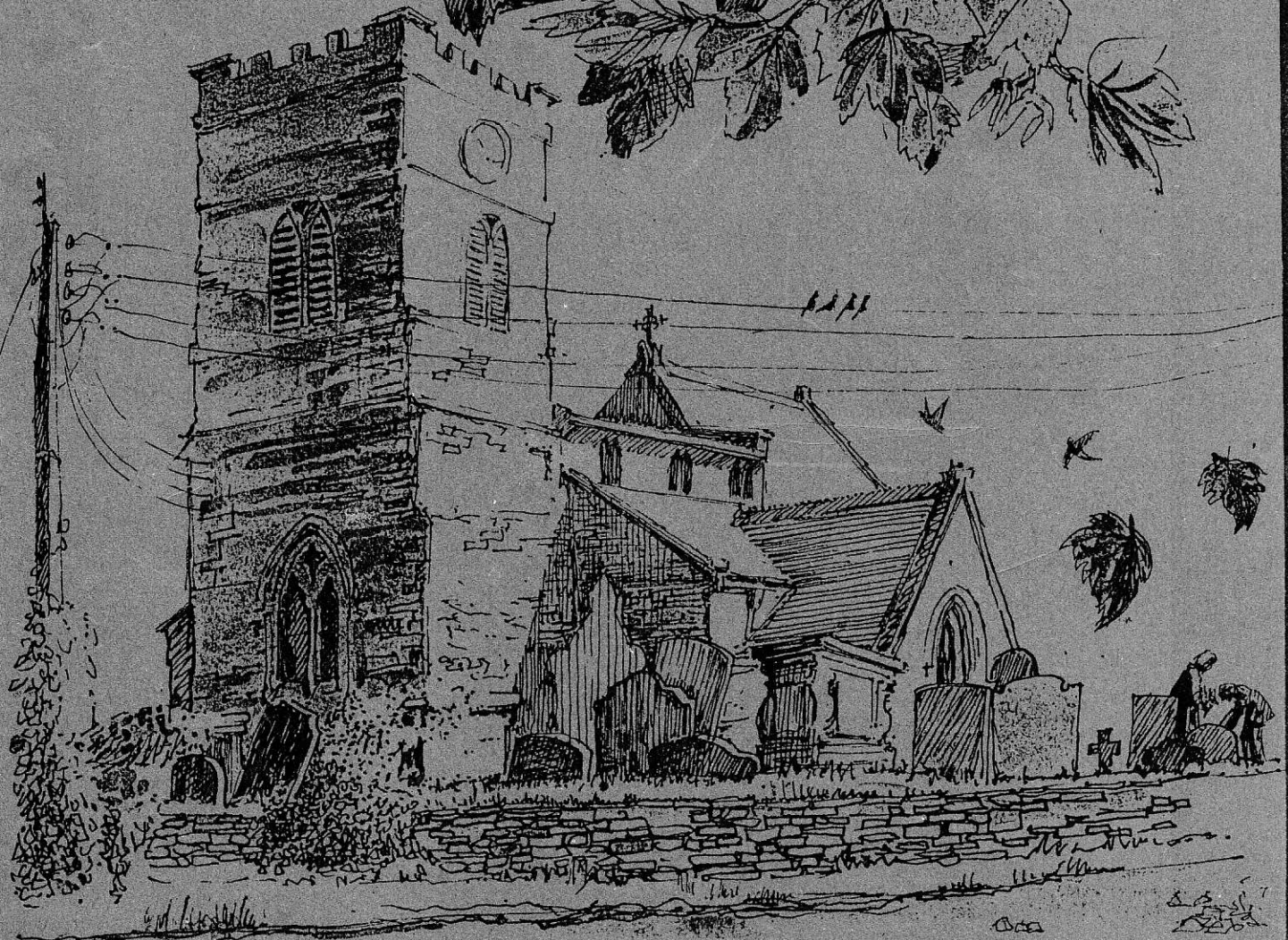


WHILTON NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1992



Ed's Notes

1.
Christmas is coming etc. - hasn't it come round quickly, it seems like only 3 months since last year's Christmas celebrations!

You may be surprised to discover that this issue of the Newsletter marks 5 years of publications. At 6 Newsletters per year this issue must be number 31. Will it continue? Please do your bit and tell us your views - fill in and return the questionnaire on page 5 of this issue, it won't take long!

We wish all our readers, whether young or older a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

A peaceful New Year, this is something to so many people in troubled parts of the world which would be the greatest gift of all. We are so fortunate to live in such a pleasant part of the world, despite our ailing economy!!

Ed's

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Church Services

The Parochial Church Council has met to consider the provision of services now that Fr. Norman has retired and we have no Rector. The pattern of services will change slightly, though the times will remain much as before.

It is hoped to retain the Benefice Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month, at Brington, Whilton and Norton in turn. This is at 10.00am and it is Whilton's turn in December. On the second and fourth Sundays (and fifth when there is one) the service will normally be Evensong, at 6.00pm, and this will be conducted by a Lay Reader. On the third Sunday the service will be a Sung Eucharist, also at 6.00pm. There will not be a service at Whilton on November 29th as there is a Deanery Advent Carol Service at Daventry, 6.00pm.

The services for December and January, then, should be as follows:

The following are all Sundays except Christmas Day -

Dec. 6th,	10.00am	- Benefice Eucharist (Revd. A. Wintersgill)
Dec. 13th	6.00pm	- Evensong - (Reader)
Dec. 20th	6.00pm	- Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.30am	- Sung Eucharist (Revd. A. Wintersgill)
Dec. 27th	6.00pm	- Evensong - (Reader)
Jan. 3rd	10.00am	- Benefice Eucharist NORTON
Jan. 10th	6.00pm	- Evensong - (Reader)
Jan. 17th	6.00pm	- Sung Eucharist
Jan. 24th	6.00pm	- Evensong - (Reader)
Jan. 31st	6.00pm	- Evensong - (Reader)

Harold Haynes

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as no interest -

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I had thought that the notes in the previous issue were my last. Of course, at that time I did not know that there was going to be the happy social evening in the Village Hall when, as a result of subscriptions from Village folk, I would be presented with a most generous cheque, and Betty with much valued garden centre tokens. Thus it is that I do write again to express our sincere thanks for these kind gifts, and especially for the affection that lies behind them.

We are truly grateful.

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Parish Appraisal

The Parish Appraisal Exhibition of "Work in Progress" was held on Saturday October 24th in the Village Hall.

Thirty one people attended. Members of the Committee had put in much time and thought to the staging of their work and were consequently very pleased by the favourable comments and congratulations from those who visited. Many people expressed surprise at the volume of material displayed and were fascinated by the range of photographs and documents. The Exhibition gave an opportunity to see the scope of the project and to estimate how much work remains to be done. We should be pleased to hear from anyone in the village who has knowledge of, or ideas on, how to make the best use of the wealth of visual material available to us.

Frances Drake, Co-ordinator

BIRDS - Village Appraisal -

I am hoping to make a survey of the bird population in Whilton, both past and present, and would be pleased to have the help of anyone interested. I suggest a list of birds visiting gardens and bird tables during the winter and a date given for any unusual visitor.

Information on the location of nests on houses and in other buildings would be welcome and any noted changes in bird numbers over the last decade. I hope some of our younger villagers will feel able to help.

Trudy Haynes

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WINDSCREENS

Has anyone else noticed an increase in the number of occasions that stones have hit their windscreens whilst driving on the road between Whilton and Northampton. I am aware of other people besides myself who have suffered and I am going to write a letter of complaint to the Highways Committee. I would be grateful if you would give me a call if it has happened to you, as this will help my case.

Angela Hall 842167

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Don't Forget the Questionnaire

Road Closures

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Whilton Locks - Railway Bridge

During the next 18 months, on specific days, the road in Whilton Locks near the Railway Bridge will be closed to traffic to enable work to be carried out on the Railway Bridge.

Alternative Route - as directed by the County Council is:

'The diversionary route for eastbound traffic is via the A5 Watling Street to Weedon, A45 to Flore, Little Brington Road (C33) and vice versa for westbound traffic.'

The dates which have been fixed so far are MONDAY 28th December and TUESDAY 29th December 1992.

There will no doubt be more days when the road is closed during 1993, please watch the noticeboards (Whilton and Whilton Locks) and whenever possible the dates will be published in the Newsletter.

Anne Heeley, Parish Council Clerk

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Appointment of Magistrates

An extract from a letter sent to the Parish Council:

The Lord-Lieutenant's Advisory Committee would welcome applications from suitable persons and in particular from candidates who are wage earners. This is not a precise expression but it includes those whose employment is of a semi-skilled or unskilled nature. The shopfloor worker is a good example and so are drivers, caretakers, shop assistants, clerical and typing staff and personnel such as postmen and employees of the nationalised industries. The Advisory Committee would particularly welcome applications from persons within these definitions but would be pleased to consider applications from any other persons interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace. The Committee however do not wish to consider candidates who are over 55 years of age unless they are outstandingly suitable for appointment.

When considering appointments to the benches, the Committee has to take account of the age range, sex, political composition and the professions of the existing magistrates and the applicants in order to secure a body of magistrates which is drawn from all sections of the community and which represents all shades of opinion. Consequently, persons who would otherwise be eminently suitable cannot always be appointed.

Applications should be made by the end of 1992, in the first instance write or telephone Mr. Claridge at The Office of the Clerk of the Lieutenancy, County Hall, Northampton, NN1 1DN (0604) 236806.

Anne Heeley (P.C. Clerk)

The Whilton Newsletter

4.

We'd like to know what you think

Do you want your Newsletter to continue?

Or are we wasting our time and efforts?

Not only is it 5 years since the Newsletter was launched but the Editors are the same people, (with the exception of one who had to leave us last year). Is it a good idea to have the same team for so long?

We produce and deliver 120 copies of every issue and having invited your thoughts and comments, in the October issue of the Newsletter, and at the time of going to print today - approximately six weeks later - we have had ONE COMMENT.

The burning questions are, do you enjoy your Newsletter, do you indeed read it?

Would you take a little time to answer the following questions, so that the Editors can gauge the opinion of you - the people who live in the Parish. After all if the Newsletter is not what you want, or indeed not wanted, then the Parish Council should not be asked to spend money on it - which is after all Parish money - paid for through your Community Charge.

It currently costs the Parish approximately 11p for every copy printed depending on the number of pages. These are printing costs only, no other expenses are claimed at the moment!

Should we merely deliver the Newsletter to those people who would like a copy? Is there anyone who would like a copy?

You do not need to put your name on this questionnaire, but it would be helpful to us if you do.

It is important that you respond, whatever your views.

None return of questionnaire will be assumed as no interest

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It will take only 5 minutes of your time.

Please see page 5 for the questionnaire and the collection points. THANK YOU

Questionnaire

5.

Please circle whichever is appropriate, or feel free to use your own words!

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| 1. Do you read the Newsletter | Always | Sometimes | Never |
| 2. Do you like the Newsletter | Yes | No | In parts |
| 3. Do you find it interesting | Yes | No | Sometimes |
| 4. <u>OR</u> Do you just light the fire with it! | Yes | No | |
| 5. Do you find the information useful | Yes | No | Sometimes |
| 6. Do you want it to survive | Yes | No | Don't care |
| 7. Could you contribute an article | Yes | No | If persuaded |
| 8. Would you be prepared to help with the production in some way | Yes | No | If persuaded |
| 9. Is the Summary of Events useful | Yes | No | |
| 10. If the only item published were the Summary of Events would that be better than nothing | Yes | No | |
| 11. For Presidents, Chairmen, Leaders, Users of local organisations. Do you find the free use of the Newsletter as an information/advertising service useful | Yes | No | |

12. AND the big question - How could the Newsletter be improved

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Please deliver the completed questionnaire to any of the following by Sunday 13th December 1992, sooner if possible - Thank you for your co-operation:

Anne Heeley, Springbank, Whilton
Jim Gardner, The Dove Close, Whilton
Harold/Trudy Haynes, The Old Plough, Whilton
The Chronicle & Echo delivery girl/boy, Whilton
Mike/Barbara Lewis, Whilton Locks
Freda Thomas, Whilton Lodge, (Stable Block) Whilton Locks

Or phone 843270 (Heeley) 842324 (Gardner) 842409 (Haynes)
and we'll collect your questionnaire.

Whilton Village Hall

7.

General - Since the last Newsletter the Halloween Party has taken place, attended by 29 children and 27 adults plus a large brown gorilla. The reaction of the children to the gorilla varied from wide-eyed wonder to patting and handshakes. As usual there was a wide variety of games for the children including the traditional "Fancy Dress Parade", "Apple Bobbing" and "Treacle Tasting". If the noise generated is a measure of success then the children certainly enjoyed themselves. It was a pleasure to see children of a wide range of ages enjoying a party together. Decorations of a high artistic standard were provided by Barbara Lewis and the work of provision of supper fell on Mary Kane and Anthea Hiscock, who were cheered for their efforts.

This format has been a success for several years and perhaps it is time for a change, but we hope to canvas the opinion of the young before next year's party. If anyone has any bright ideas, please let us know.

A main concern of the Committee has been to look at the new health and hygiene regulations and whilst it was concluded we did not have to register, it was felt we should inspect the premises to make sure they are up to standard. This inspection coincided with an inspection of the Play Group under new regulations affecting them. As a result the committee has decided to provide hot water in the toilets and to renew the floor covering. The Committee is also looking at the possibility of renewing the existing tables, which whilst they have done good service, are very heavy and awkward to handle, especially for ladies.

Thanks to money raised by the 200 Club, we shall be able to carry out this work without special fund raising efforts. Indeed, it is the 200 Club which keeps the Village Hall solvent.

Did you know you can Hire Crockery - a tea urn, chairs and in the future tables from the Village Hall for your special functions at home? We do of course make a modest charge, but it can be a very useful service.

Our next function is the ENGLISH PUB EVENING on 5th December. Not only is this an enjoyable evening in itself, but there is the excitement of the Annual 200 Club draw with prizes of £350, £200 and £100, plus the normal draw with prizes of £30 and £20. So make sure you get your tickets. A circular will come round in plenty of time with details.

The AGM - to which all residents are cordially invited, is to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th January 1993 in the Village Hall, at which the Committee will submit its report and accounts for the year and at which three resident representatives on the Committee are elected. The Committee also has the power to co-opt two other members and is always looking for people to serve and to help with the running of the hall. If you think you would like to serve on the Committee, please come along. We shall also open a bottle or two of wine and hold the first 200 Club Draw for 1993 with the new prizes referred to below.

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Don't Forget the Questionnaire
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Whilton Village Hall - 200 Club

8.

Congratulations to the winners of the last two draws:

9th October	194	Mr. P.R. Waights	£30
	060	Mr. & Mrs. Osborne	20
31st October	195	Mr. R. Barnes	30
	033	Mr. M. Clements	20

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Doubtless you are aware that Village Halls generally are fighting for survival and we would be in the same position but for FUND RAISING. The 200 Club has been a good earner for us and enabled urgent works to be carried out and there is an on-going plan to improve other areas for the benefit of all residents using the Village Hall.

To maintain the interest in the 200 Club certain changes will take place for 1993. This involves the redistribution of prize money and will increase the odds for all participating members. The prize allocation for 1993 will be as follows:

MONTHS	JANUARY to NOVEMBER	1st Prize	£40
		2nd Prize	25
		3rd Prize	20
MONTH OF	DECEMBER	1st Prize	£200
		2nd Prize	100
		3rd Prize	50

A monthly draw will take place (WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD) and this replaces the four weekly draw. The prize money set out above is subject to the 200 Club being fully subscribed. The terms and conditions otherwise unchanged.

Subscriptions annually £13, half-yearly £6.50 and quarterly £3.25 - this equates to 25p weekly. Annual and half-yearly payments help to keep administration to the minimum and your assistance here would be appreciated.

We thank you for your past support and hope this will continue with the very attractive redistribution of prize money.

Unless a specific social event has been arranged, the Committee meet supported by one or two other members of the Club. Alas, it is usually the same people on each occasion. Why not join us for an hour or so?? It is a very enjoyable social gathering assisted by a little light refreshment. We look forward to seeing you in 1993.

P.R. Waights

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CHRONICLE & ECHO - your local evening paper, delivered through your door (in Whilton village) for 26p per day.
Interested? Contact Lynn Heeley, Springbank (843270)

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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9.

Children who are five years old during the next school year are eligible to start school in September 1993.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old before August 31st 1994, and not already on the admission list, please contact the Headmaster, Mr.P.R.Bilsborough, Brington County Primary School, Little Brington, Northampton NN7 4HX Telephone Northampton 770286

At the commencement of the school year in September 1992 a new Governing body had to be elected for the next 4 years. The following people were duly elected or co-opted onto the school governing body ;

- Mr.I.Lowery - Chairman (Parent Governor)
- Mrs.J.Shaw - Vice Chairman (Parent Governor)
- Mr.S.Page (Local minor authority representative)
- Mrs.S.Matthews (Teacher representative)
- Mr.F.Holman (Local Education Authority nominee)
- Mr.J.Lawrence (Local Education Authority nominee)
- Mr.P.Bilsborough (Headmaster)
- Mr.J.Gardner (Community Governor)
- Mrs.S.Saunders (Community Governor)

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SCHOOL REPORT

School reopened in September with 62 children on roll including 12 reception children. These children attended school in the mornings until half term but are now "full time" and have settled in well.

Mrs Smith (Reception and Year 1 teacher) has been on a National Curriculum Music course and Mrs Matthews (Years 2, 3 & 4 teacher) has attended two meetings at the archaeology centre concerning History in the National Curriculum.

The new School Governors met on October 22nd and the next meeting will be on January 12th. Various sub-committees will be meeting before Christmas.

The Christmas play will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings December 14th and 15th. The school party will be on December 17th and the school term ends on 18th. School re-opens on January 6th.

Mrs S.A.Matthews.

Please note ;

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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10.

Parish Council meetings have been held on the 25th September and 3rd November and among items discussed were the following;

Highway Improvements - A number of letters had been written and received regarding suggested improvements throughout the parish. The following items had now been agreed to by the various highways departments; A traffic calming scheme for Whilton Locks, the movement of signs and the use of weed suppression at the A5 junction, new village signs combined with Please Drive Slowly signs, replacement of broken kerbs (as and when money is available)

Village Green - Confirmation had now been received that the village green is subject to protection under part IX "Lawful and Unlawful interference with the Highway and Streets" Highways Act 1980. As this basically gives the protection the parish council originally sought for this area the subject of registration as a village green would now be discussed at the next meeting.

Handrail at South View Steps - Daventry District Council have this in hand and are in the process of deciding who owns that particular piece of land.

Road Closure Whilton Locks - The road at the railway bridge is to be closed on 28th and 29th December and further closures are likely during the next 18 months! The clerk was asked to write to the relevant authority and ask if prior warning could be given to motorists by way of signs placed at Whilton Locks approx. 1 week before each closure.

Council Standing Orders - The parish council decided that a set of standing orders should be drawn up to regularise the conduct of business in future. The Chairman and Clerk were to draft these and present them to the Northants Association of Local Councils for vetting. They would then be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

Allotments - The Conditions of Tenure of the Allotments was brought up to date and an updated version would be supplied to all tenants.

The rent would remain unchanged for a further year at £12 per full plot.

1.5 plots would be vacant at the end of March 1993 and it was agreed to advertise these vacancies in the next newsletter.

Annual Precept - After some discussion it was finally decided to fix next years budget at the same level as this year. i.e. £2,070.

Planning Matters -

Building Plots at bottom of village - The clerk was asked to contact the District Planning department regarding the pegging out of these plots. A reply has since been received stating that they are quite happy with the pegging out and that in any case pegs in a field don't mean a thing.

Orchard adjoining Home Farm - This application had now been withdrawn. No reason was given.

Whilton Mill, karting - The clerk was asked to write to Daventry District planning department to clarify the position regarding land currently being used and also signs for this activity.

Bryant's old site Whilton Locks - An application had been received from Saxon Lifts for use of this site for; Erection of assembly building and use of site for design, assembly and manufacture of lifts, lift tables, loading bay equipment and automatic roll doors. After discussion it was decided that the parish council observations would be;

The site needs to be made use of but question whether this is a suitable use.

Concern was expressed regarding possible pollution of the adjacent canal.

Concern was expressed about noise pollution, this site being close to residential property.

As with all other applications in this particular area concern was expressed regarding increased traffic volume.

Despite the above the council has now been advised that permission has now been granted for the above use, albeit with conditions attached.

Jim Gardner.

FOR SALE

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The Gardner family have for sale the following items ;

- a). Amstrad CPC464 computer (tape type) together with Green Monitor, Joystick and 25 assorted games + Mini Office software. All in good working order. £50 o.n.o.
- b). Home produced lamb. Whole lambs ready for the freezer and cut to your exact requirements. Approx. weights 25lbs - 30lbs. Locally produced and lovingly cared for. £30 each.

If interested in any of the above then ring 842324 without delay!

PEEP HOLE CRAFTS AND GALLERY

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You will find we have an unusual selection of hand crafted gifts for all occasions.

Items include; Wood turning, Jewellery, Greeting cards and Gift Wrap, Swedish lights (for Christmas)
Gallery showing original works of art.

5a, High Street, Long Buckby Te1 0327 843638

Opening hours (Nov. and Dec.) Tues - Frid. 9am.- 1pm./2pm - 5pm.
Saturday 9am. - 4-30pm. Sunday 2pm - 4-30pm.

TIDY VILLAGE COMPETITION

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12.

Well we did not win again this year but we certainly did not disgrace ourselves.

Because we were last years winners we were entered into the Cup Winners section of this years competition and in the first round judging scored a total of 96 marks out of a possible 100. We lost 2 marks just because we had forgotten to display a children's poster advertising the competition !

96 marks was however enough for us to progress into the final round.

Unfortunately we only scored 91 marks in the final judging and this placed us last behind Mears Ashby, Moulton, and Helmdon.

The score sheets are not yet available for the final round so we don't know where we went wrong. The score sheets will be printed in the next newsletter.

The churchyard was awarded a total of 93 marks out of 100 in the first round which was only 1 mark behind the eventual winner Mears Ashby.

The Parish Council would like to thank all parishioners for there help and support in this competition and our consistent good results are a credit to everybody. Let's see if we can reach the top spot next year.

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BRINGTON SCHOOL REPORT

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In my last letter I mentioned our new carpet which we now have. Our rabbits name was decided as Jasper out of Jasper, Thumper, Twitch and Houdini !

In October we held our Harvest Festival for Somalia and the money we raised from the auction after the festival was £253.

We now have a new conker champ, Jordan H who battled bravely against Benjy Abbot. After 3 shots from Benjy and 2 from Jordan he won. We also have a Brington School conker whimp, Nick Harwood who lost against me!!

At the moment we are having part of our playground dug up and tarmaced including the area in front of the mobile. Eventually we will be having some more furniture in the mobile including some lockers for our bags.

Rowena Lewis.

Please note ;

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Allotment Vacancies

13.
There will be one and a half allotments vacant as from 1st April 1993. The rent per annum is £12 for a full plot or £6 for a half plot payable in advance by 1st April each year. Water is available for use.

I am sure there are those of you out there desperate to grow your own vegetables/flowers which are much better than shop bought and at the same time keep yourselves fit!!

Anyone interested should apply to Anne Heeley (Parish Clerk) at Springbank, (843270) as soon as possible.

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Cookery Corner

New Zealand Cake

Ingredients:-
8oz. margarine
1lb. sultanas
3 eggs
12oz. caster sugar
1tsp. almond essence
12oz. plain flour
2tsp. baking powder

Method:- Place sultanas in saucepan, cover with water and boil for 8 minutes. Drain, add marg. and stir until melted. Beat eggs, sugar and almond essence, add sultanas and mix together well. Sift flour and baking powder and add to rest. Turn into 10" cake tin (or two loaf tins). Bake for 1 hour with oven temperature 325° F then reduce to 300° F for 1/2 to 3/4 hour.

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Carrot and Orange Soup

Ingredients:-
2lb. carrots
4oz. butter
8oz. onions
1/4 pint dry sherry
1/2tsp salt
Black pepper
2 pints stock
1tbsp. caster sugar
1 pint orange juice

Melt butter in pan, add chopped onions and sauté until golden - add sherry and carrots, salt, pepper etc. - add stock and orange juice, cover with lid and cook gently for 1 hour. Liquidise and adjust seasoning. (I put all ingredients in the pressure cooker and cook on high for six minutes, then liquidise.)

Jean Waights

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Don't Forget the questionnaire

Tour of the Holy Land - May 1993

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See the Holy Land with the BBC

BBC Northampton's David Saint is leading another luxury tour of the Holy Land from 3 - 13 May 1993. The eleven day trip takes in all the sights and sounds of Jerusalem and the places associated with the last earthly days of Jesus; a trip to Masada, the vast rock set high above the desert, followed by a chance to bathe in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Then on to Galilee where the air is clear and the landscape fresh. We visit all the lakeside places associated with Jesus' ministry; we travel north to the slopes of Mount Hermon and west to the Mediterranean towns of Acre and Haifa, crossing Mount Carmel and the valley of Armageddon. We go to Nazareth and Cana, up Mount Tabor and across the Lake of Galilee.

It is a tour which will be memorable in many ways but perhaps most of all for the care that BBC Northampton gives to all its travellers. We take you to the airport, we take care of your luggage, we handle all the tipping, we provide all the meals and we accompany you throughout with the most qualified couriers and the most courteous BBC personnel. Your hotels were personally chosen by David, the fabulous Seven Arches high above the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and the luxurious Gai Beach with its private water resort on the lake, its wonderful accommodation and superb cuisine.

The price will include all meals and transfers, accommodation and admissions. The only extra will be your insurance. The cost is £948 per person. If you would like more details phone BBC Northampton now on 0604 239100 or call in at BBC Northampton, Broadcasting House, Abington Street, Northampton NN1 2BH.

The above letter was sent to the Newsletter by BBC Radio Northampton.

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Canadian Tour

This trip marked the end of an excellent year of playing the viola in the Northamptonshire Youth Orchestra. It was part of an exchange visit with the Hamilton Youth Orchestra from Ontario, Canada, who visited England last year.

I was given a place in the Youth Orchestra in September, 1991. In November we played in the last night of the Schools' Proms in the Royal Albert Hall, London. We were conducted in this concert by Howard Blake, the composer of "The Snowman". Yehudi Menuhin, Bob Holness and Richard Stilgoe were also present.

Seventy-six members of the orchestra left Northampton for Heathrow at 6.30am on Thursday, 10th September. Our plane took off at 2.30pm, two hours later than planned. It was my first journey on a plane and was quite exciting.

When we arrived in Hamilton, after a bus journey from Toronto airport, we were met by our hosts from the Hamilton Youth Orchestra. One of my friends from our orchestra, a cellist, stayed with the same family as me. There were three girls in the family of approximately the same ages as Becky and me and when we arrived at the family's home we were pleased to see that there was a swimming pool in the garden! Throughout our ten-day stay the weather was very hot and we used the pool many times.

The first three days were spent rehearsing for our concerts and recovering from jet lag. At our concert in the Du Maurier Theatre in Hamilton, on the Sunday, I met some of my Dad's relatives for the first time. The concert was very long and I was glad to get back to the house and go to bed.

On Wednesday the Orchestra visited Niagara Falls. This was the event I enjoyed most during my stay. My friends and I went in the tunnels behind the Falls and on the "Maid of the Mist".

On the Friday the Orchestra went to Toronto. We started the day by travelling to the top of the CN Tower. We were a little bit disappointed as mist restricted the view of the surroundings.

After a day of shopping in Toronto we all went to the Organ Grinder Restaurant and then to the Skydome to see a basketball match between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Texas Rangers (the Blue Jays recently won the World series). The members of the Hamilton Orchestra were also there.

We left Hamilton for the airport on Saturday evening. None of us wanted to leave and when we found that the plane home had been overbooked we all hoped that we would be able to stay longer! Unfortunately everyone got a seat, although two girls had to go to Glasgow airport, then to Heathrow on a different plane from the rest of us. Our flight did not lack excitement. When we took off there was a loud bang and someone said they could smell something burning! A few minutes later the pilot announced that we were going to have to land again as one of the engines had had to be shut down.

After a bumpy landing and swapping planes we took off again, just before the 1.00am curfew.

When we arrived back in Northamptonshire everyone was very tired. It was the end of an excellent year. I am a member of the Orchestra again this year. I am now the leader of the violas and also a member of a newly formed chamber orchestra.

Sarah Tibbs

(Congratulations Sarah on you musical achievements and thank you for an excellent article. Eds.)

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Milk Tops, etc. and Stamps

Two more sacks filled this time, together with lots of stamps. Many thanks to all contributors, both known and unknown. Don't forget to save the stamps from your Christmas mail!

Trudy Haynes

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRETHANK YOU

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Women's Institute

In October, plans were made for the organisation of the following week's Group Meeting for which it was Whilton's turn to be host. Because refreshments had to be provided for up to 50 people on this occasion, and since the institute was also selling refreshments at the Appraisal Display on October 24th it was decided that we could not also send cakes to the Cynthia Spencer House Bazaar. Instead an envelope was circulated and members donated the £10.10 collected to the appeal instead. A very warm letter of thanks has since been received.

On view was a new photograph and booklet about our adopted baby elephant, Ajotc. He is now nearly 2 1/2 years old and growing at a rate of knots. It will be some time still though before he can be released back into the wild.

In December, we shall have our Member's Night meeting which traditionally means good food and drink and a very good time had by all. Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Messinger offered to organize this event this year, and Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Hall volunteered to buy and distribute the Senior Citizens' Christmas gifts.

The AGM followed with reports on the past year given by the President, The Secretary, and the Treasurer. Several Committee members, having served their 4 year turn, were retiring but, although at one time it had been feared that the W.I. might cease to function, enough people came forward to fill their places and the future of the institute was assured for another year at least. There were two proposals for President and a secret ballot resulted in Miss F. Drake's appointment. The other committee members for 1993 are as follows:-

Vice President	Mrs. Janet Bowers
Secretary	Miss Diana Scott
Treasurer	Mrs. Janet Bowers
Welfare	Mrs. Freda Thomas
Register	Mrs. Kath Wright
Magazine	Mrs. Rosemary Ward
Press	Miss Kay Roberts

The Village Hall was very full for the Group Meeting on October 29th with members from Long Buckby, Great Brington, Harlestone and Ravensthorpe joining the Whilton contingent. Following the business, the main part of the meeting was a talk by Mr. Jeffcote on romantic intrigues involving the Romonov family of Russia which put recent gossip about our own Royal family into the shade. After the deduction of expenses, a profit was made for group funds from the raffle and the sale of tickets for the meeting. Some visitors even bought some surplus refreshments to take home for their husbands (or that's what we were told).

In November, the County book "Within Living Memory" to which Whilton has contributed, was on display and orders were taken for individual purchases. Richard Barnard, well-known for his painting and pottery spoke on water-colour painting and demonstrated some of the techniques he uses. Audience reaction was varied. There were those who, having some artistic talents of their own, listened carefully eager to learn and to improve their skills, while others remained at a respectful distance thinking, one suspects, "this, alas, is not for me".

So we move towards another year of varied activity, with the pleasure of Members' Night to look forward to before Christmas. Don't forget your ticket (which may carry the prize-winning number) price £3 from Mrs. Trudy Haynes.

Diana Scott

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Whilton Gardeners' Association

At the meeting on the 5th October thirty-three members were present. A welcome was accorded to new members.

The seed catalogues from Samuel Dobie & Son had been received and were already being circulated to members for their early attention.

The Chairman, Mrs. Janet Bowers, introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Michael Davies ("Plantsman") of West Haddon. The subject of his talk was "Unusual but worthwhile plants and shrubs". Account was taken of garden soil, shade and shadow and also that we are in a fairly cold area.

From his wide experience, part of which was as a nurseryman, Mr. Davies discussed a number of subjects, mainly plants and their characteristics. Good advance planning was essential for the herbaceous border. Alpines were discussed in some detail, along with members' problems and various specialised items were touched upon. Mr. Davies promised to send the association a list of plants and shrubs along with his comments upon them.

The talk was well put over but lacking illustration it was, in my view, mainly for the specialist.

A pleasant social half hour followed, with refreshments, and members were able to talk to Mr. Davies and also peruse the books in our library.

Our next meeting, on Monday, 7th December, will be held at Whilton Lodge, by kind invitation of Mrs. Freda Thomas.

Michael Merriman

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DON'T FORGET THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Summary of Events

Sat.	5th	Dec.		English Pub Evening & 200 Club draw
Sun.	6th	Dec.	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist (Whilton) (See page 1 for all Church Services)
Mon.	7th	Dec.		Gardeners' Association
Wed.	9th	Dec.	7.30pm	W. I. Members' Night V.H.
Sun.	13th	Dec.		HAVE YOU RETURNED THE QUESTIONNAIRE??
Mon.	14th	Dec.		Brington School Play
Tues	15th			" " "
Fri.	18th	Dec.		Schools break up
Sun.	20th	Dec.	6.00pm	Carol Service (Whilton)

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Mon.	4th	Jan.	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting V.H.
Wed.	6th	Jan.		Schools go back
Wed.	6th	Jan.	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM & 200 Club draw
Wed.	13th	Jan.	7.30pm	W.I. First meeting of 1993 V.H.
Thur.	14th	Jan.		Last date for items for FEBRUARY newsletter

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