

# Whilton Newsletter

December 1997



## Newsletter Deadline

We would ask all our contributors to please observe the deadline date given on the back page and hand in their contributions by this date. The editors have a good deal of work to do in preparing the *Newsletter* for the printers and feel they should not have to remind folk when reports, etc have not been handed in on time.

## Page Set-up

It is, of course, a great help to the editors when articles, reports, etc are submitted in a form that is acceptable for inclusion without having to be re-typed. To this end it would be helpful if those who submit typed copy would try to work to certain guidelines. Margins on both sides of the paper should be approximately one inch or 2.5cm in width. Anything narrower may cause problems when pages are stapled together and anything wider is wasteful of space, making production costs higher than they need be. Space at the head and foot of the page should also be no more than one inch.

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## EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 1997

Whilton was awarded 71 points out of a possible 100 in this year's competition. The Commended and Highly Commended Certificates going to Moreton Pinkney (72 points) and Lullington (77 points).

In his report the Judge, Mr Jim Sharpe, stated that Whilton was a pretty village with tidy lawns and some colourful front gardens. He noted that it was encouraging that ten gardens had been opened for the Garden & Flower Festival. The absence of litter and unsightly spoil heaps was most apparent.

The flower box at the top of the village was most welcoming to residents and visitors alike (unfortunately the one at the bottom of the village had been stolen complete with plants).

Mr Sharpe did feel however that more permanent planting was required e.g. by the village noticeboard, a small floral display by the church door, more hanging baskets and planters and maybe more seats would greatly improve the area.

His report closed with "perhaps more use could be made of the unattended allotment plots".

Perhaps in 1998 some of these suggestions could be developed and maybe some front verges could be improved. With cooperation and a few improvements Whilton would have a good chance of attaining a higher placing as in the past.

Janet Bowers

## William John (Jack) Wright

Jack was a man of many talents; a skilled bowls player, rugby enthusiast (a vice-president of the Long Buckby club for whom he had played as a young man, as did his father and grandfather before him) organist, craftsman carpenter and joiner (he worked on the restoration of the National Trust property, Canons Ashby House) and a keen gardener, growing prize winning vegetables. Most of all, however, he was a great family man, loving the occasions when they all gathered together.

Jack always had time for people, either to listen, or enthral with tales of past village life. How interesting these tales could be, told in a quiet and unhurried manner. If help or advice was needed Jack was always ready to solve the problem if possible.

Born in Long Buckby, Jack moved as a boy with his parents to the canalside public house, "The Spotted Cow" at Whilton Locks, when they took up the licence there.

He served King and Country during the last war with the Royal Engineers, seeing service in many different areas.

When he married Kathleen they lived for a short time in Norton parish, where their son Geoffrey was born, before moving to Whilton.

Together with Kathleen, Jack has been a keen supporter of village life and was a founder member of the Gardeners' Association. He attended most village functions, helping out at many of them with his woodworking skills. He played a major part in the restoration of the village hall, again using the expertise gained in the building trade.

A full church for his funeral showed with what affection Jack was held. As part of his address the Revd. David MacPherson asked for a moment's quiet reflection of Jack - a lasting memory.

My memories are of a quiet, humble, kind and helpful man, whose greeting when I visited was "Hello Jan, how are you, and what have you to tell us today?" and who always had time for me. Like others I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to know Jack.

He will be sadly missed by all those of us who have known him.

Janet Bowers

## **Cover Picture**

The front cover this month shows a black and white drawing of the coloured Christmas card designed, as was last year's, by Clifford Ellison. These cards are on sale at the price of £3.50 for a pack of ten cards and may be obtained from either of the churchwardens, Janet Bowers (01327 842851) & Derek Brown (01327 842968) or from Harold Haynes (01327 842409).

Profits from the sale of the cards to Whilton Church funds.

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# WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

## NOVEMBER 1997 MEETING

This Meeting was held in the village hall at 7.30 pm and was attended by eight members who were greeted with an impressive display of Coppice Crafts already set out by our Speaker.

Following the business part of the Meeting we were introduced to our Guest Speaker, Mr R. Manton from Woodford Halse, who gave a talk and demonstration of exactly how some of the items on display had been made. We quickly learned that Mr Manton teaches his craft work at Danetre Secondary School and it was obvious he gained a great deal of pleasure in passing on the practical skills of the craft to the pupils.

Mr Manton's knowledge of the Craft began way back with a chance meeting with Mr Charlie West at the Royal Show. This resulted in many visits to Charlie West's home in Wimborne Dorset to learn the expert skills of a true craftsman.

Mr Manton practises and teaches many aspects of rural crafts but our evening focused on just one - Coppice Crafts. The demonstration began by showing us a piece of hazel tree and then how to correctly cut down or coppice it to produce new wood - as the more you cut down the more new growth you get.

One of his favourite sayings was "Growth follows the knife". The tool used was a bill hook for splitting the wood in the most accurate manner.

We then covered:-

**Various hurdle making** This was very interesting and is still used mainly in the South Downs / Dorset areas to pen sheep.

**Chestnut Paling** (Sweet chestnut is best) is also used for snow breaks / alternative instant fencing.

**Thatching Spars** Approximately 4,000 used in a thatched roof to hold the thatch in place. A professional could produce between 1,000 - 3,000 in a day. Up to seven cuts are allowed to produce each spar, three cuts at either end and one extra in case of need. One of the properties of the hazelwood used is a natural spring which holds the thatch in place.

Finally Mr Manton sat at his wooden shaving horse and made a traditional wooden flower that the true Romany Gypsies could make along with pegs, lavender bags and baskets and we could see how these items are still very popular with flower arranging and craft works.

Frances Drake then gave the vote of thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

We were then invited to look round the displays of sheep / hay cribs, wooden spoons, hay rakes and many other items whilst enjoying refreshments.

Susan Green won the raffle.

Sue Green

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## WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL:

Report from Keith Hiscock, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council had a busy agenda at its last meeting on the 3rd November.

There had been a full attendance at the meeting with Norton Council and the Area Officer for Planning and Transportation of Northants County Council, the results of which were discussed at this Parish Council meeting. Despite concerns felt in the village, we were not seen as having a problem. Norton with a much greater traffic nuisance only just registered on the County Council scale of concern. We have some freedom to take action on our own, but at our cost.

The Council decided to organise a small traffic census to gauge the extent of the problem before exploring traffic markings in a different road colour. As we do not figure in notified incident statistics kept by the County Council, villagers who see or are involved in accidents on the back road or in the village, or who suffer damage, are asked to notify me. The effects of the opening of Althorp in the summer will also need to be clear in any decision taken at a future Council. If you have views on through traffic please let us know.

The November Parish Council is the meeting in which next year's expenditure is discussed. This has then to be requested from the District Council. It was decided that it was necessary to maintain last year's level, £3480. This would be to pay for running three new lights for the village next year, at Manor Way, The Locks and on Southview, and replacing worn sensors. The new Southview light comes from a successful application to the Community Safety Fund. Repairs and painting of the two village seats are necessary. It is also important to provide an item, such as a seat, for the Pocket Park, in line with that for the Conservation Area at the Locks. The continued success of the village in competitions in recent years was also seen as requiring a permanent sign on the Green, the Council matching the winnings to date. Finally, as reserves are seen as too low to cover possible liabilities, it was thought necessary to provide a similar sum to this year.

As you can see from the above, the meeting had some things to celebrate. To add to success in the safety application, the village won another £25 as runner-up in the Cup Winners Cup for the Village of the Year competition. Well done everyone!

The meeting heard that there was a large measure of support for the Pocket Park at the public meeting and many volunteers for the work required, as well as sufficient grants to make this Millennium project viable. As a result, while recognising the need to preserve neighbours' privacy with sensitivity, the Council unanimously agreed to act as Trustees for this generous offer of the spinney from Mr and Mrs Davies.

Mr Brown was thanked for all his efforts so far and asked to set matters in hand to legally accept the gift, apply for grants and form up the management group with those involved. It was good to hear that at the other end of the parish plans for the Lock Ponds had been well received, and have been approved at their latest stage.

Mr Brown and Mrs Martin were thanked for their help in restoring village newspaper deliveries. Mr and Mrs Battison were thanked for their agreement to the smart Wadd Close Lane sign going on their wall.

Not all was good news. Some apparent drastic reductions in Health provision have been proposed, on which the Council were invited to comment. There is an open meeting on 9th December at the Daventry Leisure Centre at 7.30pm. Do go, if you are concerned about the loss of certain operations and longer queues for others.

Mrs Williams had attended the AGM of Northants Association of Local Councils on our behalf, and reported that subscriptions and necessary audit fees are to rise substantially. There is concern about the erection of pylons and towers across the county for which planning permission is not required. It appears that our entry in the Victoria County History is some way off, but the Council will receive a draft for comment before publication.

The state of paint on the village telephone box had been noticed. I have been asked to find those now responsible for its preserved status and request a new coat of paint. Two other schemes with potential for the village were discussed. There is some funding and ability to raise finance for isolated village transport schemes - not a success here to date - and some Help the Aged Millennium funding for helping older people through clubs, outings, etc. More details are available from me, and ideas will be welcomed by the Council.

Apart from the usual approval of routine expenditure, two planning applications were considered. On the first, a renewal of existing planning permission for a bungalow at the back of Stone House, no comment was made. On the second, for a temporary road off the A5, to allow a new railway bridge to be put in place at Christmas near Whilton Lodge, the Council indicated their concern about road safety with poor visibility and mud on the road. They were also concerned about the need to replace damaged or uprooted trees.

Finally, members are concerned that drains are clear for the winter rain. If you have a problem with road drains, please let me know, so that I can contact County Planning to get them cleared.

Our next meeting will be on 5th January in the Village Hall. Why not pay us a visit?

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**A Piece of History** copied from the church records and dated December 28th, 1811.

In the year 1794 The Grand Junction Canal Company, under the powers of their Act of Parliament, took from the land belonging to this Rectory, One Acre and ten Perches out of Sow Meadow, for which they paid me One Hundred and twelve Pounds, ten shillings, which with the interest to this Day, amounts to about Two Hundred and eight Pounds, to which I added of my own free gift One Hundred and thirteen Pounds and a few shillings, and with this sum redeemed the Land Tax charged upon this Rectory, amounting to Fourteen Pounds and one Halfpenny per Annum; from which annual payment this Rectory is for ever exonerated from the next quarter Day.

William Lucas Rose (Rector)

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**Bells**

The time draws near the birth of Christ,  
The moon is hid, the night is still:  
The Christmas bells from hill to hill  
Answer each other in the mist.

This year I slept, and woke with pain,  
I almost wished no more to wake,  
And that my hold on life would break  
Before I hear those bells again.

But they my troubled spirit rule,  
For they controlled me when a boy.  
They bring me sorrow tinged with joy  
Those merry, merry bells of Yule.

Anon. (Sent in by Joan Davies)

## BELLRINGING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Ever since the start of change ringing in the 17th Century, bellringers have been keen to ring the bells to mark special occasions. This may have had something to do with the fact that they were often paid - sometimes in money, sometimes in beer! In those early days, the ringing was usually connected with secular events, and the list of ringing at Westminster Abbey in 1692 contains no ringing for religious festivals at all. Events for which there was ringing include the anniversary of coronation day, victory over the French fleet, birthdays of various members of the Royal Family, and the anniversary of the gunpowder plot.

Often this secular ringing caused acrimonious disputes between the ringers and the clergy, who took exception to the reason for ringing and to the bad behaviour of the ringers. The rector of Chesterfield refused permission for the ringers to signal the opening of the races in 1830 and was never forgiven!

Happily, this kind of dispute is a thing of the past, and ringers direct most of their efforts towards ringing for church occasions. However, other events are marked by special peals and quarter peals: there was a huge amount of half-muffled ringing all around the country after the sad death of Princess Diana.

Recently, ringers have had a happier event to celebrate, and there has been much ringing for the Golden Wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip. On the afternoon of the anniversary Whilton bellringers rang a Quarter Peal (about 45 minutes of continuous change ringing) to honour the occasion. The details of the ringing are as follows:

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Parish Church of S. Andrew, Whilton  
on Thursday, 20th November, 1997

### A QUARTER PEAL OF 1260 DOUBLES

consisting of 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob

1. Susan Townley
2. John Townley (Snr)
3. Janet Bowers
4. Bryan Williams
5. Harold Haynes
6. John Townley (Jnr)

conducted by Harold Haynes.

Bryan Williams

# BRINGTON AND WHILTON PLAYGROUP

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOU DIARY:-

**MONDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER - COFFEE MORNING**  
10.00 - 12.00

**TO BE HELD AT ROSEBANK COTTAGE, WHILTON**

**IN AID OF PLAYGROUP FUNDS**

**-BRING AND BUY  
-CAKE SALE  
-RAFFLE**

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME SO COME ALONG,  
HAVE A COFFEE, A MINCE PIE AND A CHAT**

**ENTRANCE ONLY £1**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND**  
**CAROL SERVICE**

**TO BE HELD AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH AT 10.00 AM**

**ALL PLAYGROUP CHILDREN WILL BE DRESSING UP  
AND TAKING PART IN THIS SERVICE.**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE AFTERWARDS IN  
WHILTON VILLAGE HALL.**

MANY THANKS IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR SUPPORT

Carol Henderson  
Supervisor



## WHILTON WI

Whilton WI held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8 October. Although this was a business meeting, it was also an opportunity to look back over the last year and to plan for the future. Our discussion was informal and we were able to enjoy refreshments provided by the Committee as we talked. There was also a raffle, the eggs from Chris Messenger's ducks being won by Trudy Haynes and the 1988 calendar by Shirley Brown.

We are entering a team for the County Quiz again this year, and wish them good luck. We have two new officers this year. Our new president is Ros Gardner and Teresa Leadbetter is treasurer. Anne Kilgour is continuing as secretary. We are always pleased to welcome visitors or potential new members to meetings. These are at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in finding out more, any WI member will be happy to give you more information.

It is sometimes surprising to members to note how much we manage to do in a year, and a copy of the president's report follows, reminding us of those things.



### **Whilton W I President's Report October 1997**

The last twelve months have brought a variety of experiences to our WI, some happy and exciting and others sad. We are ending the year with lower numbers, but it is clear that we still have an important part to play in our village community and that the WI is an organisation where any woman, whatever her background, can feel she has a role and is welcomed.

If we begin on the sadder note; our institute lost one of its founder members, Freda Pride, at the end of 1996, and we all remember with deep affection the enthusiasm and artistic talent of Freda Thomas who died this summer. We also extend our sympathy to Kath Wright who has been so recently bereaved.

Jane O'Riordan and Sue Green have been responsible for welfare this year, sending messages of sympathy to the sad and ill, and also congratulating the arrival of new babies in the village. We hope that their work encourages the rest of the village to know that we care and are interested in them. I would like to thank Jane and Sue for this.

Some of our members have taken part in county events, notably the "Quiz" team in the autumn, beaten but not bowed, the participation in a walk by Ros Gardner and Teresa Leadbetter and the afternoon with Henry Sandon in Daventry. Members of the Committee also attended the Annual Council Meeting, the meeting auditioning speakers, and the Resolutions meeting.

Our monthly meetings have been varied, and several involved some form of activity for those who came, especially sampling bread in January, and trying on clothes in both the underwear evening in April and the talk about Pakistan in September. In July we had a delightful saunter around Daventry, and all learned a great deal through our informative guide, Pat Roll, before returning for a drink at the White Horse in Norton.

As usual we took opportunities to eat together. In December the Members Night was organised by Kath Wright, Janet Bowers and Anne Kilgour. The food was delicious, eaten in beautifully decorated surroundings and the competitions were fun. We all appreciated the hard work of

preparation for this. In the spring, members and a few husbands ate together again, but this time at the Buckby Cobbler, where a lovely meal was enjoyed by all. We thank Janet Bowers for organising this.

Throughout the year we regularly have events and activities, which can only take place because members of the WI are willing to give time and enthusiasm to make them happen. These add to the richness of village life, and without them Whilton would be the poorer. I would like to mention a few of these, because I think it is important to acknowledge how much we depend on one another.

At Christmas, as usual, we gave gifts of bulbs to senior citizens, and this was undertaken by Frances Drake and Diana Scott. Throughout the year the flower bed by the churchyard wall is tended, mostly by Janet Bowers, but sometimes by others, including at least one husband, Derek Brown!

In April we supported the Parish Council in the litter pick, providing refreshments afterwards, when items such as the bed springs and walking boots discovered under the hedge were on display. In August we had a coffee morning in aid of the fund for Macmillan Nurses. We thank Jane and Paddy O'Riordan for allowing us to use their home and garden for this, and also all the members who baked and contributed to this successful village event.

I must also mention the members of the Committee, who willingly undertake the everyday running of our organisation. Anne Kilgour and Teresa Leadbetter have made a good team of secretaries and Trudy Haynes will be hard to replace as treasurer. The Programme Committee takes on the responsibility of organising a varied and interesting set of meetings each year, and we have no difficulty in getting volunteers to write reports for the Whilton Newsletter. Besides this, all of you do your share in providing raffle prizes, making tea and helping when required. It is often in working together that we get to know each other.

And now I come to the future and the exciting challenge ahead. We are a very small institute, but a great deal is happening in Whilton. If we are involved and active, there is every reason to think that we shall grow again. The coming Millennium is offering us a challenge. Our members are already thinking about our contribution to the needlework map of the parish and, as you know, plans are under way to produce this. Besides this, there is now the challenge of working towards the Whilton Pocket Park. The WI as a whole strongly supports the ideas and aims of Agenda 21, working for sustainable development in our own area, and the pocket park aims fit well within this. I hope that Whilton WI will be able to support this, to work to add something special, sustainable and worthwhile to be handed down to our successors. If we can do this we will be doing something to strengthen our community and be there to help other women to become involved too.

Anthea Hiscock

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Regular contributions of **MILK TOPS, FOIL, ETC** continue to come in, together with quantities of stamps. Four sacks of foil, etc, which included two mentioned in the last *Newsletter* were delivered to Lyncrest on 12th November, together with lots of stamps, and stocks are already building up again. Grateful thanks to all our contributors, whose help is very much appreciated.

Trudy Haynes

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## Wadd's in a name?

Noting that the sign "Wadd Close Lane" had been erected it set me thinking. Should the spelling be WADD, I thought, or should it be WAD? These field names have, of course, been handed down by word of mouth through several generations and the first time I saw the name Wadd Close written down was when a map of the fields in the parish was drawn up by some of the senior pupils in the school at Whilton, back in 1932. The names given to the fields were those by which the villagers knew them at that time. This map has been reproduced and appears in at least two publications, and the name "Wadd" has stood.

The word "wad" can, of course be found in the dictionary - we speak of a wad of notes or a wad of paper - but there is no "wadd". My own view is that the field gets its name from the plant woad, that which the ancient Britons used to produce their blue dye, and that the fields in question were used at one time for growing these plants. Over the years the name woad has become corrupted to wod, wad or wadd. Has anyone any better ideas?

There is no doubt some interesting history behind a number of these old field names if only one could discover it. Some of them, of course, speak for themselves. "Windmill Close", for example, the field on the hill top that is the site of the former windmill, or "Dairy Ground". Then there is "Donkey Field" where the parson used to keep the donkey that pulled the mowing machine over the rectory lawns!

A name that intrigues me is "Top of the Town Close". A lovely name but one could hardly call Whilton a town. Does it perhaps refer to an old town - one from Roman times? Then there is "Inkerman". This surely must have been named after the battle of Inkerman in 1854.

Of course many of the fields are named after their one-time owners. "Tarry's Orchard" for example. Who was Tarry and how long is it since the field was an orchard? Certainly not in this century, whereas "Collins's Orchard" was

a favourite place to go "scrumping" pears in my boyhood days, but has long since gone and houses now occupy the site.

"Butlins" is another example. There was a William Langton Wright Butlin farming in the parish in the mid eighteenth century, so maybe he farmed the fields in question. Incidentally, I have it on good authority that the late Sir William Butlin (Billy Butlin of Holiday Camp fame) was a descendant of a Butlin family of Whilton, so probably the aforementioned William Langton Butlin was one of his ancestors.

There are two fields off the Brington Road known as "John Humphreys". Now there was one John Humphrey, a butcher, in the village in the latter half of the eighteenth century, so the fields probably belonged to him and he fattened up a few cattle there for his butchery business.

Then there is "Joe Lang's" and "Lang's Hill". Who was Joe Lang, I wonder, and which was his farm? I have not seen his name mentioned in the records. Dunkley is an old village name and there are two or three fields with that name, as well as a "Carpenters", "Gammages", "Barker's Hill" and Barker's Meadow". There is also "Flimbres" but I don't know whether or not this name relates to a former owner.

There is a "Church Way" - nowhere near the church so goodness knows how it came by that name. Another has the romantic sounding name of "Broadway" - probably so called because of a wide cart track down one side.

One of the fields that formed part of the old Glebe land is known as "Anglends", or "Anglands" as it is shown in an old Church Terrier. Interesting name but what does it come from?

There are probably stories behind lots of these old names but I doubt if we shall ever hear them as they will have died out with former generations.

H.H.

## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Have you seen the Village Hall with its new floor and kitchen and its coat of paint? It is all looking very smart. A big thank you is owed to Phil Waights who spent a lot of time sorting out all the paper work and forms when applying for the Local Authority Grant and then spent more time overseeing and co-ordinating the contractors who came to do the work. Derek Brown is another to whom thanks are owed. Many an hour has he spent overseeing the work of the kitchen refurbishment and even more actually wielding paintbrush and tools and giving the hall the finishing touches. So now the hall is in good shape.

Thanks to all who subscribe to the 200 Club for without the income from this support we would not have been in a position to have carried out the improvements. Replacement windows is the next project.

The Constitution of the Village Hall Committee which manages the hall states that membership should consist of representatives of the Parish Council, W.I., Parochial Church Council and Playgroup. There are two vacancies for representatives from the village. Membership of this Committee represents a commitment to attend perhaps three or four meetings per year and to give a hand where possible in the organisation of the one or two fund raising events that the committee might hold in any one year. If you could spare just a few hours per year to play this important role in village life, please let me know.

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee is to be held at 7.30. pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1998. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Kane  
Secretary, Village Hall Committee

## VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB DRAW 1997

Congratulations to the winners of the September and October Draws

### September

1st	No.201	J.Clements	£40
2nd	No.093	C.Print	£20
3rd	No.013	J.Bowers	£10

### October

1st	No.123	L.Morris	£40
2nd	No.019	S.Green	£20
3rd	No.183	F.Drake	£10

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## **Crime Report**

Whilton remains crime free so far this year.

However there have been a couple of recent warnings to remind us of potential trouble and thus the need for continued vigilance and good security.

As reported in the last newsletter one resident was disturbed at night by a light shining through a downstairs window and noticed a car parked on the drive. The car was driven speedily away on being observed.

In a separate incident the front door bell of a house was rung late at night and although nobody was there, a youth was seen running away from a neighbouring property. This incident was reported to Daventry Police who investigated but no criminal damage to either property was found.

If the slightest suspicion is aroused by any incident in the village then immediately ring Daventry police who will investigate further.

## **Festive Crime Campaign**

Unfortunately the run-up to Christmas and the festive period is often the busiest time of the year for thieves, pick-pockets, burglars and bogus callers, Auto-crime also increases.

The following advice has been issued by the police in order to reduce crime, especially at this time of the year.

## **Bogus Officials**

Unfortunately crime involving bogus callers is all too frequent, often affecting elderly members of the community.

A recent case cited two men, purporting to be from the Council, calling on an elderly person and demanding money for cleaning drains. In other instances men have offered "services" saying that they were from the Gas, Water or Electricity Companies; these men often wear an appropriate uniform and appear convincing.

The measures to be taken against such callers are relatively simple and are as follows:-

1. Do not buy from (or sell to) tradesmen at the door unless known to you.
2. Do not let anyone into your home unless known to you.
3. Secure the door with a chain or lock and do not open unless completely satisfied of the identity of the caller. Genuine callers from the Service Industries will carry identity cards and should make an appointment to call.
4. If there is any doubt, try to verify the caller's identity by telephoning the Customer Services Dept. of their employment.
5. Only use tradesmen that are known and recommended. Never give money to a stranger, whatever the reason.
6. Alert Police immediately if you are suspicious about any caller either by ringing 999 or contacting Daventry police on 300300.

## **Pickpockets and Petty Thieves**

Theft of personal goods and money increases considerably over the festive season especially in busy shopping areas and on public transport. The Shoppers Guide has been issued by Northampton Transport:-

- Avoid carrying more money than you need.
- Do not place your purse or handbag in an open pram, shopping trolley or basket. Do not leave handbags and shopping on empty seats on trains, buses etc.
- Never carry your purse or wallet in the outside pocket of a shopping bag or in the back pocket of trousers.
- Do not be tempted to leave shopping or other goods in a parked car where they can be seen. Locked cars offer little resistance to the opportunist thief.

## **Home Security**

Finally always check house security before leaving home. Remember the four main rules:-

1. All windows closed and all doors securely locked
2. Garage and shed doors closed and secure.
3. Where burglar alarm installed ensure this is activated on leaving the property.
4. Front and side gates shut. Close gates to driveway on leaving the property in your car.

**DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300**

Christine Bilsborough  
Co-ordinator



Miss B L Lomas Headteacher, Brington County Primary School, Little Brington, Northampton Tel: 01604-770286

## **BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL ADMISSION - SEPTEMBER 1998**

If your child will be aged four on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 1998 they will be eligible to start school in September 1998.

Please contact Brington Primary School as soon as possible if you wish to register your child with us.

The school telephone number is 01604 770286

B.L.Lomas  
Headteacher

## St Andrew's Church

### NEW ORDER OF SERVICES

From January 1st the pattern of services will change. They will be based on a two-monthly rotation, as follows:-

#### MONTH 1

1st Sunday - 10.00am -	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - (January) CHURCH BRAMPTON
2nd Sunday - 11.00am -	Morning Worship - Family Eucharist . 6.00 pm EVENSANG
3rd Sunday - 9.30am -	Sung Eucharist
4th Sunday - 9.30am -	Family Service - Family Eucharist

#### MONTH 2

1st Sunday - 10.00am -	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - (February) HARLESTONE
2nd Sunday - 11.00am -	Morning Worship - Family Service
3rd Sunday - 9.30am -	Sung Eucharist
4th Sunday - 11.00am -	Morning Worship - Family Eucharist
6.00pm -	Evening Worship - Compline

Janet Bowers

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### **Christmas 1997**

This will be my first, I hope, of many Christmases with you. As churches, families, and individuals we celebrate the festive season in different ways.

One of the things I have always done in previous parishes is to invite the whole family of God's church to worship together on Christmas Day morning. At Whilton this year we are having a family service at 9.30 am and this will be followed by a shortened form of Holy Communion. Family services are emphatically not just for children; they are intended for the whole church. So I would invite you all to come on Christmas morning to celebrate the birthday of Christ our King. It would be nice if children could bring along any small present they have received, so that we can share their pleasure in their gifts.

I hope you have a really good Christmas, and trust that all you would wish for yourselves and those you love, may be yours in 1998.

I hope to see you in church,

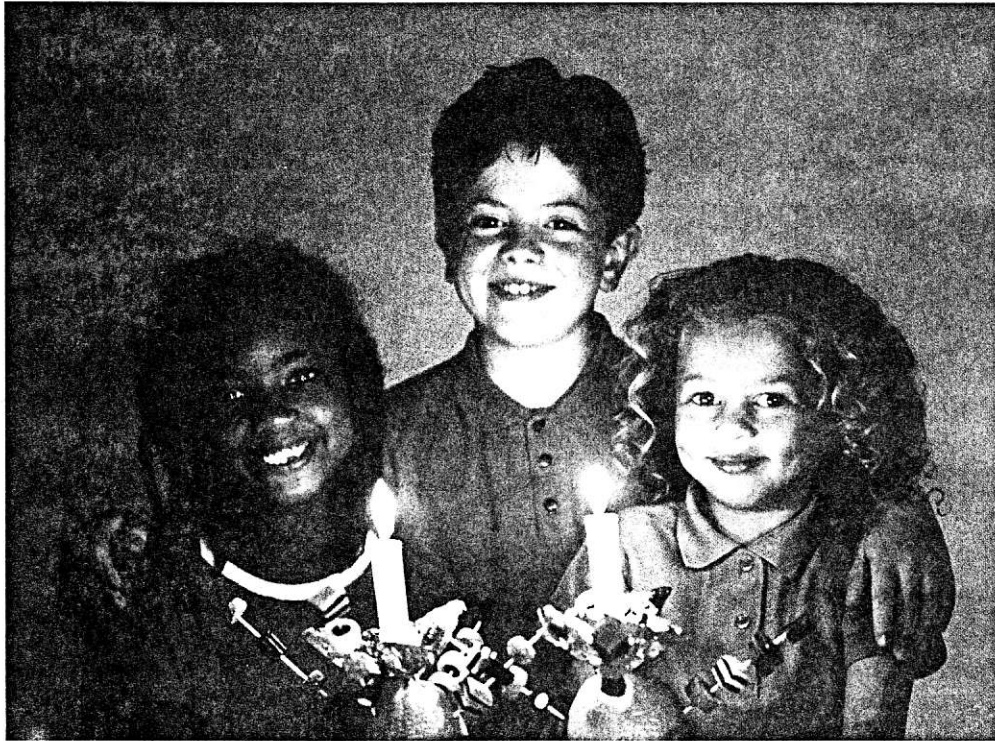
Kind regards,

*David MacPherson*

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# LIGHT UP A CHILD'S LIFE

Celebrate 250 years of Christingle  
with The Children's Society



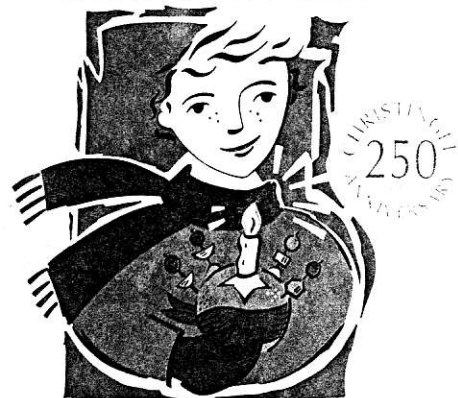
You are warmly invited to a Christingle Celebration

at: ST ANDREW - WHILTON

on: SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

time: 3.00pm

CHRISTINGLE



CELEBRATION

Please come and help us reach out to runaway children in danger on the streets.

The Children's Society provides a safe refuge, someone to talk to, support and advice for these vulnerable children.



**The Children's Society**

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A VOLUNTARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
AND THE CHURCH IN WALES

Charity Registration No. 221124

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Christingle is a custom which originated in the Moravian Church in 1747

The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Maresfield Street, London, WC1X 0LL. Tel: 0171 837 4299



## IN BRIEF

### DAILY NEWSPAPERS

This service appears to be operating satisfactorily and the first bill was attached to the inside page of the papers for Monday, 3rd November. It is hoped that this was located by everyone.

### PROPOSED POCKET PARK FOR WHILTON

Whilton Parish Council has now agreed to act as Trustee for the community of Whilton and it is now hoped to move forward with the conveyancing of the spinney. Very shortly we shall be in position to call a Site Meeting and each household will be advised of the date in due course.

### VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 1997

This year we were in the Cup Winners Cup Section so the competition was very keen and our success as Runner Up was an excellent achievement and one for which the whole village can be justly proud. This result was placed on the Village Noticeboard in October and no doubt has been seen by the majority.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!



Congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness to Sharon Messinger and Jonathan (Sam) Boyd on their marriage on Saturday 11th October 1997.



Congratulations to Fiona and Rohan Sherlock on the birth of a son James on 17th October 1997, brother for Georgia.



**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

BY

**MIXED SPICE**

FRI. 19 DEC. 7.30 P.M

BY CANDLELIGHT  
WITH ANGELS ATTENDING  
ST. ANDREWS WHILTON

TICKETS - HAROLD HAYNES  
£3.50 842 409

WINE SERVED IN THE INTERVAL

# SECOND OF MAY .... BARN INTERIORS

The Thatched Cottage, Whilton, Northants. NN11 5NN

SECOND OF MAY.....small but selective stock of little used designer/quality label childrens clothing 0 - 10 years. School uniform also stocked.

BARN INTERIORS .....creative 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.**

## **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.**

01327 842570

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

**PLEASE NOTE..... WE SHALL EXTEND OUR OPENING HOURS TO 8 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY COMMENCING 12th NOVEMBER UP TO 17th DECEMBER,1997.**

## Summary of Events

Mon	1	Dec		Coffee Morning - Rosebank Cottage (Playgroup)
Mon	1	Dec	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association - Supper and AGM
Sun	7	Dec	10.00am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - <b>Brington</b>
Tue	9	Dec	7.30pm	Open Meeting (Health Provision) Daventry Leisure Centre
Wed	10	Dec	7.30pm	Women's Institute - Members' Night - Village Hall
Sun	14	Dec	3.00pm	Christingle Service - Whilton Church
Wed	17	Dec	10.00am	Playgroup Christmas Celebration and Carol Service
Fri	19	Dec	7.30pm	Concert by Mixed Spice - Whilton Church
Sun	21	Dec	6.00pm	Carol Service - Whilton Church
Christmas Day			9.30am	Family Service & Holy Communion - Whilton Church
Sun	28	Dec	10.00am	United Benefice Family Eucharist - <b>East Haddon</b>
Sun	4	Jan	10.00am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist - <b>Church Brampton</b>
Mon	5	Jan	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Wed	14	Jan	7.30pm	Women's Institute - Village Hall (see notice board for subject)
Mon	19	Jan	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM
<b>Wed</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Jan</b>		<b><u>Newsletter Deadline</u></b>

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