

PARISH MATTERS!

The Parish Council met on the 7th July together with four members of the public.

Replies were awaited on a number of matters raised in May but arrangements were in hand to repair the two stiles across the path to Long Buckby. BT was also seeing to the bad surround to their manhole in Manor Lane.

Highways

Highway matters had been somewhat complicated by the clerk recording at the last meeting and then asking them for Slow markings on the bend of Gypsy Spinney only to find them already there after he had sent the letter. Perhaps telepathy works! Problems with water at Lower Farm House are still waiting resolution. Two new concerns were raised in relation to them: The stream from the corner field on the Z bend at the bottom of the village has returned and some water has emerged on the hill down to the Mill making driving hazardous at times. The clerk had not seen this and as water comes and goes it would be helpful if people either speak to him when they see it or ring Highways emergency line Clarence 0800 232323 to report it. Highways can trace and deal with it much more easily if they can see it.

Planning

Planning issues included receipt of the DDC permission for the extension at 8 Langton Rise and information from Cllr. Amos. The two building proposals for the new houses around Norton as well as the Long Buckby Station scheme were temporarily on hold as the outcome of the recent government expansion plans for the Milton Keynes area were considered. It is possible that Daventry will need to expand even further as a result of this. The Clerk reported a 'Stop It' Campaign had already been launched to resist the Milton Keynes Plan and its literature received. A decision not to join this was made.

The Green and an Orchard?

More local planning was revisited in relation to the Parish Council wish to register the village green, at present part of the Highways Department verge. Beryl Williams researching evidence for this had discovered detailed earlier correspondence from the 1980's early 90's which indicated advice had been given and a decision made not to register the green but to rely on the part 1X of the Highways Act 1980 being operated by the County Council for its protection. After a full debate it was agreed to ask the clerk to ascertain the County Council the current legal protections and to explore an idea of a Licence from Highways suggested but not proceeded with during these earlier negotiations. Meanwhile he was asked to proceed with the process for the proposed creation of the new street name The Green for that area of Main Street about which those affected had been consulted last year. The new issue of a Community Orchard on the remaining unlet half allotment was discussed. This is leasehold land from DDC on a 10 year lease. The clerk was asked to get further information about this from NALC and other sources so that a fuller discussion with allotment holders, village groups, and the Council could be held.

Finance

Financially the Council reviewed the Accounts approved in May now on the Official Audit Commission form and made its Annual Statement of Assurance. Subject to any comment of the NALC appointed Internal Auditor these would be dispatched to the Auditor for the 31st July deadline. Regular payments were agreed including the annual premium for the maintenance of the village clock with Smith's of Derby for £179.78. They had recently had to be called out to put it right.

Other Business

Two areas for follow up were raised: an estimate for the repair of the stone wall at the bottom of the village, where the path to the Spinney begins, and reminding the Althorp Estate that their undertaking to have the hedge in the narrow road area cut each year by the tenant of Moor Farm had again been overlooked last year. Two new areas were also requested for exploration by the clerk: the future of the old wall door space at Church Farm, and the possibility of a lorry access limit, except for access for the village. A number of large lorries have been observed recently passing through the village damaging banks and posing a risk to parked cars.

You, Your Council, and the Year ahead

There always seems more than enough to keep your clerk out of mischief as you see. It is an encouragement to the Council to see more of the public there at meetings and to have issues raised or discussed with them. There is a large question mark over whether the exhortations from government to move towards Quality Councils, as one of the increasing deluge of information/instruction from all other levels of government urges them, can be realistically positively responded to. It would however be helpful for members to hear from you about your views for improvements and responses to government initiatives that affect the quality of life in Whilton as we prepare the plans and precept for next year in September.

Please note our next meeting is at 8pm on Monday 15th September. Councillors will walk the Parish starting at the Locks from 7.30 on 1st September to consider any improvements for the coming year.

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WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The June Meeting of the WGA was well attended and a very interesting talk was given by John Beckwith of Duston. We all came away with new ideas for our own gardens.

The August Meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 4th August 2003 the subject will be Orchids and the Speaker, Mr Larkin.

Please join us for this interesting talk.



KEEP WHILTON TIDY

**Thursday 28th August
10am @ The Village Green**

**Tabards & gloves available
to litter pickers**

**Refreshments available after
at
The Village Hall**

**All small children must be
accompanied by an adult**

Badges for all collectors



VILLAGES AT A GLANCE

NORTHAMPTON ARCHITECT'S VISION

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Mark Rizk of Hulme Upright Manning, project architect for the Northampton Village, recently discussed plans for the Duston-based development which starts work in January 2004 for completion by Autumn 2005.



Mark Rizk

"We learned a considerable amount about residents' wishes from the development of Berryhill and Ryfields Villages and have incorporated this experience into the new Northampton scheme," says Mark.

The Village offers self-contained one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments and bungalows with their own kitchens, living rooms and shower rooms, but Mark says that the Northampton properties, like St Helens, are larger than before, with some incorporating their own study areas and large, open plan kitchen-dining rooms.

"We are also including balconies to some apartments, and a number of these enjoy extensive views over the woodland and fields of the Northamptonshire countryside.

Mark says that the majority of the apartments will have their own front doors opening from stylish indoor streets, whilst twenty of the apartments will be incorporated into the more private bungalow courtyards. These properties offer a more independent lifestyle, but residents can still enjoy all of the village centre facilities.

Externally, Mark describes North

and South courtyards and gardens with grassed areas. He says the outer parts of the site will retain many of the existing hedgerows, trees and woodland.

Commenting on the Village Centre he adds, "Our proposal will create large internal spaces filled with light, colour and interest. The three-storey main village street will have a continuous glass roof from which light can flood down onto balconies, overlooking a variety of trees and shrubs. Like the outside of the Village, the main street will incorporate orange-red brickwork with contrasting buff masonry in a local Northampton style and will be lined with activity centres, shop, café and bar - a lively, social area." (See page 11 - 'What's in a Village?')

Mark concludes: "The site is in a wonderful location with magnificent views and the Village will integrate well into the St. Crispin redevelopment. I feel sure that the incoming residents will really enjoy their new homes and new lifestyle."

The above is an extract from "EXTRALIFE" – The magazine for friends of ExtraCare

There is an ageing population so village life with very limited amenities does become a problem. The above article introduces a new slant to village life which may be the answer to the needs of the elderly who do not wish to live in an urban area with all the attendant worries.

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Friday morning July 4th and three judges toured the village, church, churchyard and spinney to assess our community participation. The results will not be known for some weeks.

The judges seemed impressed with the village but as we were one of the first to be visited, one cannot make a hopeful judgement yet.

The Best Hanging Basket/ Tub, Window Box, judged by George Stringer (who also came last year) was won by Jean Davies at Langton Rise and runners up were Anthea Bartram (Cherry House) and Ian Wood (Woodview)

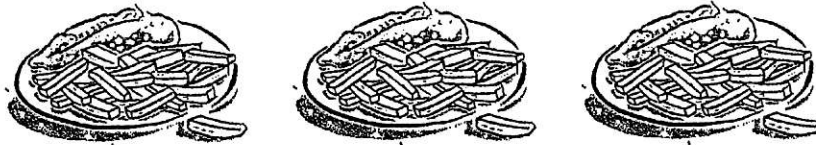
The prizes – garden vouchers, will be presented at the next Garden Association Meeting on Monday, 4th August – 7.30 pm in the village hall.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Treasure Hunt & Fish & Chip Supper – 21st June

At one stage, due to lack of interest, it was thought that the event would not take place. However it was pleasing that there was a sudden last minute response and the numbers were sufficient for this event to be staged. There were 15 treasure hunters (adults and children) who left the village hall complete with their question sheets and although it must be said there was a fair amount of trading of answers, everyone completed the course. The adult winner was Anthea Hiscock and the young persons' section was won by a team comprising of Alison Kane, her friend Harriet & Luke Hawkins. Everyone taking part thoroughly enjoyed the competition and at the same time, learned facts about the village that previously they did not know. Our thanks go to Barbara Lewis & Mike Lewis (Chairman) for setting the questions.

The 15, on return to the village hall, sat down to a well-earned fish and chip supper together with 8 others who could not take part in the treasure hunt.



Our next social event, if we can get the support, is a **FUN CRICKET MATCH** to be held in Wadd Close field by kind permission of Gordon Emery. Our idea is to have four teams, two mixed adults and the others mixed children e.g. top of the village versus bottom of the village. The two matches to take place on a Saturday afternoon in September, followed by light refreshments in the village hall. Whether you are a cricketer or not it's bound to be great fun so please complete the flyer enclosed with this issue if you are in anyway interested.



Whilton Village Hall Management Committee

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MAY 2003

1 st Prize	059	P Clarke	£40
2 nd Prize	017	D Day	£20
3 rd Prize	042	A Hiscock	£10

JUNE 2003

1 st Prize	031	A Bartram	£40
2 nd Prize	149	R Sallet	£20
3 rd Prize	095	T Treacy	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have received no information about the progress of investigations into the incident at South View reported in the last letter.

The main matter to bear in mind is that there has been a spate of thefts from outbuildings and sheds in Brington. Make sure your garden equipment is well secured.

As previously reported the Tarmac Cowboy operators are once again active in the area.

PC George Dickinson your local community policeman attended a recent meeting of the WI to talk about Neighbourhood Watch and members found it sufficiently interesting to invite him to return. Next time he will talk about possible scenarios and how the public should react. The last meeting was an open one and I hope the next one will be also.

Philip Waights.
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.



USED STAMPS

By the time you receive this newsletter, two contributions will have been taken to Danetre Hospital. The first was boosted by a surprise gift of a carrier bag left in the porch.

Many thanks to all who take the trouble to save their stamps





July 2003



From Rev'd Chris Goble

Recently I was leading assemblies in schools and I asked a simple question "What is the hardest thing you have ever had to face?" The answers were varied. Teachers, science, bullies, brothers/sisters, homework, parents all found their place in the answers that the pupils gave me. It's a question that we all could ask ourselves, and I wonder if the relationships with parents, siblings (and children and spouses) would come into our answer. Relationships can cause the greatest stress to our lives, but can also be the most wonderful thing in our lives. There was once a time when Sharon even described the shape of my nose as being annoying - as if it were my decision -I'm not a film star! And yet relationships can be very complex and no two relationships are the same. The same is true with our relationship with God. In the Church there are no two people who have the same relationship with God, and that is why being part of the church is so central to faith, so that people can learn from other people's relationship with God, and share something of their relationship with God.

Whatever relationships we have in our life, we can be assured of our relationship with God, and we must work at all our relationships, and acknowledge that we are not alone in this world, for "no man is an island".

I work from Brington Rectory, 01604 774042 or E-Mail chris@rectory.freeseve.co.uk

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL & VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 28th June was a lovely sunny day. With nine gardens to view, church flower arrangements illustrating seventeen nursery rhymes, stalls on the green, a scarecrow trail and teas on the terrace of Little Rectory all made the day a happy and successful one. St Andrew's Social and Fund-Raising Committee extend sincere thanks to all who supported the event. A special thank you to Fiona and Alan for hosting the teas, the villagers who opened their gardens, the flower arrangers, stallholders, in fact EVERYONE who helped in ANY WAY to make the afternoon successful.

The profit made was £930.11 to be divided thus: £274.94 to the Water / Drainage project and £655.17 to the General Fund of St Andrew's Church.

The day closed with a Thanksgiving Service of readings and poems and hymns relating to childhood, carrying on the theme of the nursery rhymes. Revd. Chris Goble gave a lively and interesting talk aided by Maximus the church mouse.

The Scarecrow Trail organised by Linda Treacy was won by best scarecrow Harry Potter created by the Wheeler family and the judge was Revd. Chris Goble.

Sunday, September 14th 2003 at 2.30 pm

A very special service will be held - A PET BLESSING .

Do bring your pet to this open air (weather permitting) Service to be held in the churchyard (in church if wet) to receive it's own blessing as one of God's creatures.

Dogs on leads, cats and other small animals or birds in baskets and cages please.

BOOK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES SO AS NOT TO MISS THIS SERVICE



Janet Bowers

***SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON
AUGUST 2003***

3RD	10.00 AM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>HARLESTONE</u>
10TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
17TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
24TH	6.00 PM	COMPLINE
31ST	11.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST + NORTON

SEPTEMBER 2003

7TH	10.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>HARLESTONE</u> (Only service in the Benefice)
14TH	10.00 AM 2.30 PM	BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST - <u>EAST HADDON</u> BENEFICE PET BLESSING SERVICE
21ST	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST (WITH NORTON)
28TH	9.15 AM	HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE



FLOODLIGHTS



This facility is available for all celebrations or to remember a loved one or if you would just like to see the church floodlit. At a small cost the church can be floodlit for the evening making any occasion very special for you. - Contact Janet Bowers on 842851

WHILTON WI MEETING WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2003

The main items from the business meeting were:

1. We have received acknowledgement for the £100 donation sent for the water project in a village in India
2. The possibility of lending an item of craftwork to the County Exhibition celebrating it's 85 years
3. The distribution of membership questionnaires
4. The final arrangements for the dinner at Peggottys replacing the July Meeting.
5. Janet was thanked for the weeding and planting of the WI flowerbed by the church wall originally created in memory of a founder member
6. The 2004 programme of speakers is to be organised by Jenny with help from Janet if needed.
7. A summer litter pick is being organised for Thursday 28th August 2003 meeting at the green at 10.00am, refreshments in the village hall afterwards. Do come and help keep Whilton litter free.

The business meeting closed at 8.00pm when were joined by three visitors. It would be encouraging if more people came to the meetings of special interest which are organised. They can be very informative to all about special issues.

Our speaker was PC George Dickinson, our local Community Officer and his subject Neighbourhood Watch and crime. The area he covers is from Stanford-on-Avon in the north down to Weedon in the south; in all fourteen villages. Some of these are large like Long Buckby , Weedon and Crick and his area also includes the DIRFT Complex. PC Dickinson has been awarded a trophy for his dedication and support to Neighbourhood Watch which is a growing scheme. The percentage of households participating varies from village to village (Whilton like Winwick is 100%), assistance from the public helps in solving 95% of the crime and we were told that on seeing a crime actually being committed dial 999. If suspicious behaviour is observed to contact our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Philip Waights on 842431 but if he is not available ring 01604 700700 and ask for Daventry Control.

PC Dickinson's talk covered burglary, distraction burglary and the doorstep sellers and reinforced the fact that no one should buy from unauthorised sellers at the door. The Tarmacadam contractors and security alarm firms are two where you should act with caution. Pedlars, who mostly come from Nottinghamshire, to comply with the law, should produce a Pedlar's Certificate issued by Nottinghamshire Police Force. We were advised not to leave car keys, purses or money lying around the kitchen or hall, particularly at night, but to take them to your bedroom.

PC Dickinson has a series of training scenarios and we are planning a meeting next year and inviting him back to give a presentation where members and visitors can take part. The date and time of this meeting will be made available later.

Janet Bowers

LIBRARY SERVICE: - THE COUNTY LIBRARY VAN CALLS IN THE VILLAGE EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM. THE AUGUST DATES ARE 12TH AND 26TH AND THE SEPTEMBER DATES ARE 9TH & 23RD ..

WHILTON WI

The July Meeting of Whilton Womens Institute took the form of a summer dinner party at Peggottys on the A5.

Eleven members and five husbands all enjoyed a very good meal in perfect summer weather.



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



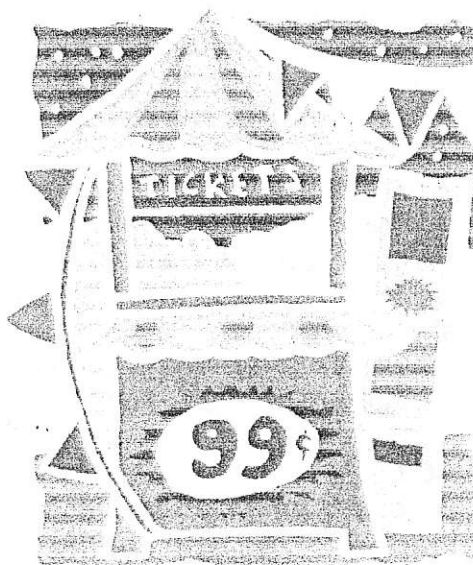
THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE WORK IN THE SPINNEY OF RECENT WEEKS OTHER THAN STRIMMING WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE PATHWAYS CLEAR. IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL WORKING PARTY DAY UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. PLEASE WATCH THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD AND ALSO THE ONE IN THE SPINNEY.

THE SEATING IN THE PICNIC AREA HAS INCREASED BY TWO FURTHER BENCH SEATS THANKS TO DEREK COATES.

BELOW ARE THE RAFFLE PRIZEWINNERS FROM WHILTON GARDEN FESTIVAL 2003

WHILTON RAFFLE WINNERS

GLASSES	49	WALTON FAMILY
RED WINE	117	SARAH BENNETT
	94	CAROL DAWSON
	157	KEITH HISCOCK
WIMBLEDON BAG	102	RITA KANE
JAGUAR GOODIES	59	MADALEINEBATTERSON
SMELLIES	20	FRANCES DRAKE
	158	KEITH HISCOCK
WHITE WINE	35	MATTHEW BATTERSON
	34	SUE LYE
	75	LIZ CHURCH
	168	BOB C/O IAN
DAIRY BOX	109	MARY KANE
BELGIAN CHOCS	72	LIZ CHURCH
MOMENTS	92	CAROL DAWSON
PERFUMES	65	M HEELEY
CANDLES	23	TRUDY HAYNES
	43	CARL
MONTILLA	132	KERRY DAVIES
DINDARELLO	78	BARBARA MORRIS
TOY	162	SMITH FAMILY



Summary of Events

Mon	4th	Aug	7.30 pm	WGA Meeting in village hall. Orchids by Mr Larkin.
Tues	12th	Aug	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	26th	Aug	9.10 am	Library van in village
Thurs	28th	Aug	10.00 am	Litter Pick from village green
Tues	9th	Sept	9.10 am	Library van in village
Wed	10th	Sept	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in village hall. Scott of Antarctica by Gary Schaeffer
Sun	14 th	Sept	2.30 pm	Pet Blessing Service in St Andrew's Churchyard
Mon	15th	Sept	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	23rd	Sept	9.10 am	Library van in village

Mon 22nd Sept Newsletter Deadline - Please hand in your contributions by this date, at the very latest, preferably well before or otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition.

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children. Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, recipés, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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