

Whilton Newsletter

AUGUST 2001



WHILTON LOCKS - THE MARINA

WHILTON WI

There will be a local walk (possibly round Daventry Country Park) on Wednesday 8th August at 6.00 pm from the green. All welcome.

For further details contact Jenny Ponder on 842619

An Insight into the Work of our Whilton Locks Potter

Many of us bought a commemorative Whilton 2000 Millennium Mug, depicting our Church and Canal. These had been specially made for village residents by Peter Ilsley in his canal-side pottery, at the bottom of the Whilton & Buckby Flight of Locks. However, those who have peered through the windows of his show rooms, or ventured inside, will realise that Peter produces some pieces that are not like the usual output from a small pottery! These are decorated porcelain pieces which are startlingly different from the rest — displaying unusual patterns in unusual colours. Some are reminiscent of complex tree rings, others of intricate ice crystals. This type of decoration is produced by expertly seeding the ceramic glaze with metallic oxides before submitting the piece to a rigorously controlled temperature cycle in a kiln, enabling two-dimensional crystals to grow in the glaze and form a permanent pattern within it.

Peter was already an accomplished potter when he began serious experimentation with these specialist glazes in 1989. He has since gained an international reputation that has resulted in his travelling widely to take up invitations to share his know-how. Peter admits that he is at his happiest when he is 'up to his elbows in mud' — nevertheless, a few years ago he was persuaded to write a book about his work. With the assistance of media consultant Tom Price, his former canal-side neighbour, and with short specialist contributions by other experts from America and Europe, his book covers every aspect of the subject.

Macro-Crystalline Glazes The Challenge of Crystals by Peter Ilsley
A4 format hardback 144 pages with hundreds of beautiful colour illustrations
published by The Crowood Press in 1999 at £25 ISBN 1 86126 120 9

The chapter on the history of crystal glazes, explains how the technique was first developed about 150 years ago, following the discovery in the West of the secret of porcelain-making which was previously known only in the Far East. At first, any crystal growth — however interesting — was regarded as a fault in the glaze. But experiments showed that it was possible to obtain a degree of control over the growth of these crystals so that a beautiful pattern could be produced. The large pottery factories in America and Europe began individually glazing pieces in this way, for the 'luxury market'. The production of such items appears to have ceased at some time during the first World War and did not restart again.

It was not until well after the second World War that there was a serious revival of interest in the technique. This time, it was small studio potters who, by trial and error, developed their own recipes for the seeding of the glazes and devised methods for controlling their kiln temperatures. More recently, the latter has been made easier by the advent of computerised programming.

The book has sections on the properties of porcelain clays, and on designing, throwing, casting and moulding. There are recipes for glazes and tables of colouring agents, and a whole chapter devoted to kilns. The appendix covers safety hazards in the work, and finishes with a useful glossary.

Throughout, the book is illustrated with colour photographs of examples of earlier pieces (now held in museums) as well as many from the present time, including examples of Peter's own work.

Not only is this a book for potters who are contemplating the challenge of these macro-crystalline glazes, and a book full of detail for those with an interest in small-scale industrial processes, it is also one for the coffee-table of those who like browsing through beautiful books.

Beryl Williams

Whilton & Buckby Locks Association — Change of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting held on June 13th 2001, the following Officers were elected
Chairman: Mike Lewis [previously Vice-Chairman]
Vice-Chairman: Alan Webb
Secretary :Ted Bavister [re-elected]
Treasurer: Bryan Eccles

Both the retiring Chairman Peter Ilsley and Treasurer Paul Whiffen had been in office since 1996, when the Association was re-formed and re-named.

PARISH MATTERS !

Participation!

Hello. Is anyone out there?

I ask because this last Parish Council Meeting on 2 July, attended by all but one of your Councillors and two members of the public, had received no reaction to requests for volunteers to run Neighbourhood Watch* or the annual Village of the Year competition and co-ordinate our efforts. No one in the Council or any of the trustees of the Parochial Church Charities had received any response to the options over their future. It would help and encourage those involved to hear from you!

The two issues on which some contacts have been made are the noise from engines at the Mill and the very bad road surface at the lower end of the village. There diverted water has made it a dangerous place. These have been taken up with the DDC and NCC respectively but as yet no action has been forthcoming.

Noise from the Mill

At the meeting we were challenged to establish whether this Brands Hatch type noise is generally considered a problem in the parish. We know that some people have already complained to Parish Councillors or have written to the DDC. We do need to know how widespread concern is, as a decision was made to arrange a meeting. This meeting would be with Norton, (where some of their residents are also up in arms), the enforcement officer of the District, whose reply produced widespread concern, and the owner Mr Ashby, to discuss what can be done. We have now established that whereas there were only 7 vehicles allowed at a time on the old track, there are now 20 on the new; something not seen on any planning application. The track has also been given Grand Prix status we understand. More recently more helicopters flying from there have also caused concern.

What are your concerns, if any?

Highway stream and other matters

In relation to the running stream at the Z bend on the Brington Lane, we have been told that an enforcement notice has been issued by Highways. We were also told that our improvements to the Village Green and road surface within the village, bought from NCC Area Meeting Monies, would start in the next six weeks. Meanwhile Highways have been asked to check out promises made about the wire and loose steps at Southview. New concerns were raised at the meeting for the clerk to pursue with Highways over surface water flowing into drives in Brington Lane and the uncut verge on the dangerous Z bend. He is also to seek their permission to install the new seat purchased with a WASP grant from DDC between the entrance to the field going to the Spinney and the field gate at the corner with Manor Lane. This would give an excellent view up the Main Street.

Millennium Celebrations plans

The Clerk was able to report at last that planning permission had been given for the erection on the village green of the Millennium Plaque, created by Rai Barnes and mounted by Ken Bowers. Three members of the Council are to do this. He was also asked to enquire again whether the Green could be registered as such rather than remain part of Highways as a verge.

Mobile Phone Masts and Radiation

An important discussion took place over the erection of a mobile phone mast beside the motorway. This was the second time this application had been submitted. It had been amended to meet all but one of the Council's objections. It was no longer on the verge by the water works entrance on the main road, posing a problem for traffic and, more importantly, for people living by the canal. It had been relocated to the Sewage Works alongside the motorway. However the requested safety report about radiation levels had not been provided. This is a controversial matter where we as a society are divided as to how risky such apparatus is. The Council reflected this in its conclusion to ask the DDC to satisfy itself on this matter.

Other matters

The Council assured itself that the extended contract for keeping down the churchyard grass was beginning to happen and that plans were in hand to secure the bulbs, shrubs and trees available from DCC Wasp grants.

Correspondence made us aware of a potential Web site for us if we want one, a police consultative forum on rural issues, and the gathering momentum of concern about the effects of re-creating the old Central Railway being monitored by DCC. However the Council decided not to pursue the new government transport grant available to groups of parishes; tempting though £10000 was, it was seen as unlikely to be used by the village residents. Do you agree? Please let me or one of the Councillors know.

Golden Jubilee plans

Finally the Chairman reminded us that it was the Queen's Golden Jubilee next year. Most of us remember the street/village parties at the Coronation or even the Silver Jubilee. How would we wish to celebrate this milestone as a developing community, which takes pride in being so? The Council will approach existing village organisations to form a committee.

But what about you and your ideas? Again we would welcome your response.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3rd September. We would value your participation and responses. Meanwhile have a good summer.

Keith Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

* As we go to press, I am happy to report that a volunteer has now come forward for Neighbourhood Watch.

VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT, 1ST JULY

13 people completed the treasure hunt with a few more getting lost on their way round. The clues, a mixture of observation and deduction, gave rise to some interesting answers e.g. 'whose tea is best' gave the answer of 'the village hall'. The winners were Child - Alice Grant, Adult - J Grant

We hope that everybody enjoyed the walk and eats and hope to see them again at our next event - beetle/ halloween.

Updating our Attitudes to Charity

I was interested to read the report on the parochial Charities in the last Whilton Newsletter, partly because I'm interested in village matters but perhaps more particularly because I've worked in the voluntary sector for 15 or so years now. Perhaps from the latter viewpoint, I can add a perspective.

Firstly, I'm sure that the Trustees of the Charity are not alone in struggling with aims which were devised maybe a 100 years or so ago. Many smaller grant-making trusts will have encountered the difficulties of applying 20th century philanthropy to today's values and I am sure that the Charity Commission will have some advice to offer on possible solutions. Perhaps these have already been sought?

It is good to see that the Trustees have been innovative in their thinking about how to proceed. Money could be given to a counselling agency for advice to be provided to parishioners, but this service is already available in Daventry through the CAB and I think it highly unlikely that it would be accessed in the village even if it were made available.

I think that perhaps it would be better to turn the trust into something more visible and acceptable – turning it into a community fund for local residents, so that people are not ashamed to approach it for support.

I also think that perhaps there should be some thought given to redefining poverty. Of course it is unlikely that there are many people living in this area who are desperately poor and in need of basics. Even if this were the case, I would imagine it would be very difficult for someone to ask for financial help 'so close to home' and from a charity for the 'poor'. However, there may be young people in the parish who do not have access to all of the 'trimmings' which are taken for granted in many homes. These days many children go on school trips abroad – but some families cannot afford this kind of extra expense. Most homes have a computer – but not all. Are these the kind of 21st century educational extras which the Charity might consider supporting? Is it worth thinking about using the charitable funds to 'sponsor' a young person to attend an outward-bound course or some similar trip? A condition could be that funds given would not equal the total cost of the 'project' but would represent a proportion.

Are there other local charitable trusts with whom we could join forces to enlarge the area of benefit, but provide a larger pot of funds? Could it all be used at once to finance a long lasting project, which would be an asset to the village generally?

I make these suggestions in the full knowledge that it is never 'that easy'. I realise that the Deed of Trust or other governing document will need alteration and that this will take some time and effort. However, I think it would be a shame to lose a benefit, which was clearly intended for local people, and I look forward to hearing what others think.

Ann Gilbert

Brington School, a Century-and-a half, not out

The local school is a focal point for any community and whilst Whilton has not had its own for many years, the village has long contributed large numbers of children every day by bus to Brington Primary School. And many Whilton people remain active and vital participants in the life of the school, whether as Governors or as occasional barmen, auctioneers etc.

This year is the 150th anniversary of Brington School and as part of the celebrations an appeal was begun in 2000 to raise funds to build a ground-level bell-cote for the old school bell that once was suspended (dangerously) at the gable end of the listed building. As a result of the efforts, not least of the staff themselves, the cash target was easily reached earlier this year and plans were laid for a midsummer celebration of this important anniversary, combined with the ceremonial opening of the new stone bell-cote located outside the main door.

Such things grow and grow, in the end into a full Victorian-style summer fair, with the children and staff dressed, as they might have been on the day the school bell was rung for the very first time. It was blasted open by the school brass band and followed with lots of carefully rehearsed country dancing by the children, dozens of stalls all with the sole aim of lightening the load in one's pocket and the ceremonial unveiling of the pristine stonemasonry housing the historic bell.

The Fred and Ginger of the country dancing were Whiltonites Juliet Bunce and Charles Hill (romance in the air, aged 10?), whilst Jamie Ashby was the Dead-eye Dick of the egg smashing contest (a future in the cricket team maybe?) and birthday-girl, Alice Grant had the honour of being the first to sound the bell in its new home.

Those with any money left had the chance to join an excellent barbecue in the evening, to which gladly mosquitos and gnats had not been invited. Overall it was an outstanding social and financial success blessed, unusually, by some outstanding weather. It was good to see strong support from Whilton, illustrating just how important our village community continues to be in the life of the school.

Richard Bunce
July 2001

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MAY

1st Prize	048	N Young	£40
2nd Prize	190	B Williams	£20
3rd Prize	110	G Tilston	£10

JUNE

1st Prize	131	P Webster	£40
2nd Prize	054	R Fuller	£20
3rd Prize	013	J Bowers	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

IN BRIEF.....

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE *Just a reminder that the library van calls in the village every other Tuesday at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough. Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained, why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The AUGUST dates will be 14TH & 28TH and SEPTEMBER dates will be 11TH, and 25TH.*

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS *See Parish Notes and forward your ideas to Keith Hiscock (Clerk to the Parish Council)*

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

At the June Meeting we were very pleased to welcome two junior visitors, Alex and Chris Wheeler. It was confirmed that the village is to receive £200 for the purchase of bulbs and £200 for trees. The Chairman and Secretary are to visit selected nurseries for availability and costings.

The programme for 2002 is progressing well with most speakers booked.

Members have enjoyed the Spring visit to Barnsdale which has been greatly improved since our previous visit two years ago.

Arrangements were made for the visit to the organic gardens at Ryton-on-Dunsmore on 7th July (I have been informed that this too was very enjoyable).

It was agreed to have a members' plant exchange at future meetings.

The evening continued with an excellent talk by Mr Maurice Billingham on the large variety of Clematis available.

Janet Bowers

Brington and Whilton Pre-School

We have had a very busy term, during which we have been looking at Opposites, in the form of Up and Down, In and Out, Big and Small. Light and Dark, Hot and Cold. We have had great fun painting our feet, making collages, measuring ourselves, playing with ice and going for walks around the village.

We would like to thank Brington School for the enjoyable time we had in joining with Class 1 on Friday mornings, all the children settled well and enjoyed playing with the older children. We also thank the school for inviting us to join with them on their 150 years Birthday Celebration. We organised the face painting and nail art and would like to thank Jenny Ponder for her hard work painting faces and Susannah Bass for painting nails for us all afternoon, we could not have done it without their help.

We are holding a Sponsored Bike Ride in the School playground on Saturday 7 July 2001. The children will be sponsored to complete 10 - 15 laps of the playground.

We have all had an enjoyable year and some of our children will be leaving to go to school in September and we wish them well. We shall have some places available in September and if anyone would like more information about Pre-School, please do not hesitate to contact me, Jenny Holman on 01604 770083.

WHILTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE

At our June meeting we were favoured with a talk under the formidable heading of "Wills and Enduring Powers of Attorney" given by Mr Paul Richards a partner of Messrs Wilson Browne, solicitors.

The talk was originally to have been given by Mr Colin McAra of the Northampton office of Wilson Browne but unfortunately he was unwell and Mr Richards so kindly deputised for his partner and travelled from Leicester to talk to us.

We were reminded as to the importance of making a Will so that one's wishes could be correctly and sympathetically carried out and thus avoiding unnecessary complications and perhaps delay. Also your first Will should not perhaps be the last as circumstances change and a review of a Will should be undertaken from time to time.

You should choose your Executors carefully and be persons preferably younger than yourself and who would efficiently and sympathetically execute your Will.

A preferred number of Executors is say not less than two and perhaps not more than four.

It is always a good thing to seek a solicitor's advice when drafting a Will.

A power of attorney is perhaps a little less well known but is a useful instrument particularly if you find yourself or indeed the possibility of not being able to administer your affairs be it ill-health or whatever. Once again professional advice is best sought for such an instrument to be put in place.

We thank Mr Richards for his presentation and giving up his time to talk to us.

DOROTHY SAWORD

Brington Primary School

News

Igniting Writing

The whole school has recently been involved in an initiative to improve creativity in our writing. The work took place over a period of 3 weeks, with a different book being used as a stimulus each week. The whole school worked together for the first session of each week, so that children could share ideas and experiences. This proved valuable, with children of mixed ages sharing their thoughts. The remaining sessions of the week were spent with children working in their own classrooms, following differing strands of work. At the end of each week, the children got back together to share the writing they had produced. Work was also displayed in the Hall and on the school website

at:

www.bringtonprimary.uk.org

We are thrilled with the results and hope you will enjoy reading these pieces.

It is a poor, lonely starfish who sleeps in rocks, curled up and scared to death. With its five feet it slides through the water, silently, with elegance. Its bumpy skin protects it from evil and predators. Its golden skin shines in the blisteringly hot sun.

Marcus Grant

Star, sleeping on the sand, waiting to be washed out to sea; slowly wakes and wriggles, jiggling towards the sea.

Kelly Knight

The starfish hangs on a rock, with one tentacle keeping it on. It wiggles and squirms, straining to stay on. The bright orange star is a crab, biting away, as it nibbles on what it likes best. It sleeps there, playing dead, keeping still for hours at a time in the clean salty water of the sea.

Abby Cox

One day there were three children, Annie who was the clever one, Juliet who was a bit bossy and last but not least Andrew who is very kind. One day they decided to go for a very long walk. While they were walking along the path they heard a noise coming from around the corner. They looked around the corner and saw a BIG! Building and when I say big I mean BIG! Not tiny, not medium, BIG! Kimberley Wright, Lucy Henderson and Christopher Smith

Dear Diary,

Today I am leaving for China to look for my beautiful Giant Panda. It had been stolen by two scallywags. I didn't stop crying until Daddy said he would buy me a monkey. On the way I bumped into a man with a large cage, inside were huge sacks containing huge creatures that were wriggling. When we arrived it was as hot as chilli.

Abigail James

Tattybogle is a beautiful, golden, deserted beach. The sand is like golden grain and the water is a gorgeous gem, twinkling on someone's finger. The wave swoops up as if a bird. It whistles up and the golden grain and whistles back and forth. On a bad day, the waves are like vicious bears growling, roaring and ruining everything in sight. It is never night in Tattybogle; it's always sunny and when you go swimming, if you pass a fish, it will say "Hello!" and you might be able to have a chat.

Juliet Bunce

It was a beautiful spring morning. Blue skies were clear and there was not a cloud in sight. The Tsar's palace was glimmering in the scorching sunlight. The birds were singing a merry tune in the tremendous oak trees which stood grandly in the glorious gardens around the palace.

"Boys, now come here, I want to tell you something," called the Tsar to his three handsome sons. "As you know I am getting old and will not be around for ever, so I need to choose one of you to be Tsar after I'm gone. I have decided that all of you are to find a wife and the one with the cleverest wife will become Tsar," declared the Tsar.

So off they went in search of a suitable wife. The eldest, Albert, was first to find his bride, a tailor's daughter, who he immediately fell in love with. The second son, George meanwhile had spotted a schoolteacher sending her class off home. Although she did not have the looks of Albert's wife she had a kind, clever face. Marco, the youngest, in the meantime, was finding it hard to find anyone who wanted to marry him.

Hannah James

If you want to read the rest of this, or any other story, don't forget to visit our website at: www.bringtonprimary.uk.org

On Friday we decided we wanted a giant and huge space ship to fly to the moon on full power. It was hard and tiring work to make the space ship. Then all of the bits of the spaceship was finished but one thing was missing we had forgotten to put the wings on. We had found some huge and shiny metal wings. Then it was time to blast off on full power.

Daniel Parsons

I was gently bobbing along with my team on camels, looking for a village. All I could see was my team and miles and miles and miles of sand plains. I took my hat off because it was baking. I saw a camel in the distance next to the sun rise. The blowing sand got in my eyes. The day was a reasonable day, because there was not a cloud in the sky.

Charles Hill

Once there was a little girl and she was bored. Then she had an idea she made a space rocket she made it out of wood and shiny metal soon it was ready. She got in it and blasted off. Soon she landed on the moon. It was bumpy.

Katherine Henderson

A long time ago there were two little children called Tis and Liz who wanted to see the moon. They got out a giant teacup and saucer with a spoon on the back. A engineer sat in and a captain sat in the front

Elizabeth Ward

My name is Marcus Oreleas. I am a Roman soldier, we are in Africa. My story starts while me and my men were on a patrol.

Me and my men wandered through the desert, a harsh, barren world met us. Barely any water, towering sand dunes and corpses from frequent skirmishes between native Africans and Romans, but now peace has come, but I doubt it will last. There are flags in the ground claiming a victory for Africans and Romans.

As the sun glinted down on dead people's armour and swords I looked down at someone's shield. I saw my own black, bald face staring back, the reflection had impetuosity in its eyes. I wanted some action and our patrol was nearly over.

As I stared into the face I jumped as a groaning came from under the shield. The shield moved and my eyes met a ghastly sight. A cut, scowled face stared back, his ear had come off and he had a grazed eye. Suddenly the person moaned,

"You want dagger, n...n...not me, Casa stole knife."

"What?" I asked.

"Please kill...me, put me out...of pain. I die now. Just kill...me!"

"If you wish."

He rolled over; I drew my sword, put it against his throat and forced my sword into him. He started to dribble blood out of his mouth, then I realised that my men were watching me. "Carry on, men!" I ordered.

Tom Ward

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

Although the weather was not very kind to us, the Garden Party was a great success. With stalls selling plants and cakes, the gamble of the Bottle Tombola and the skills needed on various games, there was enjoyment for all.

The artistic talents of Jenny and Samantha in the Face Painting was outstanding with children and adults sporting all manner of designs.

The Fund Raising / Social Committee of St Andrews extend their sincere thanks to Ian and Elizabeth and Richard and Hilary for allowing the event in their gardens and to **EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED** the Party to make it such an enjoyable occasion.

The total amount raised was £521 plus £30 received in coppers towards the Copper Mile.

AWARD AWARD AWARD

ST ANDREW'S HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT OF £500 FROM THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST TOWARDS THE COST OF INSTALLING WATER AND SERVICES TO THE CHURCH.

THIS GRANT COMES FROM MONIES RAISED FROM THE SPONSORED CYCLE / WALK EVENT HELD IN SEPTEMBER LAST WHICH RAISED APPROXIMATELY £25,000 RESULTING IN 15 CHURCHES RECEIVING GRANTS THIS YEAR.

WHY NOT HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE TRUST BY TAKING PART THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, CYCLING OR WALKING BETWEEN SELECTED CHURCHES. DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM JANET BOWERS AND ANY SPONSORSHIP MONEY YOU RAISE IS DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TRUST AND ST ANDREW'S.

CHRISTIAN AID

The door-to-door collection in May raised £170.73. Well done and thank you from the collectors. Janet, Anthea and Jenny.

Janet Bowers

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

AUGUST 2001

5TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HARLESTONE
12TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
19TH	11.00 AM 6.00 PM	FAMILY SERVICE BENEFICE EVENSONG
26TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 2001

2ND	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT BRINGTON
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The quote marks for Women's have been inserted because we have had some input from men this month.

On the lovely summer's evening of 4th July, the Whilton WI had their annual dinner at Peggotty's, Fosters Booth, friends and husbands were invited so our merry party included three men. The food was excellent and the company relaxed and happy; a good time was had by all.

The speaker / entertainer for our meeting on 11th July was Rosemary Leonard singing "Songs from the Shows" This was an "Open Meeting" and non-members could arrive at 8.00 pm, after our business session.

Much to our delight four husbands came to swell our numbers. We all enjoyed Rosemary's singing and John's accompaniment on the keyboard. Her choice of songs was excellent as were the interesting comments between. Some of the songs brought back memories for us and we had the opportunity of joining in some of the choruses.

This was an entertaining evening enjoyed by all.

Shirley Brown



WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



WE ARE ON THE MOVE

The felling of the Italian Black Poplars had been holding up progress with the Spinney Project. Quite unexpectedly events overtook any planning that may have taken place and Mr Tony Whatton, the tree surgeon, had found a market for the wood and Joan & Griff Davies granted permission to use part of the adjoining field for the work to be carried out. We are extremely grateful for this and thank them for their part in enabling our project to go forward.

As this article is being written, the remaining ten or so poplars around the electricity powerline are being felled and although a substantial amount of the work in clearing up the debris in the field has been carried out by volunteers, there is still some way to go.

Our plea for help on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July resulted in nine people coming forward on the first day and the second day saw a total seven persons attending at various times during the day. This was rather disappointing as it is a community project for the benefit of the whole parish.

It is imperative that the debris in the field be cleared to enable the fencing to be re-erected so that animals can be put in the field for grazing. There is a tremendous amount of work to do within the spinney clearing up the brushwood from the felling and it is hoped that there will be greater support over the ensuing weeks.

There will be working parties required in great numbers for the next few months to prepare areas for a replanting programme to be carried out in the autumn.

PLEASE WATCH VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

Derek Brown 842968

What do we do?

Fair Trading: Check on price indications, descriptions of goods, textile labelling, counterfeit goods and consumer credit

Product Safety: Try to ensure the safety of all consumer goods including toys and electrical equipment

Food: Monitor labelling, compositional standards, and nutritional claims

Road Traffic: Take action against overloaded vehicles

Petroleum & Explosives: Licensing, registration and inspection of safe storage

(not Northamptonshire)

Animal Health & Welfare: Enforce the law dealing with movement licensing, welfare, and the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases including rabies

Weights & Calibration: Ensure the accuracy of weighing and measuring equipment in use for trade and provide a calibration service to industry traceable to national standards

Information & Advice: Provide help to consumers and traders about their rights and responsibilities under trading laws

Product Recalls

MARKS AND SPENCERS AROMATHERAPY STEAM FACIAL SAUNA £20 on sale since Oct 2000 - white base, turquoise on/off switch, turquoise facial mask code model no. FS-350, T20 7664/2001 2303765 (on box) return to Marks and Spencers.

Tesco 6 SILVER METAL TEALIGHT HOLDERS sold as part of Tesco 6 luxury crackers (silver/purple design) return to Tesco or phone Freephone 0800 505555.

RAPESCO MASTER NAILER 180EL purchased between 07/99 - 03/01 at B&Q, Great Mills, Homebase or Screwfix Direct. Call freephone helpline on 0800 0352744 weekdays 9am-9pm.

BLACK & DECKER CORDLESS LAWNMOWER CHARGER. The chargers supplied with the following lawnmowers are recalled:

GRC730 - Rotary Lawnmower / GFC2438 - 4x4 Lawnmower

GRC750 - Rotary Lawnmower / GFC1234 - 4x4 Lawnmower

GRC450 - Rotary Lawnmower / GRC1238 - 4x4 Lawnmower

Contact freephone customer service line on 0800 444 282 for replacement charger.

BLACK & DECKER WALLPAPER STRIPPER model number KX3300 codes:

19994752 20000152 20000452 20000752

19994852 20000252 20000552 20000852

19994952 20000352 20000652 20000952

Contact freephone 0800 444 245

KOLVIN UNIVERSAL NI-CD BATTERY CHARGER - model KB-8A-7 sold by Poundland with a 2-pin plug instead of a 3-pin plug. Return to retailer or call 0800 731 5622.

IBM AC POWER ADAPTERS supplied with Aptiva and Net Vista PC speakers between July 1998 to March 2001. The affected adapters have the part number A40910B and model numbers 10K2588 or 20L2172 Contact IBM on 01475 555055 or visit web at ibm.com/UK/pc/latest

MARQUIS DE LA TOUR FRENCH SPARKLING WINES: Marquis de la Tour Brut; Marquis de la Cour Brut; Marquis de la Tour Demi-sec; Marquis de la Cour Demi-sec; Marquis de la Tour Chardonnay; Marquis de la Cour Chardonnay; Marquis de la Tour Rose. Return to one of these retailers: Threshers, Victoria Wine, Haddows, Drinks Cabin, Bottoms Up, Wine Rack, Hutton's, Home Run.

SEWING MACHINE FOOT CONTROLS - on the following models purchased after 01/07/00:

JANOME 106 - 110 - 1722 - 1780 - 1822 - JF1004 - JF1012B - JF1014 - JF1018S - JS1004R - RX18S - INDIGO 20 - 743J

HUSKYSTAR 207 - 215; ELNA 1010

Call the freephone helpline on 0808 180 9898 with details of the serial number of your sewing machine for advice on obtaining a replacement foot control.

DREAMLAND ELECTRIC BLANKETS/DUVETS - 9 HEAT SETTINGS CONTROLLERS purchased since 1998. The only controllers affected have the following model numbers: EC20; EC40; EC60; EC30; EC50; EC70 with batch codes which end in 8 or 9 and have the following codes: 198 through to 528 inclusive and 019 through to 409 inclusive. Contact the Dreamland customer helpline on 08000 922 365 to obtain details of how to obtain a replacement controller.

How to Contact us:

LEICESTERSHIRE

If you have problems with something you've bought or are a trader with a business enquiry, then the Duty Officer is available to deal with enquiries from:

8.30am - 4.30pm Mon-Thurs

8.30am - 4.00pm Friday

(after hours answering service)

The above hours are extended by half an hour for personal callers to County Hall.

Telephone *Leicester* (0116) 2657979

(minicom available)

Calls to this number maybe recorded for accuracy of information

Fax (0116) 2657353

e-mail trading-standards@leics.gov.uk

Website www.leics.gov.uk

Personal callers or letters to:

Trading Standards Service,

Regulatory Services Department,

County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RN

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

We are pleased to accept your queries at our Advice and Information Service, which is available

8.30am - 5pm Mon-Thurs

8.30am - 4.30pm Friday

(with after hours answering service)

Telephone (01604) 707909

Minicom No. (01604) 707900

Fax (01604) 707901

e-mail tradestd@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Website www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/northants/

Personal callers or letters to:

Trading Standards Service

Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 0GB

Free car parking is available at both authorities

Signing service for the deaf is also available by appointment.

This information is available in large print format.

For more information telephone (0116) 2657367



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Summary of Events

Mon	6th	Aug	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association in Village Hall
Weds	8th	Aug	6.00 pm	WI Walk from village green
Tues	14th	Aug	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	28th	Aug	9.10 am	Library van in village
Mon	3rd	Sept	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Sat	8th	Sept		Sponsored Cycle ride / walk
Tues	11th	Sept	9.10 am	Library van in village
Weds	12th	Sept	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall - "DNA & Finger Printing"

Fri day 21st Sept

Newsletter Deadline Please hand in your contributions by this date otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition.

Tues	25th	Sept	9.10 am	Library van in village
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It would be most helpful to the Editors if regular contributors to the newsletter would consider submitting their article, if preparing on a PC, via a disk (saved to floppy disk A/drive) or by email (saraspicer@lineone.net). For those who do not have this facility please produce articles as they have done in the past.

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