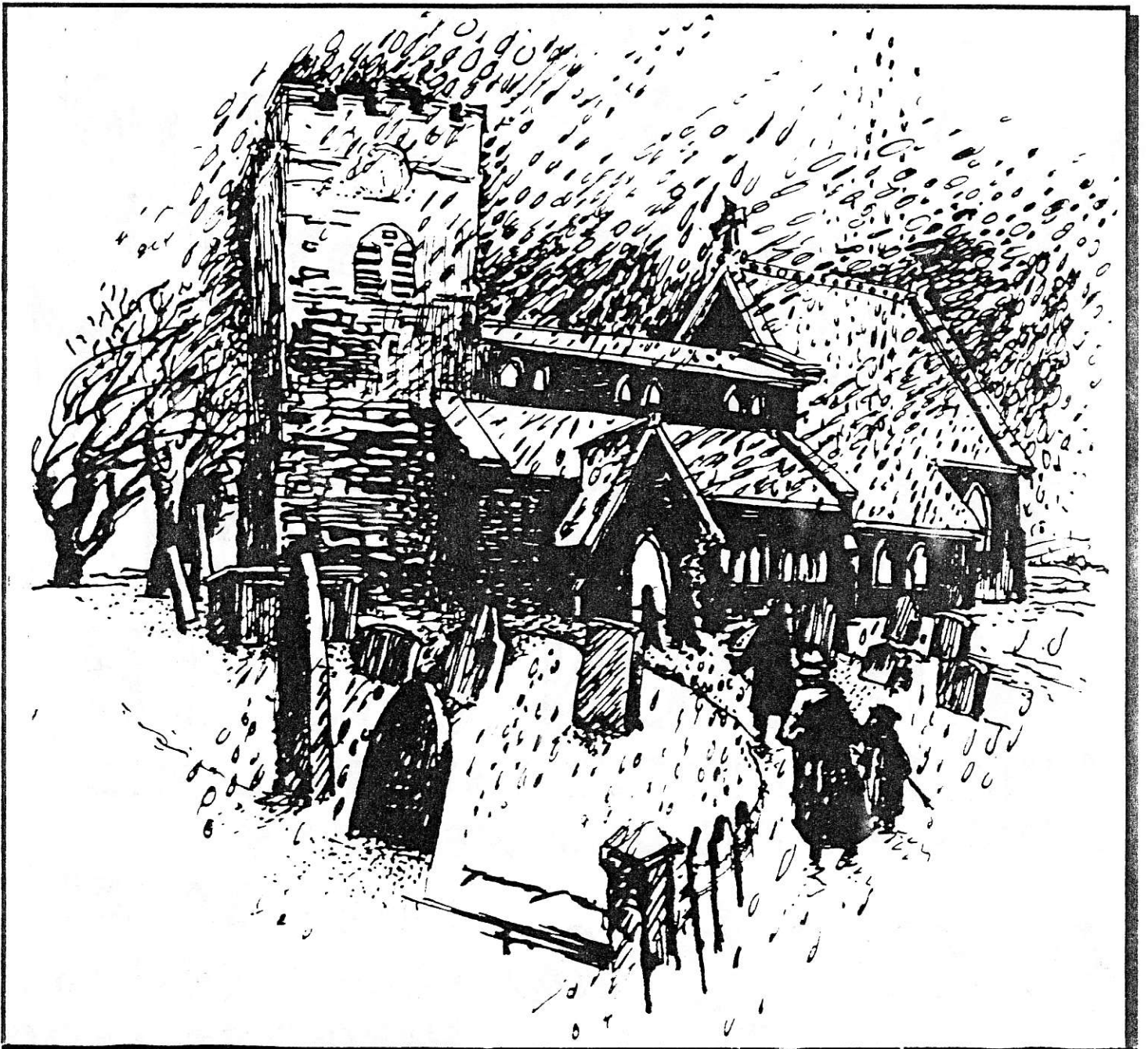


Whilton Newsletter

December 1996





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WHILTON CHURCH

WINE DURING THE INTERVAL AND
AFTER IN THE OLD RECTORY

TICKETS £3 from JANET 842851
DEREK 842968
HAROLD 842409

Whilton Parish Council Report

A meeting was held in the village hall on Monday 4 November, all members of the Council, one parishioner and the District Councillor were present.

It was announced that Whilton had won the competition, Village of the Year (see article elsewhere) and the Parish Council expressed gratitude to Derek Brown and his colleagues who had worked hard to encourage Whilton's excellent entry.

Apart from the normal business of the Parish Council, at the November meeting the Parish precept is agreed. The precept set for the 12 months from April 1997 is £3,460.00. This amount will be requested from the Daventry District Council to maintain the Parish Council's work. It has been necessary to raise the amount requested, however it should be noted, this is the first occasion in over 5 years. The Parish Council is responsible for street lighting, provision of allotments, assistance with maintenance of the churchyard, consideration of Planning Applications, the legal administration of its affairs and undertakes many other functions as necessary. It also maintains a dialogue with all tiers of local authority, with Government and non-government organisations and provides a communications link between these bodies and Parishioners and visa-versa.

The Allotment rents will remain fixed for the coming year (April 97 - March 98) - £12 whole, £6 half. An allotment plot will become vacant in April and anyone wishing to apply to rent it should contact me as soon as possible in order to be considered.

Mr. Jim Gardner has recently resigned from his role as representative on the

Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council wish to express their thanks to him for his service over many years. Mr. Mike Lewis will now sit on the Committee.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6 January 1997 and is open to the public.

Anne Heeley (Clerk) 843270

Vacancy - Clerk to the Parish Council

The post of Clerk to Whilton Parish Council will become vacant early in 1997. The post entails the preparation of papers for meetings, the keeping of minutes, dealing with the Council's correspondence and keeping financial and general records. The appointment is subject to a 6 month probationary period and the salary, which is reviewed annually, is paid quarterly in arrears plus expenses. There are no fixed hours, duties are undertaken as and when necessary.

Meetings take place generally on the first Monday of alternate months, beginning in January of each year. It is also occasionally necessary to call an additional meeting.

There are training courses run in Northampton and the successful applicant would be encouraged to attend.

Applications should be submitted in writing, by 31 December 1996, to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Mike Lewis, 3 Whilton Locks Cottages, Whilton Locks.

For further information/an informal chat (without obligation) contact the present Clerk, Anne Heeley, Springbank, Whilton; tel. 843270.

St. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The pattern of services at St. Andrew's has been maintained during this part of the interregnum.

Our thanks are due to members of the Daventry team, retired priests and lay readers who have conducted the services for us.

There is no further news on the appointment of a priest-in-charge. However, some progress has been made in the appointment of an N.S.M. (non-stipendiary minister) - an ordained minister who is employed in another occupation and receives no remuneration for his work for the Church. The Revd. Maurice Walton, who will be moving into Brampton Rectory during mid January, is also a full time architect - it is he who has been responsible for carrying out the quinquennial inspections of our church over the past thirty years. He will not be officially "with us" until nearer Easter as he still has some final training of a 3 year course to complete.

Services from January to Easter Day have been arranged and include a family shortened Communion Service on Mothering Sunday at 10.00am - at which the children will present their mothers with the traditional posies of flowers and we finish with coffee and Simnel cake (the traditional Mothering cake).

Services for December and Christmas are:-

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| December 15th | 3.30pm | Christingle | |
| " | 22nd | 6.00pm | Candlelit Service of Carols and Readings |
| " | 25th | 9.30am | Christmas Eucharist |
| " | 31st | 11.15pm | Watchnight Service and New Year Peal |

Janet Bowers

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISH'S OLDEST INHABITANT

Whilton Parish's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Beatrice Poole, of Wheelgate House, Whilton Locks, celebrated her 96th birthday on Sunday, November 10th.

Home again after a short spell in hospital, Mrs. Poole seemed in very good spirits when I was talking to her recently. She was reminiscing about the time when, with her husband Ted, she ran the Public House in the village (from 1929 until the latter war years) and comparing living conditions then with those of today!

We extend our very best wishes to Mrs. Poole.

H.H.

FRIENDS OF NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Telephone 01604 235802
Sue Thorn - Co-Ordinator

The aim of the Friends is to assist patients and staff in the Hospital. Our volunteers act as Hospital Guides and escort patients and visitors around the Hospital.

The two shops in the Hospital sell various donated items. We sell many knitted baby clothes which helps to raise funds for the Hospital. If you are keen knitters and could spare the time to produce knitted items we would be extremely grateful. We can supply the wool if necessary. For further information contact Sue Thorn on 01604 235802.

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Fourteen members attended the meeting on October 6th. In the absence of the secretary the minutes were taken by Gill Moden.

The members were pleased to hear that Whilton had received a certificate of special commendation for its efforts in the "Britain in Bloom" competition.

The chairman understood that a figure relating to the cost of labour and materials is also a factor in the final assessment.

Fundraising

It was decided to open some of the members' gardens in the spring and sell plants and provide refreshments. This was to be a village affair. The question of a dinner was deferred.

Subscriptions

It was suggested from the floor that the raising of the subscription to £4 a person this year might have discouraged married couples from joining, as the membership had dropped. The chairman felt that this might not be the only reason as several couples had left the area.

It was proposed that the subscription for the following year should be £4 and other members of the same household should pay £3. This was put to the vote and carried.

Seed Catalogues

It was reported that these were expected very shortly. It was hoped that members would fill in their order forms correctly as the Purchasing Officer did not wish to have to go through them all and correct them as had been necessary in previous years.

The next meeting would be the A.G.M. and several members offered to bring refreshments for a social evening.

A talk was then given by Mr. Stan Barton on "Herbs and their uses". Mr. Barton was a very knowledgeable and experienced gardener and was able to speak with authority on the properties of herbs and how to grow them. His clarity and the quality of his slides were both appreciated and enjoyed.

The vote of thanks was given by Diana Scott and refreshments were provided by

Locks are set for a facelift

The canal which passes through Whilton parish is likely to be the first stretch of the Grand Union in the Daventry district to benefit from a massive enhancement programme currently being worked out by a Partnership headed by the county and district councils and British Waterways.

The Partnership hopes to acquire Lottery money to help carry out "sensitive" works along the seven-lock flight. These improvements could include better access for disabled and elderly people, towpath work, treescaping and more attractive habitats for wildlife.

Conservation experts who have been surveying the local stretch have been doing so in close cooperation with members of the Whilton and Buckby Locks Association, and several meetings have been held at which the association's views have been vigorously promoted.

Mike Lewis, chairperson of Whilton Parish Council, who is a member of the association, has played a leading role in the consultation process. He led a key walk of members and council planning and conservation officers along the flight during which ideas and preferred areas for specific enhancements were discussed.

Another member of the parish council, Beryl Williams, has also been taking part in the discussions and through her the association has been able to form a useful link with the Northamptonshire Industrial Archaeological Society, which is greatly interested in the preservation of many features along the 33-mile stretch of canal running through the Daventry district.

Membership of Whilton and Buckby Locks Association, originally confined to local businesses, has this year been opened out to all local residents and others with an interest in the low-key enhancement of the local stretch of canal for the enjoyment of residents and tourists.

The modest subscription (£2 for households, £5 for businesses) entitles members to take part in regular meetings and events and to receive the association's fascinating newsletter, *The Flight*. For further information, contact the chairperson, Peter Ilsley, at Whilton Locks Pottery, telephone 842886.—Tom Price.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PAGE

Annual Meeting

This was held on Wednesday, 9th October, with twelve members in attendance.

On this occasion we sat together as a group round the table - a format agreed by all present.

General W.I. affairs, including the Millennium project, were discussed and reports given.

Mrs. Anthea Hiscock in her president's report thanked all committee members for their support during the past year.

The treasurer, Mrs. Trudy Haynes, was pleased with our healthy bank balance which she suggested should see us through two years.

Mr. Kerry Davies was thanked for auditing the accounts and was to be asked if he would be prepared to take on the audit next year.

As she had now served four consecutive years on the committee, Mrs. Freda Thomas was retiring. Appreciation was expressed for the excellent way in which which she had carried out her duties as welfare officer.

It was agreed that the secretary's work for the ensuing year should be shared between two members.

Mrs. Teresa Leadbetter was welcomed as a new committee member.

For 1996-97 the committee is to be as follows:-

President - Mrs. Anthea Hiscock
Vice President - Mrs. Jane O'Riordan
Secretaries - Mrs. Anne Kilgour &
Mrs. Teresa Leadbetter
Treasurer - Mrs. Trudy Haynes
Welfare - Mrs. Jane O'Riordan &
Mrs. Sue Green
Publications - Mrs. Sue Green
Register - Mrs. Teresa Leadbetter

The evening ended with the general enjoyment of calorific refreshments provided by committee members.

Trudy Haynes

Meeting November 13th

A rather mixed selection of items was considered by members at this meeting. Future plans included the possibility of running a "Self Defence" course in the village hall and open to other residents. A future report would be given on this.

The "Parish Map" would be discussed at an open meeting later in the month.

Arrangements for Members' Night, which is the next meeting, included each member bringing a photograph of herself aged between four and ten years and a mystery parcel valued at £1. Proceeds from the raffle would go to a Children's Hospice.

Cakes were sought from members in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund who are holding a Festive Food Fair at Danes Camp on December 5th.

Mr. J. Worlidge gave a talk, illustrated by slides, on the Yorkshire Dales. The speaker had a great number of very interesting slides which he accompanied by stories and unusual pieces of information about the places shown. Members were all impressed by the beauty of the Yorkshire fells, moors and waterfalls.

A vote of thanks was given by Diana Scott and refreshments were provided by Teresa Leadbetter and Chris Messinger.

F.M. Drake

Foil, Stamps, etc.

No news of the "foil front" was given in our last issue but collections are still taking place.

Four sacks of foil, etc. have recently been taken to Lyncrest, one of these being from our friends in Norton. A goodly number of stamps had also been collected. Many thanks.

Don't forget to save all the stamps from your Christmas cards for me!

Trudy Haynes

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR & CHURCHYARD COMPETITION 1996

CONGRATULATIONS ALL - As you are undoubtedly aware WHILTON was the winner of Class 1 Villages (population 50 - 400) in the Village of the Year section. We were presented with a Cup which we hold for 12 months, a Certificate which will be hung in the village hall and also a cheque for £40 to use to improve the environment.

Thank you all for the tremendous effort made during the whole of the judging period (June - September inclusive) and particularly Whilton W.I. and helpers who did a litter sweep through the village. Also our thanks to the village children who attend Brington County Primary School for the delightful posters they produced.

At the Presentation the Chairperson for the Judging Panel pointed out that on their last visit to Whilton during the last week of September to make a selection for an overall winner, a piece of litter was observed in the form of a beer can. This put us outside the frame for the Village of the Year Cup. However we had a very good result and must approach next year in a positive way. 1997 will find us in the Cup Winners Class and the competition will be extremely fierce.

Useful information was given when the Conservation in the Churchyard Cup was presented to Bulwick: we were informed that the judges not only look for neatness but also the incorporation of a wildlife / conservation area. Borders with flowers etc. do not necessarily attract maximum marks.



Well done - we can all feel very proud of the achievement.

Derek Brown, Whilton Parish Council

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'A' LEVEL GEOGRAPHY QUESTIONNAIRE

I was most grateful to those people who took the time to complete my survey. The outstanding response has provided invaluable data for my research.

Many thanks.

Ed Tilston

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1984

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CASCADE SYSTEMS

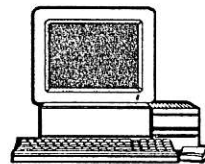
There was a case reported in the Chronicle & Echo on 4th November 1996 involving a Church Organist and his bi-monthly publication, where he was operating unknowingly without being registered under the Data Protection Act. The structure of the business necessitated registration under the Act for the personal data held on a computer for mailing purposes.

Consideration has been given to our position as we have retained personal data for our Cascade system on a computer. This is retained to simplify matters when the eight group lists need up-dating.

Having taken this up with the Data Protection Registrar's office it would appear that it is not necessary for Registration.

However it is a requirement that all members are made aware that we hold personal data on a computer under the control of the undernamed.

Therefore please advise immediately if you have any objection to your name, address and telephone number being held on computer.



Derek Brown
Deputy Co-ordinator.
Tel. No. 842968

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Three burglaries in the village have been reported to Daventry Police during November.

9th - 10th November Two houses forcibly entered and property stolen.

16th-17th November Garden ornaments stolen from one property.

Door-to-door salesmen have also been reported in the village at various times. The advice is to be careful if the vendor is unknown to you.

CRIME PREVENTION AT CHRISTMAS

House Burglary

Most burglaries occur whilst houses are empty so it is advisable to leave lights on during the hours of darkness as signs of occupation deter thieves. However leaving **Christmas** tree lights on with no other visible sign of occupation can have the opposite effect. Any house where darkness is illuminated only by Christmas tree lights gives the opportunist thief a beacon. These lights are insufficient for normal use and wrapped gifts around the tree may invite a break-in. The advice is therefore to draw the curtains and to leave other lights on when going out after dark.

If you are away for Christmas try to arrange for a neighbour to look after your home. The best deterrent is a burglar alarm which should always be switched on whilst the house is empty. Remember to close all windows and lock all doors including garage and shed doors. Keep all side, back and front gates closed or locked where possible.

Christmas Crime Prevention Motto - Try not to let those outside see what you have inside.

Auto Crime

Car thefts and thefts of goods from cars make up a twenty five per cent of all reported crime and this percentage increases over the festive period.

Security advice is to remember to lock car doors and the boot every time you leave the car and never to leave luggage, clothes or shopping where they can be seen. Choose parking places carefully in a well-lit area if possible. Thieves do not want to risk being seen.

Steering locks and immobilisers are effective anti-theft devices and so is locking the car and removing the rotor arm (on the older models) before you leave it.

Finally leave your car locked in a garage at night whenever possible.

BE CAREFUL AT CHRISTMAS AND BE VIGILANT

DAVENTRY POLICE RING - 01327 300300

Christine Bilsborough

"PASS -IT-ON" CAMPAIGN

This Campaign culminated with the Thanksgiving Service on 29th September 1996 and Tuesday 1st October saw the Committee dealing with a pile of response envelopes. All the TREASURE response envelopes (41) were passed unopened to the Treasurer and he reports a very satisfactory result. TIME and TALENTS envelopes totalled 46 with 103 offers of help or requests for more information. What a wonderful response!

The Committee have responded either by letter or personal contact and a register has been prepared incorporating all offers of help for reference purposes as the occasion arises.

There are one or two areas where we have to develop the offer of help and further contact will be made.

Our thanks to the Pack Leaders for their assistance in the distribution and collection of the envelopes.

Derek Brown
Publications Officer.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

May we extend to all members of the Village Hall 200 Club grateful thanks for their continued support in 1996.

Those who have been members since the 200 Club started in 1991 will remember the objective was to raise money to meet the cost of major repairs and renovations to the Hall. Since those works were completed further money raised from the 200 Club and other events has contributed to

- a) certain running costs and minor repairs which has helped to keep the rents really low for all users of the Hall and
- b) enabled a Sinking Fund to be created to meet the cost of fairly major items of work that will need to be done in the not too distant future. i.e. replacement of window frames and possibly the whole of the floor.

The Hall is extensively used these days; during the year we take on average 200 or more bookings. The greater proportion is for the Playgroup sessions with approximately 40% for various social clubs, groups in the village and private functions. The Committee not only hires out the hall but for a small fee villagers can hire tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, a tea urn and now thanks to the kind donation from Mrs Ellison, a hot plate. Village life would be impoverished if we did not have a hall!

The funds raised by the 200 Club therefore enable the Committee to keep the hall in good running order. Please do continue to subscribe to the Club. If you are new in the village and would like further information please let us know.

There are various people within the village who are collectors and we are very grateful for the time they give but initially if you contact one of the following they will put you in touch with the collector for your area.

Mary Kane	Tel	842618
Derek Brown		842968
Phil Waights		842431

In September Gerry Tilston and his team organised a Village Clay Pigeon Shoot and we are extremely grateful for the donation of £230 for the Village Hall Funds.

200 CLUB WINNERS

SEPT	1st Prize	No.108	G.Kilgour
	2nd Prize	No.065	R.Gardner
	3rd Prize	No.038	A.Tilston
OCT	1st Prize	No.044	P.Bilsborough
	2nd Prize	No.054	R & S Green
	3rd Prize	No.208	G.Clements

Congratulations to all.

Mary Kane

CAMPION SCHOOL'S SUPERB NEW BUILDINGS

Wednesday, November 13th, saw the official opening of the Derek Roberts Building, a recently completed addition to the School, replacing almost all the mobile classrooms that have been on the site for many years.

Former headmaster, Derek Roberts, after whom the new buildings are named, made a short speech to the assembled gathering of education officers, school governors, present and former members of staff. His remarks were put over in that interesting and witty manner that those of us who know him well have come to expect.

He spoke of the difficulties and hazards of teaching in the old mobile classrooms, especially in times of high winds and gales, not uncommon in Campion's high and exposed position, and praised the facilities now available in the new buildings.

The whole of the ground floor of the new buildings is given over to a Sixth Form Centre and is very impressive.

It should certainly produce an atmosphere much more conducive to study than the buildings it replaced and our young people are very fortunate to have such facilities.

H.H.

CAMPION SCHOOL AUTUMN FAYRE

Many thanks to all parents and friends who supported the Autumn Fayre at Campion School on Sunday, 17 November.

The net proceeds were £1,000 which is going to help support the School's lottery bid for a swimming pool and all-weather pitches.

PRODUCTION OF MUSICAL 'GREASE'

Students from Campion School are performing the musical 'Grease' on December 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Tickets, including refreshments, are £5 for Adults, £3 for Children or £12 for a Family Ticket of 2 Adults and 2 Children.

Please contact the School direct on 01604 833900 or Jenny Shaw on 01604 770668 if you would like tickets.

To the teenagers of Whilton

Yo! There's not a lot to do round here for teenagers - and no buses to get anywhere.

I've got three suggestions:

1. If there were enough of us, perhaps we could get a bus to take us to and from The Zone in Northampton - a disco for under-16s - on a Wednesday night. Anyone older could use the bus to go somewhere else.

2. Try to organise a bus to take us to Northampton and back on a Saturday morning for shopping and hanging out.

3. Organise our own discos every week in the village hall - I know someone who has all the equipment and would set it up for us. Perhaps people from the Bringtons would like to come along too.

If you're interested, or have got some good ideas, ring me or see me at Campion School.

Bea Price -
Whilton Locks
Phone: 842395

WHILTON VILLAGE - CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

On Saturday 28th September at 10am a full complement of shooters gathered in a field half way down Whilton Hill anticipating an exciting morning's sport. The party encountered the usual autumnal changeable weather but it settled down to a fairly warm if windy day with an occasional shower.

Shooters were organised into four groups to tackle the five stands and after a short but very necessary introductory talk about safety, Gerry Tilston demonstrated how to shoot a cabbage (nailed to a post) at about four metres (An effective way to demonstrate the power of a 12 bore shotgun). He was not so successful on the more testing clay targets. His excuse was the recent alterations to his gun, but it probably also had a lot to do with the barracking provided by his fellow shooters.

There was a good range of shooting ability from regular members of a clay pigeon shooting club to absolute beginners. Everyone managed to hit some clays although it was evident that a number of shooters found some of the clay targets too elusive as applause could be heard around the field when the shot hit the target.

The "rabbit" targets proved to be one of the greater challenges of the day ranging from imitating a high speed kangaroo to a tortoise with arthritis. Steve Bond managed to miss one "rabbit" even when it had stopped moving. However, Sam Messenger showed fine form, hitting all ten clays. Later, after lunch, Gerry suggested that there might be some relationship between the wild rabbit population and the score achieved by Gordon and Martin Emery on the "rabbit" stand!!

At about one o'clock after five gruelling stands and 50 shoulder thumping shots the shooting party retired to the village hall where a veritable feast had been prepared. On the menu was soup followed by a choice of curry or gammon then apple pie and ice cream rounded off with cheese and biscuits and coffee. A warm atmosphere was created in a very full village hall, the tables invitingly laid with a certain artistic flair. The food was both delicious and plentiful as was the wine and beer. There appeared to be lively debate on all four tables about the ones that got away and who had the worst bruise etc.

At the end of the meal Gerry made the presentations. Steve Bond, a guest of the organisers, hit the most targets, scoring 36 out of 50. He received a tasteful if modest shield to commemorate his victory whereupon his regular shooting companions assured him that they would beat him next time out. Robert Houghton, Richard Newborough and Dave Todd all achieved scores above 30. Jacqueline Green and Gill Houghton returned rather lowly scores. As Jacqueline shot only half the course Gill received the booby prize for the lowest overall score. Her prize included a "revenge kit" (some clay pigeons and a hammer). Phil, a guest of Kevin Kavanaugh and Alan Waights were commended as the two best novices.

A hearty thanks was given to Angela Tilston, Mary Emery, Sue Green and Gill Houghton for preparing the food. Appreciation was shown to the trappers Gareth Morris, Phil Morris and Andrew Tibbs who did a very good job in blustery weather conditions that made it difficult to hear.

The shoot was very well attended and thanks to a considerable amount of forethought and effort by Gerry the shoot was well designed, fun and most importantly safe. Gerry was assisted by Dick Green, Richard Newborough and Robert Houghton.

An enjoyable day was had by all and **£230 was raised for village hall funds.** It is hoped that a similar event will be organised in future years.

Many thanks to Gordon Emery for allowing the shoot to be held on his land and to Martin Emery for demonstrating his skill in positioning some large round straw bales to protect the trappers.

Details about the clay pigeon shooting club at Daventry can be obtained from Gerry, Dick, Richard or Robert.

Robert Houghton

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As with all schools these days, our local school is busy with much fund raising in order to cover the cost of many teaching aids and facilities.

On 18th April 1997, the PTA is planning to hold a "Promises Auction". If you have never been to one of these, the idea is that people submit a promise, which is bid for at the auction. The promises can be anything for example, from the offer of a free nights baby sitting or dog minding to perhaps something that your place of work might offer such as free car service or promotional material.

More information about this event will be forthcoming nearer the date, but in the meantime, if anyone in the village feels that they can offer a promise of any kind please let me know or contact the school directly.

We will be delighted to hear from you.

Mary Kane
Fallowfield, Whilton
Tel. 01327 842618

IMPORTANT

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you have a child, or know of a child who will be due to start school in September 1997 (Fourth birthday before 1st September 1997) who wishes to attend Brington County Primary School, could you please ensure that the child's name, address and date of birth are registered with us by telephone on 01604 770286 or by letter before January 1997.

Head Teacher.

News from Whilton Playgroup

We've had lots of interesting visitors this term. The most exciting were members of the Fire Brigade who parked their fire engine near the Church and let the children get on board to climb all over it, squirt the hose and try on the firemen's helmets!

We've also had the police in a Panda car, who let the children use their walkie-talkie, and a nurse who showed them how to bandage their teddies and dolls - and use a stethoscope.

Now we're expecting a visit from "Postman Pat" who is coming to talk to us about the postal service.

Everyone's favourite visitor, Father Christmas, will be coming to our Christmas party on the last day of term, Friday 20th December.

Before that, we'll be spending quite a lot of time making Christmas decorations and rehearsing our Christmas play "Teddy Bears' Special Christmas," which we'll be performing on Monday morning, 16th December. Everyone is welcome to come and watch - there'll be a raffle, and coffee and mince pies on sale.

At the moment we have thirteen children at playgroup, including six full-timers. There are three on our waiting list who will join us next year when they reach the minimum age of two years nine months. Our maximum number is eighteen, so we still have some spare places if anyone has a pre-school child.

We hold three sessions a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the village hall. Fees are £2.50 a session.

At the moment we're all rather confused about the Government's "Nursery Voucher" scheme which comes in next April. A representative from the Pre-School Learning Alliance is coming to help us to understand how it will work and how it will affect us.

At our annual general meeting we elected Christa Horton-Fawkes from Althorp as chairperson, Judith Slinn from Great Brington as treasurer, and Sian Gardner (Davies), also from Great Brington, who remains as secretary.

Karen Smith
Little Brington
Deputy Supervisor

Elaine Aldham
Supervisor
Phone: 01327 341422

News from Brington School

The Quantum Theatre for Science came to Brington School this term to do a funny play called "The Big Drip." It was great and it was set out brilliantly.

There were only two people altogether in it and they would have probably had a lot of work to do. They remembered their songs and words and never made any mistakes.

They told us a lot about materials and their properties that I didn't know. They did experiments and called people up to them on the stage. I thought it was really interesting.

We had a great Hallowe'en party at school in the evening. We drank Dragon Blood and ate jelly with worms. Lots of people dressed up including the teachers which was funny. I hardly knew who anybody was because of all the masks and make-up.

I can't wait to go on our school trip next summer. Years five and six are going to the Kingswood Computer Centre in Norfolk for five days in June. As well as computers we will be doing fencing, go-karts, quad bikes, rifles, climbing, assault course, archery, scuba and there's also a talent show. It sounds brill!

We are all now busy rehearsing for our Christmas play which is The Wizard of Oz. It will be on Monday afternoon, 16th December and Tuesday evening, 17th December. We've got some lovely songs.

Megan Price
Whilton Locks
Year 5 (aged 9)

Following a number of requests for the recipes, used for the lunch at the recent Clay Pigeon Shoot, these are printed below for everyone to enjoy.

Lentil Soup for 10

Melt 2 oz butter
Add 4 oz smoked bacon rashers, rind removed and diced
8 oz onions, peeled and chopped
8 oz carrots, peeled and chopped
8 oz celery, trimmed and chopped
fry for 5 minutes.
Add 12 oz red lentils
6½ pints of light stock
4 cloves
1 bay leaf
salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to the boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 1½ hours.
Remove the cloves and bay leaf. Purée, re-heat and adjust seasoning.

Bobotie - serves 8-10

Dip 1 thick slice of white bread briefly into ½ pt milk (squeeze dry back into the bowl)

Break the bread into fine pieces, reserve both bread and milk. Heat 3 tablespoons oil, brown 2lb of beef or lamb mince for 5 minutes. Add 1 large onion, chopped, fry for 5 minutes more.

Stir in 3 tablespoons Madras curry powder, fry for 1 minute.

Mix in 2 tablespoons mango chutney
½ pt stock
2 oz raisins
3 oz 'ready to eat' apricots, snipped
2 oz flaked almonds
the reserved milky breadcrumbs

Season well, bring to the boil, cook for 5 minutes. Spoon into an ovenproof dish.
Beat 2 eggs with the reserved milk, season with salt and pepper, pour over the mince mixture.

Bake for 40 minutes or until the custard is set. Allow to stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Enjoy -

Angela Tilston

SECOND OF MAY BARN INTERIORS

The Thatched Cottage, Whilton, Northants. NN11 5NN

Now re-opened after extensive restoration and providing new extended showroom area.

SECOND OF MAYsmall but selective stock of little used designer/quality label childrens clothing 0 - 10 years.

BARN INTERIORScreative ideas for interiors, either making new or renovating/altering your existing furnishings. Small selection of fabrics and remnants stocked. Decorative items, tasteful gifts, irresistable soft toys, jewellery, greeting cards etc.

Dolls houses and contents to order at discounted prices (Dolls House Emporium) Ask for details. Orders now being taken for pre-Christmas delivery.

Please note new hours of opening

Monday....1pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday....12noon to 3.30pm
Friday....10am to 3.30pm

Other times by appointment.

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(answering service at Rock Transport - just ask for us)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON YOUR DOORSTEP

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**IF YOU ARE UNABLE
TO CALL WITHIN THE HOURS OF OPENING - JUST TELEPHONE
TO CHECK WE ARE AROUND AND WE WILL HAPPILY OPEN OUT
OF HOURS FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

Summary of Events

Sun	1	Dec	10.00am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - <u>Harlestone</u>
Mon	2	Dec	7.30pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association Encouraging Birds to Your Garden - Mr. Dave Carrington
Wed	11	Dec	7.30 pm	Whilton Women's Institute - Members' Night
"	"	"	"	Production of Musical "Grease" at Campion School (also on 12, 13 and 14 December)
Sun	15	Dec	3.30pm	Whilton Church - Christingle Service
Fri	20	Dec	7.30pm	" " Music for Christmas - Concert by Mixed Spice
Sun	22	Dec	6.00pm	" " Candlelight Service of Carols and Readings
Wed	25	Dec	9.30am	" " Christmas Eucharist (Archdeacon of N'ton)
Sun	29	Dec	10.00am	United Benefice Service - Church Brampton
Wed	31	Dec	11.15pm	" " Watchnight Service & New Year Peal
Sun	5	Jan	10.00am	United Benefice Service - Norton
Mon	6	Jan	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	8	Jan	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting - Sampling Various Breads
Wed	22	Jan		Newsletter Deadline

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