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December 1995



GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 1995

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON October 2nd the Association met in the village hall. The short business meeting was chaired by Mrs. Janet Bowers.

Copies of the new seed order catalogue were distributed by the purchasing officer, Mrs. Beryl Williams.

Members were informed of the programme of topics for 1996 - vegetable growing, wild flower gardening, cottage gardening, fuchsias, herbs and their uses and how to encourage birds to the garden.

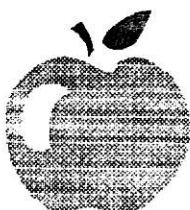
Visits to gardens planned for 1996 include Mr. Dennis Patrick's garden at Ravensthorpe and Coton Lodge when the hellebores are in bloom.

In the treasurer's report it was stated that income was not covering expenses (speakers are getting more expensive and the members subscription rate has not been increased for several years). After discussion it was proposed and agreed by all present to increase the membership subscription to £4, due at the A.G.M. in December. With discount on seed orders and a 10% discount at some garden centres it is still a good bargain.

Bees and Pollination

After the business meeting we had a most enjoyable and knowledgeable talk, with slides, by Mr. A. Rawlings on 'Bees and Pollination'. We learnt about various types of bees, how the hive works and how pollination takes place. On a good day the poor bee is almost completely weighed down by the amount of pollen it carries.

Mr. Rawlings had some lovely slides to accompany his talk and members left having had a most enjoyable evening.



WHILTON has received a certificate of commendation -
WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Summary of comments for publicity purposes.

"A tiny village with a mix of old and new properties, all equally well cared for. Very pretty".

Constructive comments for future years.

"Obviously a need to look at the litter problem." (Surprised at this one - did not think we had a litter problem! - Ed.) "Additional development of permanent planting outside the church - lavender, santolina etc. and a more substantial colour display of perennials with annuals on the triangle. Some of the steep verges in the village could be improved by closer mowing regime."

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It was very pleasing to see the effort by all to tidy up, cut verges etc. immediately prior to the judge's visit. Despite the extreme weather conditions, hanging baskets and tubs were out in abundance and looking very colourful. The drought just beat us on bedding plants and some of the verges. Whilton can be proud of its achievement and here's to next year!

J.B. (Gardeners' Association)

Some Northamptonshire villages were placed :-

Sulgrave - 2nd in Village category
Braunston - 2nd in Large Village cat.
Towcester - 2nd in Small Town cat.
Corby - 3rd in Large Town category.

Braunston was awarded the David Hakes Memorial award for the most improved village.

Children who are five years old during the next school year are eligible to start school in September 1996.

If you have a child who will be five years old before August 31st, 1997, and not already on the admission list, please contact :

Miss B.L. Lomas
Brington County Primary School
LITTLE BRINGTON
Northampton NN7 4HX

Telephone : 01604 770286

ROAD SAFETY ARTICLES

Earlier this year we published articles sent to us by the Area Road Safety Officer - here is the last of them :-

Wouldn't it be nice if drivers could see in the dark?

But they can't!

Road accidents often happen when road users cannot see each other before it is too late. The problem is worse during the autumn and winter months when bad weather and shorter daylight hours cause poor visibility.

Everyone using the roads is at risk. Pedestrians and cyclists are the least likely to be seen by other road users and are therefore particularly vulnerable.

We can help other road users to see us by wearing clothes or safety accessories that combine fluorescent colours for maximum daytime visibility with reflective material for the night.

Fluorescent colours can be seen best during the day and at dusk. They do not show up at night.

Reflective material reflects the light from the car and motorcycle headlights. It looks dull and grey during the day.

Being seen helps keep us safe on the roads.

Cover Picture - Our thanks to Clifford Ellison for once again producing a cover picture for us.

WHILTON W.I.

OCTOBER is Annual Meeting time for the W.I., when local bye-laws are discussed and perhaps amended, and suggestions put forward for future meetings.

This month, members sat as one group round tables placed side by side and refreshments were served during, instead of after the meeting. The result was a more informal and relaxed atmosphere and ideas and discussion seemed to flow easily.

Anne Kilgour presented the observations resulting from the questionnaire and these proved extremely interesting.

Two important decisions were made regarding the main meetings :-

(a) the next six months will be a trial period during which the minutes of the main meeting will be typed and each member will have her own copy.

(b) Open meetings. In future adult non-members will be charged £1 and if the subject is of interest to young people at school their charge will be 50p.

The Institute would welcome new members, so please come along and sample a meeting. If you are seriously thinking of joining there will be no charge for your first meeting.

The 1995-96 committee members are as follows:-

President - Mrs. Anthea Hiscock
Vice-pres. - Mrs. Jane O'Riordan
Secretary - Mrs. Anne Kilgour
Treasurer - Mrs. Trudy Haynes
Welfare - Mrs. Freda Thomas
Register - Mrs. Jane O'Riordan
Home & Country & Newsletter - Mrs. Sue Green



Armchair Tour

At their meeting on November 9th members were fascinated to be taken on what was described as an "Armchair tour of Northampton", by the speaker, Mr. Gary Shaeffer. This was no sedentary tour, however. Guided by slides they proceeded at a rapid walk, if not a jog, to visit many of the outstanding buildings of the town. Most were well known sights but others more out of the way.

History - Famous people

What was astounding to most members was how little they knew about the history, the background and the famous people who had been associated with the buildings and how limited was our knowledge of the former importance of Northampton.

The first hospital to be founded outside London was in the centre of the town and the second lot of traffic lights in the country were tried out here!

Parliament met here on frequent occasions and our present Guildhall is one of the most impressive examples of Victorian architecture in the country.

Members resolved to look more closely at our heritage of fine buildings and less into the windows of the shops that so frequently disfigure them.

Business meeting

The business side of the meeting was concerned with the future of the area 'group' structure and a report on the last meeting was given by Mrs. Josie Jelley who had enjoyed the speaker. Equally enjoyable had been the Annual Council meeting - attended by Mrs. Anthea Hiscock and Mrs. Trudy Haynes.

A letter was read out that had been received from our founder president, Mrs. Gladys Smith, a former resident of Whilton now living in Spain. Arrangements for "members' night" dinner and annual subscriptions were dealt with.

Carol Service

Discussion followed concerning a service of carols and readings for Epiphany, to be attended by neighbouring W.I.'s and other friends. This will be held in Whilton Church on Wednesday, January 17th.

Famine relief

It was suggested that gifts of clothing and items for the home should be made, to fill a container that could then be used to store water for families in times of hardship or famine, to keep them going for two months. Contributions would also go to the church and to the W.I. St. Jude project for education and health care in Uganda.

Elephant's progress

A letter had been received concerning the progress of our little adopted elephant, Ajok, who is getting near to being released to the wild. Members of the friends' group continued their support for him.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable and worthwhile meeting and one which also continued the W.I. tradition of concern for those in need.

AN EXTRACT from a W.I. report of nearly forty years' ago - July, 1957:

"It is not safe to assume that an urgent telephone order for flowers means a wreath for a funeral. It may be a belated remembrance of a birthday and indeed was so in a story of Mrs. Dean's telling in her talk on 'Flowers' at the monthly meeting of the Institute held at the School on June 19th. The wreath that was so promptly delivered was appreciated neither by the lady who received it nor by her husband who gave the order!"



CANON JIM WRITES

I WONDER WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING MORE WE CAN DO.

I am not feeling entirely myself. Why is it that a mid-service training course - which I suppose by definition is for the over 50's - is more akin to a mid-life crisis? I have just been on one, designed for clergy, and the first part was thoroughly depressing. We had a doctor telling us all about diseases we are about to get, and what the symptoms are, and left us quite convinced that we had most of them already! Then a nice lady from the Pensions Board explained death grants to us, retirement housing and how to get our pensions topped up for those we leave behind. Thank goodness clergy have a good sense of humour, and can sniff out a pub over a five-mile radius. Neither the doctor nor the pensions lady would have approved of the units of alcohol we put away that night! At least we were able to test in the facilities what condition our prostates were in. We all passed, as it were!

The conference got better after the first session. We had some excellent lectures outlining the latest thinking in Biblical scholarship, Third World studies, and something called 'Putting the Laity to Work'! Undoubtedly, though, the highlight was two talks given by Ann Morisy, a sparkling lady born and bred in Liverpool, who is now the Principal Community Ministry Advisor in the diocese of London. She gave a brilliant description and analysis of the 'underclass' in our towns and cities, pointing out the dangers to all of us of a growing group of people who feel they have no stake at all in society, and who no longer care about, or follow, any of the rules. Her thesis was that the churches have a unique opportunity - with their buildings in the community, local membership and long tradition of care - to help bring badly-needed hope to those at the bottom of the pile. She outlined some of the projects initiated by the churches in her own area of East London: debt advice centres, all-night drop-in shelters, housing

schemes, play groups with toy libraries, alternative schools, church shops where inexpensive clothing, furniture and toys can be purchased, a men's club, adventure holidays for teenagers - and much more. Many of the projects cross denominational boundaries, and also benefit from a partnership with the police, statutory authorities and the various trusts and grants available to give help. It was impressive stuff.

Ann Morisy's talks set me thinking about our own villages. This is a good place in which to live. More than that it is a caring community. If somebody is ill or in a spot of trouble we know about it. We help each other. There are all sorts of clubs and organisations to add to the quality of life. We are very fortunate, in all kinds of ways, to live where we do.

Christmas is about caring, sharing, and saying 'Thank you'. Perhaps we could try and do something extra this year for someone else who is in greater need than we are. There are all kinds of opportunities for us to do so. At St. Andrew's over Christmas, there will be Christian Aid envelopes available, and the money collected will help the Third World to help itself. Children, too, may bring in wrapped presents (marked as to what the gift is, to avoid unwrapping), and these will be given to the Social Services for distribution to poorer families. Bring the present to church with you, at any of the special family services, or hand it to one of the wardens, or any member of the congregation. The Christingle Service raises money for the Children's Society.

By doing something more to help someone else, we truly enter the real spirit of Christmas: the gift of God's son to the world, born himself into poverty and need, refusing privilege, so that he could identify completely with all, even those at the bottom of the heap. Christmas is his birthday.

We could not mark it better than by remembering not only our loved ones, but those others the world so often forgets.

May I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Jim

Brington Rectory
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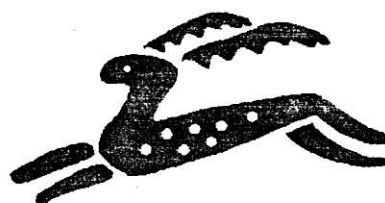
CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

SUNDAY, 17th DECEMBER
6.00pm
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF
CAROLS AND READINGS
FOR CHRISTMAS
with the
WATLING SINGERS

CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30am
CHRISTMAS SUNG
EUCARIST
WITH CAROLS

SUNDAY, 31st DECEMBER
10.30am
UNITED PARISHES SUNG
EUCARIST
(Joint Choirs - Refreshments)

11.15pm
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
followed by the New Year Peal
Refreshments



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 1995

HOW DID WHILTON MEASURE UP?

Well, we did not manage to get among the awards again this year but the results were not discouraging.

In the first round of the village competition, judged on 7th June, we scored 88 marks out of 100 and were second in the group of eight villages in Class 1 of the Daventry South area. Being second we did not proceed to the next round.

In the churchyard competition we did rather better, scoring 97 marks in the first round and taking first place in the group. This first place meant going through to the next round, for which judging took place on 18th September. Marking was much stiffer in this round and we managed only 83. This, however, was only 2 marks less than the total scored by Culworth, the winners of the competition, so we ran them very close!



MARKS & REMARKS

Part 1

Absence of litter and
unofficial refuse dumps..... 24/25

Only litter was in the overgrown verge next to the village hall. Otherwise very good indeed.

Tidiness of public features
churchyard, village green, roads,
village hall and surrounds,
telephone kiosk, etc. 26/30

Village hall gate needs a lick of paint. Quite a few overgrown verges. Broken window in telephone kiosk. Ground beneath bench by church weedy.

Tidiness of gardens,
allotments, outhouses, sheds,
hedges, fences, walls
and trees 12/15

A lot of weeds along the walls adjoining the pavements. Gardens generally very good.

Visibility of 'Village of the Year' Competition poster and orderliness of advertisements and other notices :

Part 2

Evidence of Village Activities

19/20

Village of the Year poster ... 2/2
Children's poster/s 2/4
Tidiness of Notice Board ... 1/2
Facilities map supplied
to judges 2/2

Marks for **Part 1** out of 80 69
Marks for **Part 2** out of 20 19

Total marks awarded
out of 100 88

Churchyard (1st round)

Absence of litter 20/20

Very good

Care of grass around
gravestones 28/30

Well cut grass, both in general and around stones.

Care of paths, verges,
walls, lych gates 35/35

Extremely good - it was a bit weedy (+ dead bulb foliage) round the outside wall but this was obviously being cleared and planted up for summer - I think we arrived just as it was being started.

Overall general
impression 14/15

Very good indeed - well cared for without losing its 'country churchyard' character.

Second round marks :

Total marks awarded :

19/20
25/30
29/35
10/15

1st round 97/100
2nd round 83/100

WINTER ROAD GRITTING

WINTER GRITTING ROUTES AND HINTS FOR SAFER WINTER DRIVING

WE have been sent a letter and leaflet from the County Council's Planning & Transportation Dept. with a request that we publicise the contents of the leaflet to get the information to as many people as possible, so we quote :

WHY WE GRIT

To make the County's roads as safe as possible and to reduce delays caused by bad weather.

We grit key roads when there is a risk of ice by providing **24 hour** cover to respond to weather conditions, using a fleet of 36 gritters. This means that just under half of the road network in the county, including trunk roads and motorways, is treated; a total length of approximately **1,900 km**.

WHEN WE GRIT

Decisions are based on **road** temperatures rather than air temperatures, and gritting is **likely** whenever **road** temperatures are 1°C or below. Gritting is normally carried out after the evening peak traffic period or before the morning rush, because frost does not usually affect the road surface until late evening or early morning.

WHERE WE GRIT

With such a big road network, it would be unrealistic and uneconomical to attempt to treat all roads, and so, decisions as to whether to grit are made according to the category of road. **Priority** is given to those roads carrying the highest volume of traffic and where the risk of accidents is greatest. We also try to ensure that the majority of road users live within reasonable distance of a gritted road.

First priority goes to motorways, trunk roads and main 'A' roads.

Second priority includes key local roads, such as those serving industrial areas, shopping centres, significant roads in towns and some key roads in rural areas.

The fact that it costs, on average, £20,000 for one outing by the full gritting team makes it clear why we cannot treat every road in the County.

ROUTES WE GRIT

(There is a map showing the precautionary gritting routes for the county for the winter of 1995/96. We are not able to reproduce this map but no doubt it will be available to anyone wishing to see it. Ed.)

These precautionary gritting routes will receive treatment to help prevent the formation of ice. In the event of snowfall, roads will be cleared according to their priority status and need.

Please remember that **the majority of minor roads will receive no treatment** and, because arrangements may not always go according to plan, you should **never** assume that a road has been gritted.

Remember, **speed kills**, especially in icy conditions, therefore **kill your speed to make your driving safer**.

Please take care on all routes and follow the advice given.

Advice for winter driving

Check

* That your tyre pressures are at the recommended level and that the tread depth is correct. Don't forget your spare!

* That your vehicle's lights are clean and in working order.

* That the wiper system is working effectively.

* That the washer-bottles are full and contain a suitable additive to prevent freezing.

* That your battery is in good condition, topped up and fully charged.

* Don't forget your anti-freeze. (Your garage will check this for you)

Before driving off

* Consider whether your journey is essential.

* Make sure that all windows and mirrors are completely clear of ice and condensation. Carry a can of de-icer and a scraper in the car. Cars left overnight will benefit from their windscreen being covered over.

Remember

* Do not travel too fast or too close to the vehicle in front. When ice and snow are present drive smoothly, avoiding harsh braking and sudden changes in direction. Keep in as high a gear as possible.

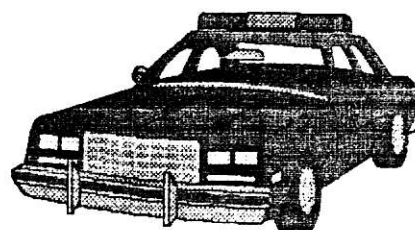
* Always use dipped headlights when visibility is poor due to rain or snow and when driving in fog.

SEE AND BE SEEN.

* Allow yourself more time for a journey and in severe conditions only travel when it is absolutely necessary.

* Please bear in mind that it is better to travel a little further on a main road that has been treated than to use untreated minor roads.

* Finally, even the most carefully organised procedures can suffer setbacks or mechanical breakdowns and as a result some roads may not be gritted.



VILLAGE HALL

Since the last newsletter I am pleased to announce the following 200 Club winners:-

Sept	1st Prize	-	No.095	T.Treacy	29/09/95
	2nd Prize	-	No.126	D.Brown	
	3rd Prize	-	No.183	F.Drake	
Oct	1st Prize	-	No.085	M.Byrom	27/10/95
	2nd Prize	-	No.001	B.Rogers	
	3rd Prize	-	No.148	A.Hiscock	

The draw for the major annual prizes of £200.00, £100.00 & £50.00 will take place at a Christmas Supper with traditional songs performed by a local artist on Saturday, 9th December at the Village Hall.

Make sure that you are there to see your winning number drawn and enjoy a convivial evening with seasonal music. A bar with a barrel of beer, which proved so popular at the Barn Dance, will be available.

Tickets can be obtained from Mary Kane (tel.no. 842618) for £3.50.

Please may I take this opportunity of thanking all members of the 200 Club for their support because it is primarily through your contributions that we are able to keep the Village Hall maintained and open for the use of all residents.

Old buildings are inevitably expensive to maintain and we are trying to build up a fund to meet major items of expenditure which we know are just "round the corner". It will not be long before the windows will need replacing and the membrane under the floor is breached causing the wood blocks in areas to lift. No doubt if these were to be lifted a large percentage would be found in various stages of rotting.

Thanks to the exemplary skills of Ray Barnes we now have attractive and permanent signs on the Village Hall so that it is now more easily located.

Like all small lotteries we have seen a fall off in support due to the National Lottery and this has caused us to rearrange the distribution of prize money for 1996. The top monthly prize will be £50.00, the second £25.00 and the third £10.00 with the December prize money enhanced depending on the size of the membership. We guarantee that not less than fifty per cent of all subscriptions will be disbursed in prize money.

As the survival of the Village Hall is primarily dependent on the 200 Club I do sincerely hope that you will renew your commitment next year or as a new resident when we approach you to join.

The Village Hall is the only general purpose meeting place in the village and is used by a playgroup, adult education classes, W.I., Gardening Club, Parish Council Meetings and children's parties. Tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery can be hired for use in your own home.

If you have any ideas about how the hall could be better used or improved please put them to me or any committee member or better still come to the VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. to be held on MONDAY, 22nd JANUARY 1996 at 7.30 pm.

We would also be very happy to welcome anyone who is prepared to help in running the hall.

Good Luck in the lottery and I hope you will join us for a festive evening on Saturday, 9th December 1995

Phil Waights
Chairman Village Hall Committee

TOWCESTER MEDICAL CENTRE
OUT-OF-HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

From the middle of October, the following doctors have combined to cover out-of-hours medical emergencies (i.e. when the surgery is closed in the evenings, nights and weekends)

- Drs. Kelso, Hooker, Sunderland, Greenhaigh, Ward and Jill Greenhaigh (Towcester)
- Drs. Sanger and Wallace (Towcester)
- Drs. Supple and Hamer (Silverstone)
- Drs. Dutta, Shribman and Warwick (Bugbrooke)
- Drs. Hill and Hill (Weedon)
- Drs. Gardner and Williams (Flore)
- Drs. Graham, Boulton. Pound, Waghorn, Jeffers, Maurice-Smith and D'Rourke (Daventry)

If you require a doctor in an emergency, out-of-hours, ring your doctor's usual surgery number. You will be advised to ring a professional answering service who will take your details. They will contact the duty doctor who will then telephone or visit you as soon as possible.

MILK TOPS AND STAMPS

Just two sacks this time. I have few stamps so will wait until I have those from Christmas cards and parcels. Don't forget to save the silver paper and foil from all the delicious chocolates etc.

G.Haynes

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting of the P.C.C. took place on 28th September 1995 and items discussed, which we hope will be of interest, are as follows:-

FLOODLIGHTING Installation now complete. It was agreed that a charge of £5.00 would be made to Parishioners when a request was received to floodlight the church to mark a special event or birthday. Requests to Harold Haynes.

HEATING PIPES The work now almost complete in re-positioning the heating pipes in the pews.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION Because there may be a problem of penetrating damp in the roof timbers the inspection should not be delayed,

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE Mr Haynes reported the cost of a suitable mower would be about £500. Enquiries to be made to see if a mower may be bought more cheaply through the Churches Purchasing Scheme.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE It was reported that 24 cyclists taking part in raising money signed in at Whilton. Perhaps next year we may get our own parishioners taking part in fund raising.

CHURCH GATE It was reported that the gate into Wadd Close had been repaired at a cost of £95 and Susan (Thorne) and Malcolm Brenton met the cost of the work.

PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT Canon Jim reported that the Pilgrimage to Israel had been very successful. He mentioned that the lighting to the altar/reredos needed attention and a light installed to shine on the organ pedal board.

P.C.C. members were urged to attend the October Conference being held in response to the Pastoral Committee Interim Report.

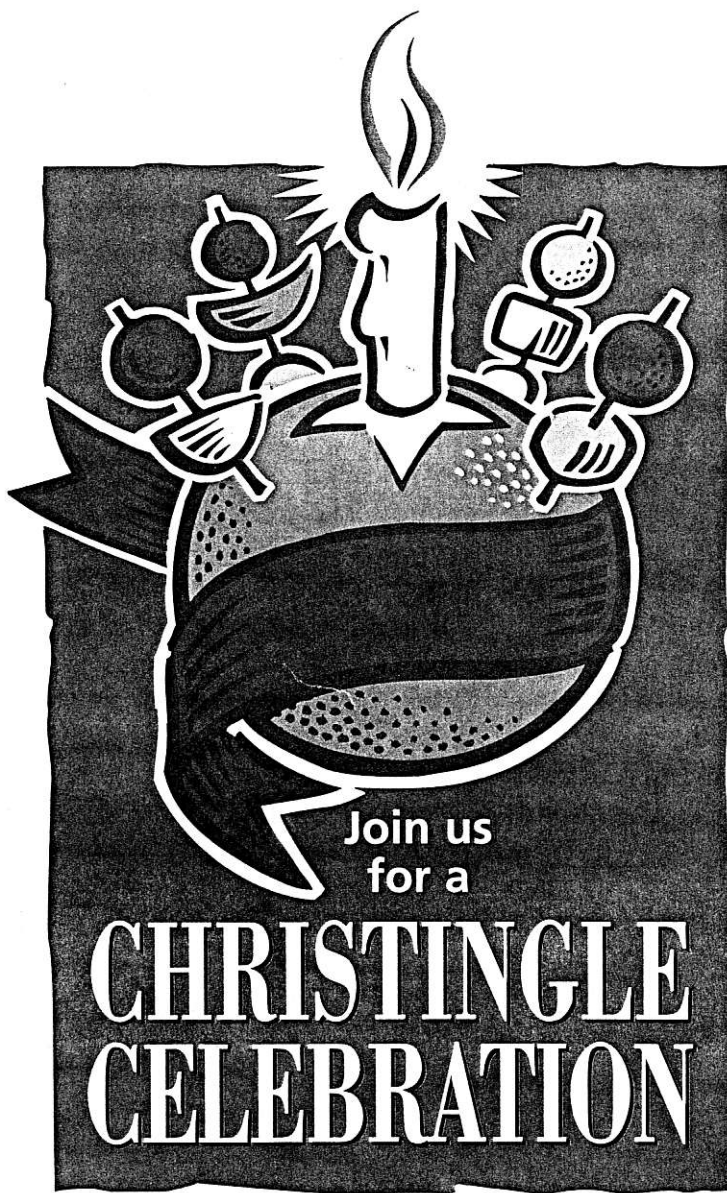
Concern was expressed about the items stored on view in the south aisle and it was agreed that a curtain to screen should be provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mr Haynes circulated a copy of a summary of accounts as at 27th September 1995. Concern was expressed that this year's expenditure is likely to exceed income by some £350-£400. There is a urgent need to increase the income of the General Fund.

The Parish Share for 1996 will be increased further, £380 more than this year and £1536 more than in 1994.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS Dates and times of services were confirmed as follows:-

Sunday	10th December	3.30 pm	Christingle
Sunday	17th December	6.00 pm	Lessons and Carols
Monday	25th December	9.30 am	Christmas Eucharist
Sunday	31st December	11.15 pm	Watchnight Service

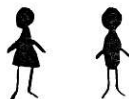


BRINGING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
TO CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY

at ST ANDREW. WHILTON

on SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th time 3.30pm.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY IS A NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE CHURCH IN WALES. IT EXISTS TO
WORK FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED.



The Children's Society
MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING
A VOLUNTARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
AND THE CHURCH IN WALES

Charity Registration No. 221124

Whilton Parish Council Report

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 6th November in the Village Hall, which was attended by some parishioners (the interest shown is welcome). Amongst the discussions which took place were the following items:

Street Light and improvements

The developers, Hazlewood plc, are in the process of upgrading the road leading towards Home Farm. They have agreed to install a new street light, a wall along one side of the pond and a wall along three sides of the spring. The Parish Council agreed with these proposals, however, they requested that the street light be erected close to spring, not in the position it was proposed. Two households living in the area would have preferred the lane to remain unlit but it was decided to take up the offer of a street light, as providing one at a later date would be costly.

Southview - Street Parking

Following a site meeting with an Officer of Daventry District Council there was a little encouragement that a scheme may be possible, at some time in the future, to provide modest parking in the area. These tentative hopes have subsequently been dashed after Daventry Councillors voted a freeze on funding for such schemes during the next three years.

Planning

An application was discussed to renovate the Canal Cottage at Whilton Locks and although the renovation of the cottage would be very welcome, Parish Councillors again pointed out the dangers relating to parking and access close to the Canal Bridge.

Budget

The budget and precept request forms part of the regular items of discussion and takes place at the November meeting. After some deliberation as to the financial needs for the year 1996/97 the Council decided to fix the

precept at £2070.00. This amount has remained the same for the past 5 years.

Village of the year and Churchyard

The results of this year's competition had arrived and showed that, although not winning anything, the churchyard had received high marks in the first round of judging.

Churchyard Maintenance

The work undertaken each year to keep the churchyard tidy, is no small task. The Parish Council, on behalf of parishioners, would like to thank all those involved during the past year. Harold Haynes and Derek Brown for the mowing and strimming. Gordon Emery for providing a trailer and taking away the grass cuttings and Bryan and Beryl Williams for taking responsibility for keeping the paths tidy. A word of appreciation should also go to Don Welch for all the work he has put in over many years.

Winter gritting

Notices had been received as to the routes which would be gritted during periods of freezing weather. A leaflet has been placed on each noticeboard and an article appears in this newsletter. Copies of the leaflet can be obtained from the Clerk.

Allotment Rents

It was agreed to leave the rent for allotments at £12 a whole and £6 a half plot, again this amount has been fixed for some years.

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Allotment Vacancy

There are two half allotment plots which will be vacant from 1st April 1996. If you are interested in either/both of these please register the fact with me as soon as possible.

Anne Heeley Parish Clerk
Springbank Tel. 843270

Summary of Events

Sun.	3rd	Dec.	10.00am	Benefice Service (Whilton, Brington, Norton) at Whilton
Mon.	4th	Dec.	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association meeting
Sat.	9th	Dec.	7.30pm	Village Hall Christmas Supper & Grand Draw
Sun.	10th	Dec.	3.30pm	Christingle Service
Wed.	13th	Dec.	7.30pm	W.I. Members' Night
Wed.	20th	Dec.		Village Carol Singers and Handbell Ringers
Sun.	17th	Dec.	6.00pm	Candlelight Service of Carols & Readings (with Watling Singers)
Mon.	25th	Dec.	9.30am	Christmas Sung Eucharist
Sun.	31st	Dec.	10.30am	United Parishes Sung Eucharist at Whilton
Sun.	31st	Dec.	11.15pm	Watch Night Service followed by New Year Peal
Mon.	8th	Jan.	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting
Wed.	10th	Jan.	7.30pm	W.I. Open meeting "A visit to Prague"
Tues.	16th	Jan.		Newsletter Deadline
Wed.	17th	Jan.	7.30pm	W.I. Epiphany Carol Service (All welcome) (moved from 14th Dec.)
Mon.	22nd	Jan.	7.30pm	Village Hall A.G.M.

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On behalf of Canon Jim, the PCC of St. Andrew's and myself, many thanks indeed to everyone who worked for, or helped in any way to make the Bazaar so successful. £524.14 was needed to complete the payment for the **Clock Restoration** and with the total of £594 raised by the Bazaar this has been achieved - and within the time set. (the end of 1995).

We can be proud of our achievement!

Janet (fund organiser)