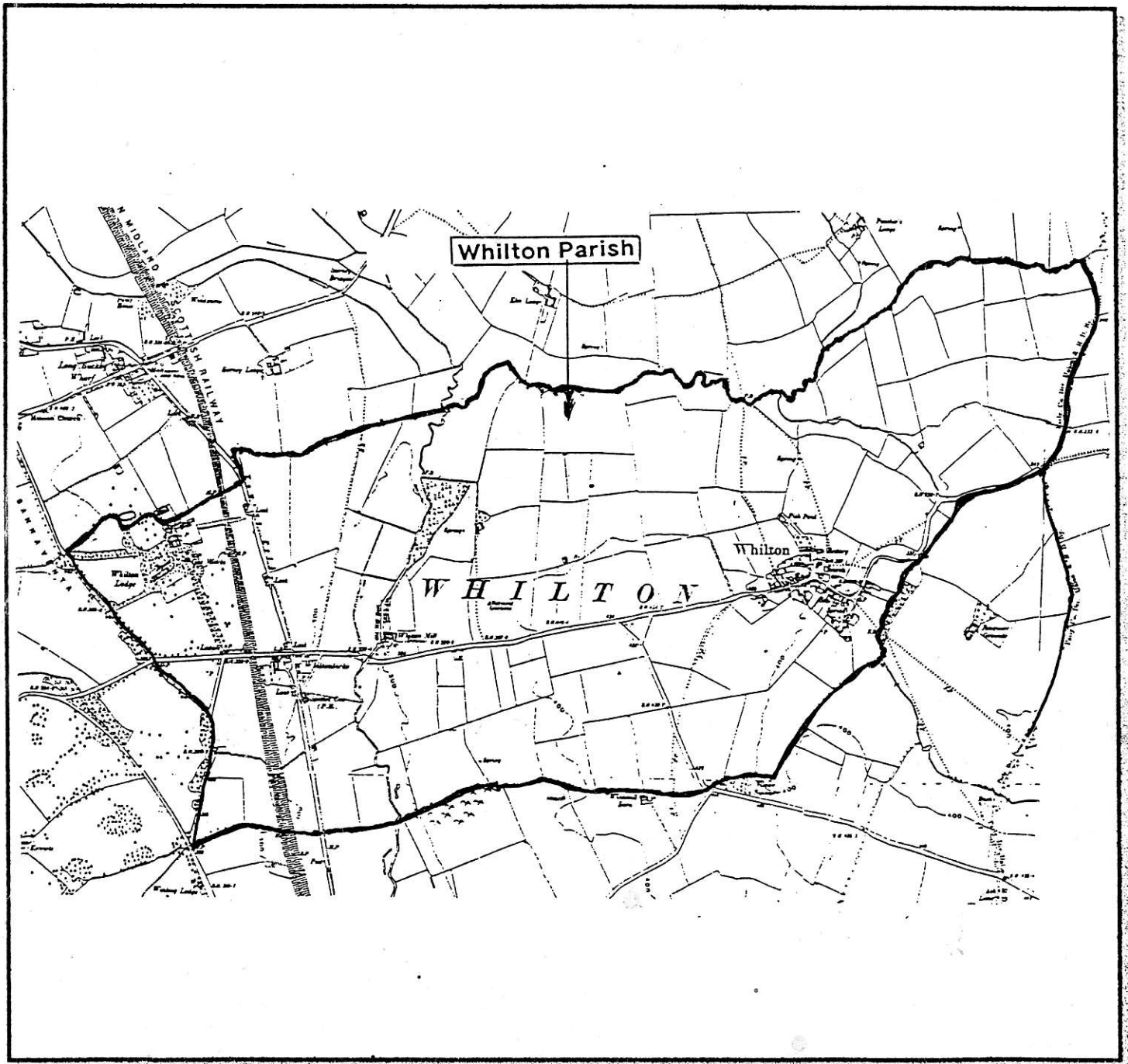


# Whilton Newsletter

August 1997



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### Barn Dance 1997



This year we were again very lucky with our weather on Saturday, 5th July - the best day for about four weeks.

A willing band of helpers started their sweeping and scraping of the barn floor (cattle had been wintered there) on Wednesday evening and returned on the Saturday morning to finalise the cleaning and to set up the stage, bales, tables and chairs ready for the evening's festivities.

The event was again a huge success with over 100 tickets sold. Our raffle had some good prizes and many people 'had a go'. The band "Thirsty Work" were in very good form and at least two new dances were taught including the "Bear Dance". It's a pity we didn't have a video camera for that one! There was wonderful participation for all the dances and the caller had no need to plead for dancers, It really went with a swing only pausing for refreshments and the draws for raffle prizes and the June 200 Club.

It could not have been a success without the help before and after the event, the barbecue team and refreshment team producing delicious food and the hard working bar team satisfying the thirsts of all - particularly after the hectic dancing.

Whilst refraining from mentioning specific names, we would particularly like to thank Tom Treacy for his generous donation of a barrel of beer and Joan and Griff Davies for allowing us to use their barn again.

We made a magnificent profit of **£437.03** on the evening for Village Hall Funds.

### Refurbishment of Village Hall

Since our last report we are pleased say that good progress has been made and the work to the floor will commence on 21st July followed by the installation of the kitchen units which are on order. The new sub-floor once laid needs a period of three weeks to thoroughly dry out before the top floor is laid. We would expect that the duration of the work to be between five and six weeks.

### JUNE 200 Club Draw

<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>No.070</b>	<b>M. Kane</b>	<b>£40</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>No.101</b>	<b>D. Welch</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>No.201</b>	<b>M. Clements</b>	<b>£10</b>

**Congratulations to all!**

**Village Hall Committee**

## THE WHILTON MILLENNIUM MAP PROJECT COMMITTEE

The members of this committee are systematically working towards our first goal, which is to produce a preliminary design for the map by this autumn. We are hoping to have a geographical, but pictorial, map of the parish and Roughmoors in the centre, mounted on needlework squares depicting different aspects of the parish. These will be arranged under main subjects, which will be :

Transport  
Farming  
Organisations and Leisure  
Business and Industry  
Wildlife  
Landmarks and Buildings.

Members of the Committee are producing designs to depict these aspects and are discussing the amount to be shown on the geographical map, which will probably include some pottery representations of buildings made by our local potter, Peter Ilsley and sewn into the map. The whole map, to hang in the Village Hall, will be about 6 feet long, and we expect the individual squares to be 15 centimetres square.

Our next meeting is on Friday 12 September at 8 p.m. and anyone is welcome to join us. As soon as we have completed the main design, we will give more information in this Newsletter, so that all who live in the parish have an opportunity to comment and add ideas.

The production of the map is a communal activity and we hope it will represent the community of Whilton as it is at the end of the twentieth century. As we progress with the project we shall, of course, be involving as many people as possible in the cutting and sewing. In the meanwhile, if you are interested, please join us.

Anthea Hiscock.

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## NORTHANTS YOUNG CRICKETERS

## 1998 UNDER 14'S TOUR

On behalf of the Manager and boys of the team, Elliot Patching and Fred Newborough would like to say a very big thank you to the people of Whilton who made contributions to the car boot sale at West Haddon .... the proceeds from this were £87. 65 a great help to the fund balance.

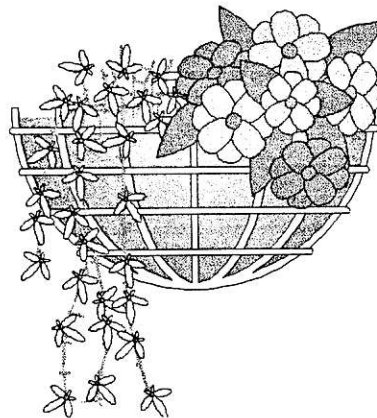
Donations have also been received for the tombola stall at the Northampton Show which takes place 18th/19th/20th July, 1997. We still have room for any late contributions..... contact Elliot on 01327 842570 (Thatched Cottage, Whilton) or Fred 01327 842888 (Wychwood, Brington Road, Whilton).

We still have a great deal of fund raising to do, and your generous contributions have greatly helped us achieve our goal .... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

# WHILTON OPEN GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

Despite the pre-event gloom caused by the wet weather of late, spirits were high on the afternoon of Sunday 29th June. After a short shower at 1.00 pm the rest of the afternoon remained dry which enabled villagers and visitors to wander round the gardens taking notes en route for the Village Trail Quiz, visit the stalls and enjoy homemade cakes and tea in the village hall. Brightly coloured balloons and an equally bright umbrella provided a cheery scene on the village green in front of the church.

Within the church glorious floral displays and scents greeted the visitor. Based on the theme "A Celebration of Music" all but one of the displays had been designed and arranged by Whilton residents - a splendid achievement for such a small village! Many compliments have been received on the magnificent displays.



The afternoon closed with a truly happy and joyful "Songs of Praise" in St Andrew's Church. Our new Priest-in-Charge, The Revd. David Macpherson, found time in a busy schedule to pay us a visit in the afternoon and this was greatly appreciated. Also it was with great pleasure we welcomed his surprise visit to the "Songs of Praise" as a member of the congregation.

As organiser of the event and on behalf of Whilton Parochial Church Council I wish to extend a sincere thank you to all who worked so hard on stalls, sideshows and refreshments, those who opened their gardens, the flower arrangers and all who

donated so generously and helped in anyway to make the afternoon so successful.

The final profit banked was £920.05, a truly magnificent figure!

Janet Bowers

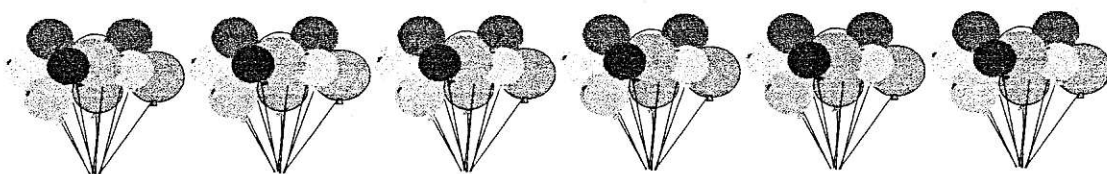


## WHILTON "INTERNATIONAL" BALLOON RACE

At the end of the above Festival about 80 balloons were released into the air.

As at the time of going to print acknowledgements have been received of balloons reaching Warwickshire (two) and Staffordshire (one).

The competition is open until 25th August 1997 when the winner will be announced.



Sara Spicer

**VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 1997**

By the time you receive this issue of the Newsletter the Judge will have visited the village for the East Midlands in Bloom Competition which Whilton has also entered.

As you may appreciate the Judges for the Village of the Year Competition visit the village unannounced and undoubtedly would already have put in an appearance. There are still two months - August and September, during which the Judges will visit Whilton.

**PLEASE CONTINUE THE HIGH STANDARD OF MAINTENANCE OF YOUR GARDENS AND VERGES AND ASSIST BY PICKING UP ANY LITTER WHICH YOU MAY SEE WHEN WALKING AROUND THE VILLAGE.**

Derek Brown  
Whilton Parish Council

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**  
**SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE - 13TH SEPTEMBER 1997**

One or two people have come forward and offered their services as recorders but so far no one has indicated that they are prepared to obtain sponsorship as a cyclist or walker.

*Don't forget recorders may raise money by being sponsored for the number of cyclists / walkers they receive or the hours that they spend on duty.*

We have many residents in this village with bicycles so please consider taking part during the day between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm and raising money for this very worthwhile cause. It is my intention to take part as a cyclist and I hope I will be supported.

Sponsorship forms may be obtained from myself.



Derek Brown (Co-ordinator)  
Cherry Orton  
Main Street.  
Whilton.  
(Tel. 01327 - 842968)

# **Neighbourhood Watch**

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

Please be extra careful over the holiday season.

Check that your house is securely locked every time you leave home.

Remember that most burglaries happen quickly and when a house is empty.

## **Holiday Check List**

1. **Secure all doors** - If both your front and back doors are not secure neither is your home.

Front and Back doors should be fitted with a five-lever mortice deadlock. All exterior doors should have strong top and bottom bolts.

2. **Close all windows** - A third of burglars get in through a back window. Fit key-operated window locks to all downstairs windows, and to easily accessible upstairs windows, for example those above a flat roof or by a drainpipe.

3. **Lock Garages and Sheds** - Remember to put away all garden equipment, tools and ladders. Also put away the children's bikes and toys. Secure sheds and garages with a strong padlock.

4. **Lighting** - Leave an automatic time switch lights on and off in a downstairs room during the evening.  
Do not draw all the curtains, as closed curtains in the daytime make a house look unoccupied.

5. **Burglar Alarm** - A visible alarm is considered to be the best burglar deterrent. Always set it before leaving the house.

6. **Tell a neighbour** that you will be away and leave a contact address where possible.

Cancel milk and other deliveries but don't advertise your absence when going on holiday, for example to casual acquaintances, taxi drivers etc.

7. **Finally** - If possible, ask a friend or neighbour to look after your home whilst you are away, by collecting your post, drawing the curtains, putting the T.V. on at night and generally making the place look lived in.

Helping our neighbours and being the eyes and ears of our village is the purpose of Neighbourhood Watch - and it works!

If you see or hear anything suspicious in Whilton ring Daventry Police immediately.

DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300

Christine Bilsborough

## Women's Institute - June Meeting

This meeting, held in the village hall on Wednesday, 11th June, was attended by ten members.

### Business Meeting - Reports by Members

The business part of the meeting took place first, with two reports being given by members.

### Henry Sandon Afternoon

The first report was given by Frances Drake on the Henry Sandon afternoon in Daventry on 19th May, at which there had been a very large attendance from W.I. groups in Northants. The afternoon sounded most enjoyable, with Mr Sandon giving humorous anecdotes and stories about working with the BBC, together with valuations of selected pieces of porcelain. This was followed by the partaking of some very good refreshments.

### Countryside Walk

Ros Gardner and Teresa Leadbetter then gave a report on a W.I. walk in which they had taken part, going from Harpole to Harlestone on Saturday, 7th June. The walk was approximately 9 miles and both ladies said how much they had enjoyed it and how it enabled them to view rare and interesting things in our local countryside along with good company. After the group had lunched at Harlestone Ros and Teresa made their own way back to Whilton, just about managing to escape the threatening thunderstorms and rain. Well done both!

### Guest Speaker

The business being concluded, Anthea Hiscock then introduced our guest speaker, Mr Peter Spokes of Long Buckby, who gave a talk and slide show on the animals and birds of Kenya, from a personal trip he had made nine years ago, when his daughter was then 14 years old.

The trip had begun in Nairobi, going north towards Ethiopia. Apparently this journey passed quickly as the driver had only one speed, very fast! The area around Samburu had mainly farming occupations, herding cattle being the main job. Mosquitoes were a big problem. Very much an Arab influence in this part of Kenya. Monkeys seemed quite common, along with mongeese, hornbill birds, giraffe, ostrich and zebra. The slides were very colourful and captured the bushy terrain well showing how the animals lived and survived in the very high temperatures.

They then travelled south to Treetops, which Mr Spokes likened to being on a ship, where they stayed for one night, seeing lots more animals, including Rhinos, at the salt pans.

It was fascinating to view the slides, the last few of which were of crossing the equator and the ritual performed with water.

The vote of thanks to Mr Spokes for a very entertaining evening was given by Teresa Leadbetter, the refreshments were provided by Shirley Brown and helpers and the raffle was won by Ros Gardner.

Sue Green

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**WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST  
10.30 AM - 12 NOON  
AT THE LITTLE RECTORY  
COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE MACMILLAN NURSES**

50p per person (includes coffee and cake)

Also Bring & Buy Stall - Cakes for sale - Raffle

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

On Friday, 27th June, in a service held at St. Mary's Church, Great Brington, the Revd. David MacPherson was licensed as Priest-in-Charge, not just of the Bringtons with Nobottle but also of the parishes of Church Brampton with Chapel Brampton, East Haddon and Holdenby, Harlestone, Norton and Whilton.

To be faced with the job of looking after so many and diverse parishes must be quite formidable and a far cry from the days when each parish had its own rector or vicar. Whilton had its own resident rector up to the year 1940 and, although that may seem a very long time ago to many of our parishioners, there are some among us who recall those days very well!

To let everyone in the parish know a little about our new parish priest we are reproducing a letter that the Revd. David MacPherson wrote for inclusion in our churches' service booklet. We welcome David and his wife, Jean, as they take up residence among us and hope that their ministry will be a happy and fruitful one.

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Dear Parishioners,

First of all, please forgive the rather formal salutation, but I don't feel yet that I have the right to address you as friends. I hope, however, that during the course of the coming months I shall develop friendships with many of you.

As I write Jean and I are preparing to leave our parishes in Norfolk, where we have been for the past 14 years. We are looking forward to our move into Great Brington Rectory, which will be our 12th home in 36 years!

I thought you might like to know a little about us so here goes.

We have been in ordained ministry, of one sort or another, for almost 25 years. In fact, the 25th anniversary of my ordination falls on 6th July at our benefice service in Norton. On that occasion I shall be the preacher and our assistant priest, the Revd Maurice Walton, will be the celebrant. The other members of the ministry team, Karen Jongman and Virginia Henley, will also be taking part in the service.

In addition to being a parish priest I am also a

qualified occupational psychologist and hypnotherapist. Some members of my current congregations think I've had a wealth of experience in sending people to sleep - the Sunday sermon!

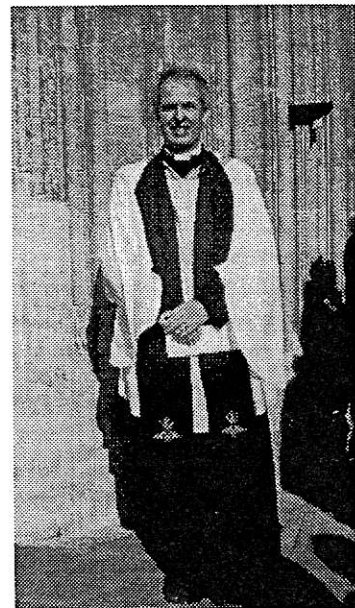
We have four children: Sue, our eldest, is in New Zealand working as a clinical psychologist. We had a lovely holiday with her in the Cook Islands and New Zealand earlier this year. We shall never forget singing "See Amid the Winter's Snow" in a Cook Island Christian Church, on a really hot day the first Sunday after Christmas.

Our second daughter, Sarah, is a senior social worker in Wokingham, Berkshire, and the mum of our lovely grand-daughter, Megan, who is 2. Our third daughter is Beckie. Beckie is a nurse by profession, and has recently qualified as an aromatherapist, and is developing a practice in Marlborough in Wiltshire. Finally, we have James, who is even now taking his finals at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he is a choral scholar with, even though I say it myself, a fine bass voice. He and his fiancée, Alison, also a Magdalen student, will probably be spending some time with us during the summer prior to embarking on their careers.

We are really looking forward to being with you. We hope and pray that we will benefit hugely from your ministry to us, and we hope that you too find joy and peace in your faith through our ministry to you.

Yours sincerely,

David MacPherson





## VILLAGE OUTINGS

For a number of years we should, in July, be almost through the outing season - only September still to go. It has seemed quite strange to have been without the anxiety of organizing any in 1997. I say "anxiety" because one of my fears, which, thank goodness, was never realised, was that we should arrive at some place to be greeted with the words "Oh, the party from Whilton. We were expecting you yesterday and I'm afraid we already have all the coach parties we can accept booked for today"!

### **"Whilton W.I. and Friends"**

For booking purposes our group was called "Whilton W.I. and Friends". This was because, like so many good things in the village, the outings originated with the W.I. There used to be one a year, in August, when there wasn't the usual monthly meeting and I could never go then because I was still working. When another organizer was needed I had retired and offered to take on the job. It occurred to me then that we still had at that time a number of elderly people in the village who didn't have cars and didn't get around much, so I thought we might try having five outings during the summer months but avoiding August, when everywhere was usually so crowded. At first, most of those joining the coach were W.I. members but gradually we were joined by people from other villages who came to the Yoga class, and by various friends and relations.

### **Growing number of participants**

Eventually, there were about 60 people who were interested in coming on the outings but I can only remember having a full coach of 52 on two occasions. Once was on a July outing to Windsor after the schools had broken up and a number of boys and girls joined us. I used to charge half-price for under 18 travel and forgot that each would still require a full seat. Fortunately, even with a few perched rather uncomfortably on the steps up to the back seat of the coach, the driver said we were still within legal limits and we were able to set off without leaving anyone behind.

### **Buckingham Palace**

The other occasion of course was in 1994 when we went to Buckingham Palace. We could have filled the coach twice over then, but I had to make the booking in February so we couldn't manage a duplicate. My anxiety that day centered on toilets. The information from the Palace warned that these were in the grounds (as used for the Garden Parties every summer) and couldn't be visited until you had gone through the house. It was clear we should have

to pause on the motorway for a comfort stop before we got to London. The driver and I found the last motor-way stopping place and agreed to use that. As we drove along, however, the driver noticed an announcement at the side of the road which said this particular place was closed for repairs, so we had to stop much sooner than we had planned. "No coffee, please," I said to everybody, "unless you are sure you can last out." We survived!

### **"Two for the price of one"**

Other times we usually did what Mrs. Freda Adams liked to call "Two for the price of one". That meant that I tried to combine two rather different places within a reasonable distance of each other on the same day. One of these was usually a stately home, either privately owned or belonging to the National Trust, with a visit to a garden, a glass factory, a brewery, a rare breeds farm, a cathedral, or a trip on a canal or the Thames first. I remember particularly being shown round the Houses of Parliament by our local M.P. and going on from there to Greenwich by boat from Westminster Pier; much further west, arriving from the Thames at the mill belonging to Mapledurham House; exploring the garden at Hardwick Hall; enjoying the treasures at Luton Hoo; listening to a rather strange lady telling us about Milton Manor House; marvelling at the paintings at Woburn Abbey.

### **Rescued from the Maze!**

We went twice to Hampton Court Palace. The first time, which was many years ago, we had with us a retired bank manager who lived in the village and who was rather forgetful. People used to kindly keep an eye on him and his hat and coat to see that nothing got lost. Unfortunately, he decided to explore the famous maze in the Palace grounds and two volunteers had to go in search of him before we could leave!

### **Friendly and Helpful Folk**

Because nobody wished to spend too long in the coach, travelling to and fro, there was a limit to the number of places to go to (though fresh ones did open every year) and inevitably we sometimes went to houses or gardens we had visited before. I don't think anybody minded, because the place might be one that you had had to miss on the previous occasion, or it might be one that you liked so much you were pleased to go again. It was always a very friendly group who were only too willing to help people like Sid and Phyllis or others with physical handicaps.

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## Village Outings (continued)

### Kind weather!

The coach hardly ever had to wait for late-comers before setting off home and we never suffered from anybody who felt compelled to be the life and soul of the party. The weather was extraordinarily kind to us, too - I recall only two wet days; one in Peterborough and one more recently when we went to admire the azaleas and rhododendrons at Lea gardens.

### Reluctant decision

I reluctantly decided last year that I should give up organizing the village outings as I was beginning to find it more difficult to move around at any speed. I felt rather selfishly sorry about doing this as I myself had enjoyed the outings very much and particularly the new friendships I had formed with people I hadn't known before.

Nobody offered to continue the outings however, and that was perhaps just as well because, shortly after last Christmas I had a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Adkins, who had served us so well for so many years and, whose drivers had been so helpful to us all, to tell me that they were giving up the coach business.

Thank you, everybody, for your interest and support.

Diana Scott

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We are sure everyone would agree that the village is very indebted to Diana for the tremendous amount of work she has put in over the years in organizing the outings. They had become a village institution and been a source of great pleasure to many, many people.

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### MILK TOPS, FOIL & STAMPS

No report was given in the last *newsletter*, although three sacks of foil, etc and a goodly quantity of stamps had been taken to Llyncrest. We now have another two sacks ready for delivery, together with a large carrier bag full of stamps. Our Norton friends have contributed one sack and lots of stamps this time. Many thanks to them and to all who take the trouble to save. Keep up the good work!

Trudy Haynes

## GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Association took place in the village hall on Monday, 2nd June.

The chairman welcomed two new members of the village to the meeting.

She reminded those present of the visit to a member's garden on 7th July and asked if all those going along could get together to share cars because of the limited car parking spaces at Nobottle.

A coffee morning was held on Sunday, 13th April, and thanks to good weather and an excellent turn out £111.00 was raised towards the club's funds. The chairman thanked both Miss Scott and Miss Drake for their kind hospitality and hard work.

The Programme Secretary reported that she had now almost completed the programme for 1998. This looked very promising and would include such subjects as Garden Design, Pruning and a visit to large municipal greenhouses to see how summer bedding is handled on a large scale.

The East Midlands in Bloom competition takes place in June and members were asked to help by making sure all was neat and tidy to ensure that Whilton does as well as in previous years.

Mr. Stuart Phillips of Moulton College then gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on Shrubs and Trees. The next meeting takes place on Monday, 4th August, at 7.30pm in the village hall. The speaker will be Mr. Dennis Patrick talking on Propagation.

The 6 monthly raffle was drawn and Mrs. Jessie Barnes won the first prize of a £10.00 garden gift voucher.

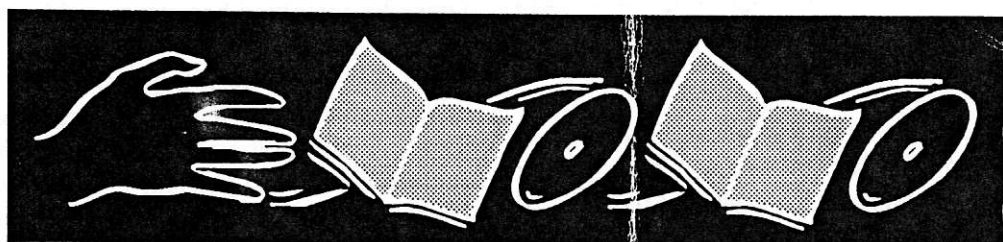
## THE MOBILE LIBRARY

is an amenity we have been fortunate enough to retain, whilst losing our shop, post office, bus service and school.

**THE LIBRARY VAN** carries a good selection of both fiction and non-fiction books - some in the "LARGE PRINT" range - and also a selection of children's books. We have a very helpful librarian who will take requests and give advice. Aren't we lucky!

**DATES & TIMES** are given below. The van parks in the centre of the village - fifty yards or so up from the village green. At present only about six villagers, of those who are at home, take advantage of the service and we would be pleased to see a few more. I'm sure you would find this a useful service.

**ALTERNATE TUESDAYS - 9.10 - 9.30**



## BOOKS & INFORMATION ON THE MOVE

| VISITS UP TO END OF JUNE 1998 |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1997                          | 1998                |
| July 1st, 15th, 29th          | January 13th, 27th  |
| August 12th, 26th             | February 10th, 24th |
| September 9th, 23rd           | March 10th, 24th    |
| October 7th, 21st             | April 7th, 21st     |
| November 4th, 18th            | May 5th, 19th       |
| December 2nd, 16th, 30th      | June 2nd, 16th      |

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## WHILTON WI

On the evening of Wednesday 9 July a small group of WI members with two of our daughters spent a gentle, but educational hour being guided on a walk around Daventry. We all learned a great deal about the local town we tend to take for granted, and had our attention brought to details we never noticed before. None of us knew before that Felicia Dorothea Hemans, who wrote "The stately homes of England" and "The boy stood on the burning deck" had lived in Daventry, in the house now occupied by Pet Love, nor had we been aware of the shop covered in hooks for hanging meat in Sheaf Street. The golden evening light enhanced the attraction of many of the old buildings we were observing and because the weather was so pleasant the walk was comfortable for all.

Our guide, Pat Roll, kept our interest throughout the tour, and whetted our appetite to find out more. After completing our stroll, we left the town and drove to the White Horse in Norton, where we were able to have a drink sitting outside in the evening warmth before returning to Whilton.

Next month, in August, the WI will not be having an evening meeting, but on the morning of Wednesday 20 August we shall be holding a Coffee Morning at the Little Rectory, the home of Jane and Paddy O'Riordan. We are hoping to raise money for the MacMillan Nurses, and there will be coffee and a cake for 50p, a raffle and a bring and buy and cake stall. Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us on that morning, between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you there.

Anthea Hiscock

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## FAMILY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM

We welcomed our new Priest and Celebrant, Revd. David MacPherson to his first Service at Whilton Church on Sunday, 13th July, 1997 at 11.00 am. We were also very pleased that his wife Jean was able to accompany him.

Baby *Delilah Sheralee* slept through her Baptism although the whole of the congregation assembled around the font.

The prayers led by the children and composed by themselves were beautifully said with great sincerity. It would appear on this day's involvement that we need have no fears for continuity of worship.

Three of the hymns were new to this congregation but a hearty attempt was made for two of them but the third proved more difficult and David and his wife Jean led the singing but with a tune not known to our organist. We were then on the right road and all joined in enthusiastically.

To conclude - a beautiful Service with one or two bleps which added an interesting touch.

This article was sent to the Editors by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for insertion in the Whilton Newsletter :

## **RURAL ACTION GRANT SCHEMES**

### **HOW CAN RURAL ACTION HELP?**

- \* If your project involves local people improving or finding out more about their environment then Rural Action can help.
- \* Rural Action can put you in touch with an advisor who will talk through your ideas and explain how you can apply for a grant.
- \* Grants up to the value of £2000 are available to pay for specialist advice, skills training and other project costs.
- \* So far nearly 50 groups in Northamptonshire have received a Rural Action grant. More funding is available, so get in touch !
- \* Grants fund up to 50% of the project cost - volunteer time can count as the other half !

### **WHO CAN APPLY ?**

- \* - *Youth Groups - Church Groups - Community Associations - W.I.-*
- \* Any local community group in a local area
- \* - *Village Hall Committee - Parish Councils - Town Councils -*

### **WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE SUPPORTED ?**

- *Training - Restoration - Interpretation - Practical Conservation - Celebration*
- \* Nassington and Warmington Tree Wardens staged an Apple Day at Barnwell Country Park.
- \* Advice and training at Stanion Pocket Park helped them complete a wildlife survey.
- \* Other projects could include: Community composting, Parish Map making, village Appraisals, Energy Audits or Photographic Studies.

### **THE MORE INNOVATIVE THE BETTER !!**

- *Consultation - Surveys - Recycling - Landscaping - Feasibility Studies.*

### **THE NEXT STEP**

*For further information, application, advice or queries, contact :*

**Dave Beuzeval or Kate Scales**  
**BTCV, 9, Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1DP (01604) 233389**

The following letter was sent to the editors with a request for publication:

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOUTH COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DIFFICULTY SERVICES IN  
NORTHAMPTON, DAVENTRY AND SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Your readers may be aware that the Northamptonshire Health Authority is currently consulting with representatives of the local community on its plans for the development of mental health and learning difficulty services in the Local Authority areas of Northampton, Daventry and South Northamptonshire.

The Northamptonshire South Community Health Council (CHC) is a statutory, independent "Consumer" Body set up by the Government to look after the interests of the general public in relation to the National Health Service. The Council covers the Local Authority areas of Northampton, Daventry and South Northamptonshire. One of the major tasks of the Council is to consider and respond to proposals put forward by the Northamptonshire Health Authority to any changes it plans to make in the delivery of health care. It is the only Body with whom the Health Authority has a Statutory obligation to consult.

Over the next few months the Council will be considering its response to the above plans and is extremely anxious that, in so doing, it takes into account the views of local people. If any of your readers would like a copy of the Consultation Documents and would like to let us have their views on the proposals, we would be delighted to hear from them. In addition, we are always pleased to talk to any individual or Group who may have an interest and would like some independent help or advice in formulating a direct reply to the Health Authority.

In addition to the above and over the next five to six months, the Council anticipates that it will be formally consulted on a number of other issues, including the proposed re-configuration of services at Rugby St. Cross Hospital, changes to the Trust Status of Rugby St. Cross and Horton General Hospital, Banbury, and the Northamptonshire Health Authority's Purchasing Planning Intentions for 1998/99. If you have an interest in any of these, please get in touch and we will be pleased to include you on our circulation list for copies of any of the documents when received.

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Miss J.S. Cunningham  
Chief Officer

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**MENTMORE CRAFTS FESTIVAL**  
and Design for Living Show  
**23rd, 24th & 25th AUGUST 1997**  
(Bank Holiday Weekend)  
**OPEN DAILY 10.30am - 6.00pm**  
**MENTMORE TOWERS, MENTMORE,**  
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## Summary of Events

- Sun 3 Aug 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - **Church Brampton**
- Mon 4 Aug 7.30pm Gardeners' Association - Propagation - Mr. Dennis Patrick
- Wed 20 Aug 10.30am - 12 Noon - Coffee Morning at The Little Rectory  
in aid of Macmillan Nurses
- Mon 25 Aug Balloon Race winner to be announced
- Sun 7 Sept 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - **East Haddon (Patronal Festival)**
- Wed 10 Sept 7.30pm Women's Institute - "A Doctor in India" - Dr. C. Hover
- Thur 11 Sept Parochial Church Council Meeting - Old Plough
- Fri 12 Sept 8.00pm Millennium Map Project Meeting - Village Hall
- Sat 13 Sept Sponsored Cycle Ride
- Wed 17 Sept Newsletter Deadline**
- Sun 28 Sept 6.00pm Harvest Festival Service
- Mon 29 Sept 7.30pm Harvest Supper

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