly by these days.

We hope you will enjoy this edition which is full of local news and write-ups of past events. If you have any views or ideas of how "your magazine" should develop in the future then please let any of the "editorial staff" know, or better still, join us. A vacancy still exists since Joyce left us. Your contributions are very gratefully received so please keep them coming in.

EDS.

Church Notices.

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August/September

Parish Church

Sundays ; 1st of month. Benefice Eucharist
 10-00a.m. at each church in turn.
 {August, Brington; September, Whilton;}
 { October, Norton. }

Other Sundays 6-00p.m.

Mothers and Toddlers at Brington Church - Wednesdays 2-00p.m.

Next P.C.C. meeting - Thursday 20th August 7-30p.m.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 27th September 6-00p.m.

Harvest Supper - Monday 28th September 7-30p.m. in the Village Hall

Whilst it will be obvious that numbers must be limited by the size of the Village Hall, the Supper is open to any villager and once the tickets go on sale it is literally a matter of first come

St Mary's Church Great Brington

Concert and Supper in the church on Saturday 12th September
at 7-30p.m.

"The Rector and Friends" in concert !!

A programme of music for easy listening with saxophone
sextet with rhythm accompaniment.

Tickets ; £7-50 (including supper and wine) from ;
Judy Ellwood 9/770179, John Lawrence 9/770680,
The Rector 9/770402, or Village Shops.
Please book before 5th September
(Restoration Appeal event)

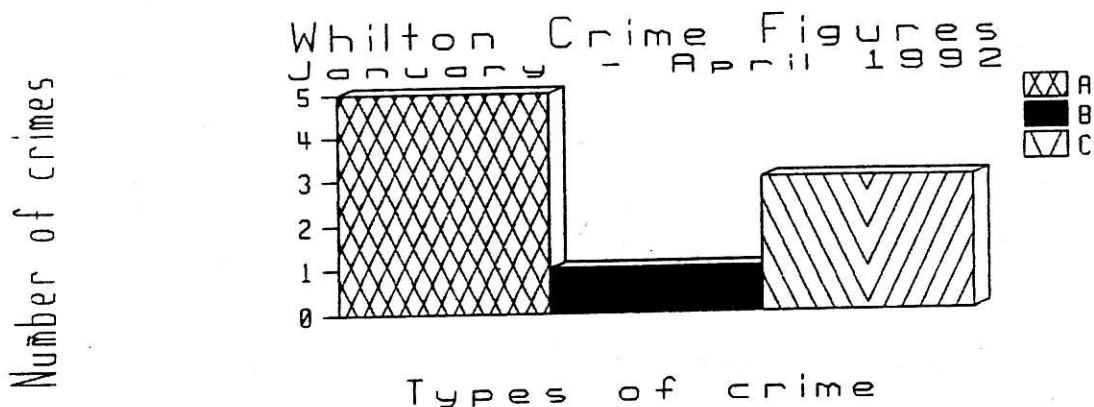
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
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Summer reminders ;

- Lock front door and windows if you are in the back garden.
- Close the garage doors, if left open, they either show what tools are available or that the car is out.
- Be aware of open windows. Very small children are often used to gain access to houses.
- Leave your key with a neighbour if you go away, particularly if you have a burglar alarm - they do cause real nuisance if allowed to ring on and on !
- Be neighbourly if you know someone is away and make a note of suspicious vehicles or people around. (Phone Daventry 300300 straight away.)
- Do not be distracted into allowing access to your home - bogus officials, children asking to retrieve toys from your garden and expecting you to help (an accomplice pops in while your back is turned and steals your valuables.)
- Cancel milk and newspapers before you go away on holiday. It is useful to have a neighbour to remove your post from the porch, if it is visible from outside. Just provide a box or carrier bag in the porch for them to put the letters into.
- Consider buying a time switch to put a light on in your house when you are away. Preferably upstairs in a bedroom, not the hall or landing areas. (EMEB sell reliable makes)

Best wishes for a safe, crime free summer. Together we can beat the burglars.!!

Angela Tilston.



A = Thefts from vehicles. B = Criminal damage c = Other crimes

PARISH COUNCIL

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3.

Luckily (from a financial point of view) an election was not needed recently as only the required number of people put their names forward for the Locks ward and only 3 of the required 5 five names were put forward for the village. At the first meeting of the new parish council it was agreed that 2 parishioners should be co-opted onto the council in order for the correct numbers to be maintained. This has now been done. Parish councillors for the next 4 years are therefore ;

Mr.R.Barnes

Mr.K.Bowers

Mr.D.Brown

Mr.A.Kane

Mr.J.Gardner (Chairman)

Mr.M.Lewis (Vice-chairman)

Mr.T.Price.

Clerk to the Council Mrs A.Heeley

Parish Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of alternate months at 8-00p.m. in the village hall. The next meeting being scheduled for Monday 7th September.

Special meetings are called whenever urgent matters need to be discussed but these, as the normal meetings, are always advertised on the notice board. Parishioners are always welcome to attend these meetings, but, due to the rules governing parish council meetings cannot take part in the discussions. This rule can be, and usually is, overcome by adjourning the meeting for a few minutes. If you are concerned (or pleased) about something that is happening (or not happening) in the parish then please contact a parish councillor and discuss it with them, don't just let it boil up inside you, you never know we may be able to help or, we "may know someone who can".

Jim Gardner.

TIDY VILLAGE POEM

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It's not always You.

It's not always you, but sometimes it is,
One sweet wrapper, Not much,
But it builds up.

If this continues our village will be a mass of litter,
People come to this village,
They throw their rubbish where they please.
They could take it to the tip, but they don't.

Keep your village tidy.

Kate Gardner.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES.

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A meeting of the parish council was held on Monday 6th July, among items discussed were ;

Whilton Mill - Clay Pigeon Shoot :- The chairman reported that he had recently held a meeting with Mr. Ashby and that an amicable arrangement has been worked out to monitor the effect of shooting during the next 12 months.

Canal Cottage, Whilton Locks :- The result of the appeal was not yet known.

Parking, Whilton Locks :- The letter sent by the council requesting some form of off road parking at Whilton Locks had not even been acknowledged by the County Council. A further letter was to be sent regarding this matter.

Notice Board, Whilton Locks :- A quote had been received in the sum of £142 + VAT for this. The council felt this to be excessive and agreed to obtain further quotes. It had been established that this board could be attached to the side of the building next to the telephone box.

Salt Bins :- It was agreed that a salt bin would be requested for Whilton Locks, this to be placed on the minor road leading towards bottom lock.

Snow/Grit Officer :- Mrs J. Bowers had kindly agreed to act as the link person between the village and the County Council in times of snowy weather conditions. (Uniform and wellies on order Janet!!)

Village Representatives :- Mr. Brown and Mr. Gardner agreed to act as parish council representatives on the village hall committee.

Parish Charities Representative :- Mr Haynes had kindly agreed to carry on as the parish council representative on the parish charities committee.

Surface Water :- The council agreed to write to the AWA regarding the two "fountains" that appear out of the ground near the Old Cottage whenever heavy rain falls. Two verbal requests having failed to produce any results.

Area Surveyor :- It was agreed that the chairman should contact the area surveyor of the County Council and request a parish "walkabout" with him to discuss the following;

Road surface - Buckby Lane.

Crumbling kerbstones - throughout village.

Pavement condition - throughout village.

Road surface following water main work - throughout village.

Reinstatement of kerb and verge at Whilton Locks following the canal work.

Silt and road surface under railway bridge at Whilton Locks.

Re-kerbing and possible pavement between canal bridge and old pub at Whilton Locks.

Handrail - Steps to South View :- It was agreed to ask the District Council if they would provide and fix a handrail up the steps to South View.

Bushes overhanging the pavement :- A councillor agreed to ask the new owners of "Holly House" if they would kindly cut back the overhanging shrubs that at present make the footpath almost un-walkable.

Planning Applications;

New pub and caravan sales at Whilton Locks - granted.

Extension - 7, South View - the council had no comments to make regarding this application.

Two houses in the orchard adjacent to Home Farm - this application had been received too late to include on the official agenda for this meeting, however several items would need to be clarified prior to holding a special meeting.

Jim Gardner.

MOBILE LIBRARY

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The mobile library service will visit the village on the following dates between now and Christmas ;

August 4th, 18th

September 15th, 29th

October 13th, 27th

November 10th, 24th

December 8th

The library van will arrive at 9-10a.m. and leave at 9-30a.m., so don't spend too long choosing a book or else you may end up at Brockhall (the next port of call).

PARISH APPRAISAL - AGRICULTURE.

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Some interesting facts have come to light from the annual farming census returns for the years 1930, 1955 and 1988 ;

	1930	1955	1988
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Number of holdings (Farmers)	14	16	4
Horses (Working)	18	4	0
Total cattle	342	431	148
Total sheep	827	973	1980
Pigs	49	70	0
Chickens	1723	No fig. available	23
Total acreage	896	1091	662

The parish must have elastic boundaries ! Does anyone know why the parish has apparently changed in size without the boundaries changing ??

Jim Gardner (Yet again !)

Whilton Gardeners' Association

6.

Twenty-six members met on June 1st, in the village hall, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Janet Bowers. After the apologies had been noted, Mrs. Bowers gave a warm welcome to Rupert Gardner, our first junior member, and to Mrs. Dorothy Nixon, who has fairly recently moved to the village.

In her report Mrs. Bowers spoke about the Quiz at Flore. Three members from Whilton were present and everyone enjoyed it very much. A hope was expressed that next year Whilton would field a team. Apparently the questions were not too difficult!

All members resident in Whilton, and indeed non-members too, were encouraged to have their window boxes and hanging baskets in full bloom by July 11th. The "Britian in Bloom" judging will take place on that day around 3.00pm.

The annual visit to members' gardens would be on July 13th. Four members volunteered their gardens, two in Norton and two in Whilton.

Mrs. Bowers said that the question of subscriptions for junior members had been discussed by the committee and it had been suggested that, up to the age of eighteen and in full time education, the subscription should be at half the adult rate. If not in full time education the adult rate should apply over the age of sixteen. This will be put to the A.G.M. for approval and the appropriate clause added to the Constitution.

Mrs. Trudy Haynes then gave the Treasurer's report and Harold Haynes the Purchasing Officers' report.

The members were then introduced to Norma and Tony Wheeler from Willoughby, where they run a fuchsia nursery. Norma Wheeler dealt very comprehensively with all aspects of fuchsia growing, propogation, pruning, pests, over-wintering, etc., and she and her husband showed some beautiful slides of many varieties.

The Wheelers kindly donated a fuchsia for a raffle prize and this was won by Mrs. Jessie Barnes.

After the vote of thanks, by Mrs. Bowers, members enjoyed refreshments served by Mrs. Brigid Fisher and Mrs. Mary Burwell.

Beryl Merriman

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FREE - HORSE MANURE

We still have plenty of manure, its all good stuff!! Please come and help yourself. Telephone Sharon on 843221

WANTED

- Someone to help in the house 2 to 3 hours per week.
- Must like animals and be flexible.
- Interested Telephone Chris Messinger on 843221

Village Outings

7.

Thursday, April 9th, saw the first of our Summer Outings arranged by Miss Scott.

We were fortunate weatherwise, having a warm, sunny day.

Our coffee stop was at the Farm World, near Leicester, where we saw many rare farm animals and old farm implements. There were lots of reminders of the "good old days"! Some of us made friends with two shire horses and there was a pleasant woodland area with a badger sett.

Then it was on to Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, Home of the Duke of Devonshire, travelling through the lovely Derbyshire countryside.

On arrival we enjoyed an excellent lunch to fortify us for a tour of the house and/or garden. The house is a treasure trove of furniture, porcelain and portraits, etc., and needs more than one visit to really appreciate it.

The sunny day was a bonus for those exploring the beautiful gardens with the flower beds, trees and cascades.

All felt that it had been a marvellous start to the "summer series".

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Thursday, May 21st, was another outing day with sunshine all the way. Waterperry Gardens was our first stop for coffee and a pleasant stroll round all the different types of garden.

There was a shady walk, a walled garden, herbaceous borders and lawns with groups of trees and shrubs. Originally meant for the education, in horticulture, of women only, a few men are now employed here.

Our main objective was the Water Mill and House at Mapledurham, on the Thames. We reached the Mill after a leisurely sail down the river, with time to admire some of the riverside residences.

Mapledurham Mill has been faithfully restored and is now one of the few working water mills in the country. Unfortunately it was not working on our visit but we were taken on a very explicit tour.

Mapledurham House is the home of the Eyston family and although not large, is full of interest. We were taken on a guided tour after entering via the porch, outside which grew two specimens of magnolia grandiflora, said to be the oldest in England. They produce creamy blossoms from July until nearly Christmas.

Among the unusual exhibits was a leather cushion with springs inside - a horse exerciser for Mary Blount. "The springs were so strong it did quite shake one up." There was a portrait with one of the earliest backgrounds in English paints. A splendid piece was a patchwork quilt with 15,700 pieces of print dress material of the 18th and 19th Centuries. What an achievement!

Many thanks, Diana, for two delightful outings.

Trudy Haynes

OUTING REPORT

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8.

On the 25th June we had a village trip to the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens of the Rose and later to St.Alban's Cathedral and town, followed by a visit to the Roman Museum and Theatre of "Verulamium".

We had a perfect summer day to walk round the Rose Garden and to view with delight most of the 30,000 rose trees. I felt like Alice in Wonderland, flitting from flower to flower and making a list of my favourites.

The pergolas were very splendid with climbing roses of every hue entwined with clematis. We had a feast of beauty.

After coffee we were taken again by coach to be dropped at the Cathedral for lunch.

The Cathedral is very ancient and has a huge rose window which has recently been opened by the Princess of Wales. It was plain glass before but now sparkles with glorious colour.

There was an exhibition of church embroidery which was very modern and of a very high standard.

Every time I go to this Cathedral I have a look at the Magna Carta which they have on the wall.

The Roman museum has so many artefacts of interest. Each room has a button which, when pressed, sets off a commentary about the things found. There are mosaics, coins, brooches, pots and pans and some of the rooms were working rooms with figures in them. We saw the carpenter working and the cook busy preparing his vegetables.

It was interesting to sit in the Roman theatre and imagine it busy with people. All the walls are there and the tiers of seating looking onto the stage.

Thank you, Miss Diana Scott, for another memorable and enjoyable day.

Freda Thomas

"CHUCKLE CORNER"

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We are assured by Tom Price that the following items did actually appear in print in local papers !

"Brackley babies will have their big chance at the baby show and during the evening the last eight will contest the South Northants darts championship."

"The bride looked charming. She carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations and the bridegroom."

"A carpet was stolen last night from the Council Offices. Measuring almost six feet square, the thief has baffled council officers."

Misprints such as that couldn't appear in this magazine, could they ????????????

SCHOOL REPORT

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The last few weeks have been very busy for us all at school. Us older children went to York for a week in June. We visited the Jorvic centre and spent a whole day in the Holgate Viking Village where we dressed in Viking costumes and became Vikings for the day. On the last evening we attended a banquet where we had to eat all our food from one bowl with our fingers just as the vikings would have done.

The younger children enjoyed a trip to Sulgrave Manor. They dressed up in period costume to.

Earlier in the year Mr Bilsboroughs' class and most on Mrs Mathews class entered a piece of work for the W.H.Smith Young Writer competition and we have just received the exciting news that one of the poems has been chosen for publication and the school is to receive a £150 prize.

We are now looking forward to our music afternoon and sports day but most of all we are looking forward to our long summer holidays. The Buzzards team won the recent school swimming competition and we shall be taking part in the area competition at Duston.

The bad news is that we have just been broken into again and the television and video stolen for the second time within 3 months.

This will be my last report for Brington school as I will be going to Campion in September along with nine other children from this school. Hopefully there will be a new reporter for the next newsletter.

Kate Gardner.

Stop press.

The winners of the annual Fred Holman award for this year are Sam Webster and Ed Dawkins who had to write an essay on the environment.

Reference the W.H.Smith Young Writer competition, from the 30,000 entries received a pupil from Brington School was selected as runner up and 8 others were commended !! The school was also one of only twenty to be presented with a £150 prize.

JOB PROBLEM

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This is a story about four people named Anybody, Everybody, Somebody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Somebody couldn't do it.

It ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

Thanks to Tom Price for this contribution and we're sure he's not referring to any of the village committees !!

Safari Supper 92

10.

It is two years since the last Safari Supper which was so successful that many who participated were eager for it to become a once or even twice a year event. Of course, the usual thing happened, time passed, murmurings of "wouldn't it be nice if another one was organised" etc. etc.! Until an unsuspecting couple out for a quiet Friday night drink at a neighbouring village hostelry were accosted by a couple of regulars. Needless to say they were Whiltonians and conversation, between games of cards, got round to the demise of the Safari Supper. Since the guileless pair were going to leave the village in the "near" future they recklessly agreed to organise the event, partly as a gesture of thanks to the Newboroughs and Fallows who had organised the previous event.

Thirty five invitations went out, and nineteen couples were able to take part. People were then able to choose one of 3 cards which told them which course they were going to make. This would result in 6 dinner parties with 6 people at 5 and 8 people at one of them. Now came the tricky part - matching people and courses and trying to make sure that couples did not keep meeting up with one another; and that their journeys were not too lengthy. I am sure that had I been able to use a computer it would have been done in an instant, but as I am stubborn and prefer to struggle with problems alone, I took the hard way out! Actually it did not prove to be too difficult and when John was home, he checked it over and thankfully only found a couple of mistakes.

For those of you who have read this far and still don't know how the actual evening works, I apologise - what happened was that:

At 7.00pm all 19 couples met at "Shaftsbury" for a pre-dinner drink. This gave everyone a chance to chat and new members of the village an opportunity to meet people they had only seen in passing or even longer standing members of the village an opportunity to talk to neighbours that they had not seen for a long time. During this time - until about 7.45pm all the people who were not providing a starter were given a cryptic clue to decipher, which would tell them the name of the house they were to go to first.

Starter and Main Course people were given an envelope to be opened at the end of the course which told everyone present where to go to next - are you still with me? A semi "rigid/flexible" timetable is needed to prevent couples having to stand outside the hosts house singing songs under umbrellas (sounds familiar).....some people even had to be turfed out of houses to move them on to the next course. Once the dessert part of the meal was over, everyone wended their way to the Webster's house for coffee etc. -

Many thanks to Peter and Margaret Webster for the invasion of their home and for their hospitality.

The chat continued until the early hours and thanks to everyone who took part for making it a great success.

To anyone who is interested in organising another Safari Supper, I would say - don't hesitate - it isn't too much of a nightmare, problems only arise when people have to drop out at the last minute, and inevitably that does happen, but as long as people are prepared to be flexible, and in Whilton most people are, it all works out in the end.

Angela and John Hall.

On behalf of the participants of the Safari Supper, a big thank you to Angela and John for organising this event.

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Recipe for Rhubarb and Date Cake

6 oz. self raising flour
3 oz. margarine or butter
4 oz. caster sugar
8 oz. rhubarb
4 oz. stoned, chopped dates
1 large egg and approx. 4 tblsp of milk

Use a 7 inch round cake tin, brushed with melted fat and lined with greaseproof paper, also brushed with fat.

Sift flour in bowl. Add fat in small pieces, rubbing in with fingers until like breadcrumbs. Stir in sugar, wipe rhubarb and cut into small cubes. Stir into mixture with the dates and bind together with beaten egg and milk. Put into tin, hollowing the centre slightly. Bake in a moderately hot oven - Gas 5 - 375 F - 190 C, for 1 1/2 - 2 hours until cake shrinks from sides and is not sizzling. Cool for 10 mins. before turning out onto a wire tray to cool completely.

Alice Welch

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Barn Disco

27th June 1992

The disco held at Roughmoor Grounds was a very successful do. The weather held fine, all the tickets were sold, the youngsters danced and the sausages were cooked to perfection. The evening raised £240.50. There was a lot of organisation behind the scenes and our thanks go to everyone who helped or who donated things. Special thanks to Tom Treacey who supplied us with the beer and of course to Mr. & Mrs. Davies for allowing us to use their barn. Thank you also to all the workers: the cleaning before and after team, Mrs. Gardner for the tombola, the cooking team, the catering team and bar team.

Congratulations 200 Club Winners : 1st Prize £30 J. Clements
2nd Prize £20 Mr. & Mrs. Green

Mary Kane

The meeting on Wednesday 10th June 1992, was well supported and many items were discussed, some being of interest, not only to members but also to friends and neighbours in the village and elsewhere. The Annual Dinner was arranged for Wednesday, 24th June, with a visit to the Old Wharf Inn at Bugbrooke. It was decided that husbands would be invited.

The Coffee Morning in May at Orchard House was very popular and a profit of £50.00 was made. Our very grateful thanks to Miss Drake and Miss Scott who organised this.

The Village Walk had also been a great success and thanks go to Mrs. Brown for arranging it and also to those who provided refreshments. Although not the object of the exercise a profit of £12.50 was made, which, these days always helps!

There are some extremely good W.I. publications newly available, including a lovely Flora Handbook - a real bargain at £1.00. It was suggested a selection of books be obtained on a sale or return basis and shown at the autumn meeting - a good idea for Christmas presents.

Thanks were expressed to all who had helped with the flower border alongside the churchyard wall, particularly Mrs. Bowers, Mr. Haynes and Rupert and Katy Gardner.

An extra meeting is to be arranged on Wednesday, 15th July at 7.30 pm when Mrs. Freda Thomas will speak on Flower Arranging. This is to be an OPEN meeting, with a charge of 50p for non-members. Everybody to bring their own flowers, vases, etc., and Mrs. Thomas will demonstrate and advise.

Good wishes were expressed for Mrs. Kath Wright, in hospital for an operation, with the hope that she would soon be back with us again. Suitable greetings were to be sent on member's behalf.

We then came to a fascinating and amusing talk on "A life after 50" given by Mrs. Cobbald. A detailed record of her foreign travels following her divorce, when she started a completely new life. Not being able to afford a holiday she took a holiday course at Exeter University and afterwards was able to join her daughter, a V.C.O. worker in Thailand. Having very little money but being an experienced and trained nurse she went to work in Saudi Arabia where she could earn "a fortune". From there she visited India, Australia and lastly Africa. Mrs. Cobbald had many interesting tales to tell of her travels, showing photographs and a selection of her many souvenirs. Eventually she returned in 1986 to nurse her sick mother, now having money in the bank and a house of her own.

After tea and biscuits the meeting ended at 10.00pm.

Kay Roberts

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Whilton Relief in Need Charities

13.

The Charities' Trustees met on Wednesday, 1st July, and discussed, amongst other things, the Charities' Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1992.

When one considers that the main Charity, when first introduced, provided twelve poor girls with a pair of shoes and stockings each per year and every two years a bonnet, a tippet, a gown and a pair of mittens, it makes one wonder how many such articles could be bought with the present annual income of the Charities!

The Charities hold a total of 399.15 income shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) and these, at present, yield an income of just under £120 per year.

The Trustees felt that parishioners should again be reminded of the existence of the Charities and, although there is not a large amount of cash available, would be pleased to consider any request for assistance.

The Trustees are: The Revd. Norman Knibbs, Miss Frances Drake and Mr. Harold Haynes.

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Milk Tops, foil and stamps

Just one sack of foil but lots of stamps this time. I have almost another sackful of foil and more stamps than ever to take on my next visit to Lyncrest.

Many Thanks.

Trudy Haynes

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The Countryman

One or two items from 1954 editions of "The Countryman", kindly loaned to me by Mr. Will Adams.

The first one, an advertisement for a car, gives some indication of what inflation has done over the years!

"Austin A30 Seven - Today's version of the world's best-loved car. Speeds up to 60 with great petrol savings. Takes four and luggage easily and - like all Austins - has safety glass windows throughout. £335 plus £140.14s.2d P.T."

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Weather sayings from "The Countryman"

If in clear, summer nights there is no dew expect rain next day.

Rainbow to windward, foul falls the day, Rainbow to leeward, damp runs away.

If a robin sings on a high branch of a tree it is a sign of fine weather. If it sings near the ground the weather will be wet.

Trudy Haynes

Summary of Events

Mon.	3rd	August	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association Meeting
Thur.	3rd	Sept.		Campion School Back in action
Mon.	7th	Sept.	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed.	9th	Sept.	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting (No Aug. meeting)
Sat.	12th	Sept.	7.30pm	Concert - Brington
Thur.	17th	Sept.		Last date for items for inclusion in next Newsletter
Sun.	27th	Sept.	6.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving
Mon.	28th	Sept.	7.30pm	Harvest Supper

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