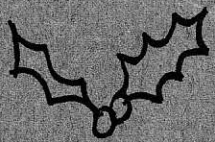


WHILTON NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2001



MERRY

CHRISTMAS

To All In

WHILTON



By Lucy
Henderson
age 9

**Thanks to all who contribute to the Newsletter
and the volunteers who handle the distribution**

*The Editors send you Greetings and
Best Wishes for Christmas 2001
and the New Year 2002*



JINGLE BELLS (THE AUSSIE WAY)

Dashing through the bush in a rusty Holden ute
Kicking up the dust, Esky in the boot
Kelpie by my side, singing Christmas songs
It's summer time and I am in my singlet shorts & thongs

(Chorus)

*Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Christmas in Australia on a scorching summer's day. Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden ute!*

Engine's getting hot, dodge the kangaroos
Swaggie climbs aboard, he is welcome too.
All the Family's there, sitting by the pool,
Christmas Day the Aussie way, by the barbecue.

(Chorus)

Come the afternoon, Grandpa has a doze,
The kids and Uncle Bruce are swimming in their clothes.
The time comes round to go: we take a family snap
Then pack the car and all shoot through –
before the washing up

(Chorus)



WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

SEPTEMBER

1st Prize	190	C B Williams	£40
2nd Prize	061	K & J Davies	£20
3rd Prize	003	J Fisher	£10

OCTOBER

1st Prize	002	G Fisher	£40
2nd Prize	088	L Bolton	£20
3rd Prize	080	T Price	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

IN BRIEF.....



CONGRATULATIONS to **VIKKI & ANDY FRY** on the birth of a daughter (**PARIS**) on 23rd October 2001.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE Just a reminder that the library van calls in the village every other Tuesday at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough. Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained, why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The **DECEMBER** dates will be 4TH & 18TH and **JANUARY 2002** dates will be 15TH and 29TH.

BAPTISM The Family Service on Sunday, 18TH NOVEMBER included the Baptism of **KATIE ARAMINTA HARPER GOW**, daughter of **LUCY** and **BEN GOW** and sister of Alice & Rosie.

POPPY COLLECTION - The door-to-door collection in Whilton resulted in amazing £179.09 being collected. This surpassed all previous years' collections. Well done Whilton! Thanks to Phil Waights for his efforts.



CAROL SINGING 2001 - Christmas carol singing around the village will take place on Friday 21st December from 6.45 pm from the triangle green at the end of Manor Lane.

DO BEARS WALK IN THE WOOD...?

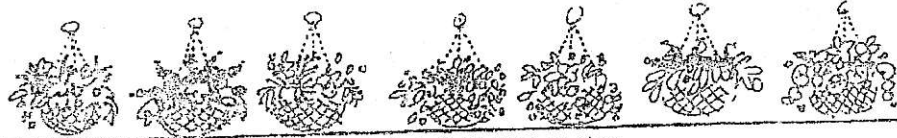
An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that the "accident of evolution" had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing. He ran even faster, so scared that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell to the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear, right on top of him: reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant the atheist cried out "Oh my God!..."

Time stopped.
The bear froze.
The forest was silent.
Even the river stopped moving.
As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky: "You deny my existence for all of these years; teach others I don't exist; and, even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament?"



"Am I to count you as a believer?" The atheist looked directly into the light: "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps could you make the bear a Christian?" "Very well," the voice said. The light went out. The river ran again. And the sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear dropped its right paw... brought both paws together... bowed its head and spoke: "Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."
Church News Service (but Compo liked it)



The People's Page

Will be back—but Compo keeps gadding off

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REPORTS from WHILTON AND BUCKBY LOCKS ASSOCIATION

September 12th 2001

Meeting with Caroline Randall of the Northamptonshire Canal Partnership

The Northamptonshire Canal Partnership was created about three years ago for the purpose of co-ordinating the management of environmental enhancement programmes for the canals (but not the navigable rivers) in the County. There are only two which pass through Northamptonshire: the Grand Union Canal from Cosgrove to beyond Braunston, with its Leicester Arm from Norton Junction to the County border near Welford and short lengths of the Oxford Canal — one near Aynho in the south and the other through rural areas north of Braunston, towards Rugby. There are five partners: British Waterways, Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and South Northamptonshire Council, and their aims are supported by many other interested groups and organisations in the area — enthusiastically so by our Whilton Parish Council and the Whilton and Buckby Locks Association — with regular consultations and opportunities to be involved in decision-making processes. A Project Officer appointed by the Partnership, regularly meets individuals and groups to report on progress, listen to ideas, stimulate discussion and advise on sources of funding.

At the September meeting of the Whilton and Buckby Locks Association, the present Project Officer of the Northampton Canal Partnership, Caroline Randall, reviewed the overall progress of the project and presented a consultation draft of the Phase II Action Plan. This covers the next three years, and was left for members to consider and comment upon. She reported that as part of Phase I, Daventry District Council had provided capital funding for the Whilton and Buckby Flight towing path improvements between Locks 11 and 13, but unfortunately, it is unlikely that further funds will be available from this source in the immediate future. However, Northamptonshire County Council was continuing to support tree-planting and it was agreed to put in requests for the two areas which the Association is actively working on at present — hawthorn slips for the area alongside Lock 8 and beech slips for the side-pond area by lock 12. She left details of the 'Awards for All' scheme, which is relevant to the sort of work undertaken by the Association on the flight, and advised that for certain types of projects she has access to advice from a British Waterways fund-raising expert, based in Watford, Herts.

November 14th 2001

Meeting with Helen Clarke, British Waterways Supervisor, Oxford and Grand Union Canals.

This was the first meeting of the Association with Helen Clarke, who told us that she has a mechanical engineering background and has come out of industry to the waterways, to be the supervisor for the area based on Braunston. She has been in post since July 2001, and is anxious to continue the excellent working relationship that her predecessor Michael Judd, had established with the Association.

At the November meeting of the Whilton and Buckby Locks Association, Helen Clarke, the Waterways Supervisor for the area reported that there would be a four-week stoppage for the routine winter work on the flight, from 7th January 2002 until 4th February 2002.

This work would include

- a new balance beam on one of the bottom gates at Top Lock, in Norton Parish
- re-lining gates to reduce leakage, especially those of Lock 8 which leak badly
- replacing gate and ground paddles, which are very stiff to use or are badly worn

The major work of replacing damaged and worn brickwork in lock chambers, for which £47,000 had been ear-marked has had to be postponed, because these funds have had to be diverted to urgent work required on the Avon embankment on the Leicester Arm.

The hedges along the whole of the 1½ mile length of the flight, are seriously overgrown and need laying but as there are places where they help screen the canal corridor from the noise of the M1, the Association will be consulted before any of this work is carried out.

WHILTON WI : ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2001

The year 2000 to 2001 has been a positive year for our institute. We have grown a little and welcome Judith Fuller to swell our ranks, following Jenny Ponder, both of whom are new residents in the village. We now have 14 members.

Our programme of talks and extra activities has reflected the variety of interest and concern within the WI movement as a whole, and we have appreciated the good variety of meetings arranged by Janet as Programme Secretary. Several of our meetings have been open to husbands and friends, and these have been a success. Perhaps we should do this more often?

Our **social concern** was reflected in the recent talk by Dr John Bond on the work of the Police in finger printing and DNA, and an earlier talk by Debbie Smith on the work of the Children's Society. At Members' Night our raffle raised £18 for the East of England Children's Hospice.

Janet ably organised the giving of Christmas presents to Senior Citizens in the parish, which is clearly appreciated by the recipients. Frances and Diana have been responsible for welfare this year, although Diana herself has had to be a recipient of our cards and flowers. We are very pleased that she is now back and able to attend meetings again.

As part of our interest in improving conditions for **women worldwide** we have been collecting foreign coins, which will be sent to ACWW this month, towards their water project in India. On a similar theme, we held a Fair Trade event in the spring, when we had an exhibition of information about Fair Trade and its products, and sold nearly £100 worth of goods from the Rugby Fair Trade shop.

The WI's interest in **protection of the environment** was reflected in a talk and slide show by Mr Larkin about wildlife in Northamptonshire, and also in our involvement in the April Litter Pick. This was part of the national Operation Spring Clean and was organised in conjunction with the Parish Council. Trudy and Frances provided refreshments in the Hall afterwards, and Shirley's certificates for children who took part were very popular. Because there was a good attendance of adults, as well as children, we were able to litter pick on Whilton Hill as well this year. We should also record our thanks to Janet who continues to bear the main part of the work of maintaining our flower bed by the church wall. Unfortunately our planned summer walk to enjoy the environment of the Country Park had to be cancelled due to rain.

The WI has always been known for its **crafts and skills**. One of our most enjoyable meetings was led by Mrs Ann Arnold, who showed how all of us could make simple and attractive craft items, as she demonstrated how jars and boxes can be decorated, besides quilting and soft toy making. Inspired by this we then went on to organise a craft workshop of our own, and then combined our Fair Trade morning with a sale of our own crafts. This was a great help in boosting our funds, which were getting rather low. Later in the year we were able to watch the skills of Mr John Beckwith who demonstrated making glass ornaments, and gave us the opportunity to purchase as well!

Our **general knowledge** was improved when we heard about tracing our family trees with the County Archivist and the importance of making a will with Mr Paul Richards.

As usual we have also spent time for pure **entertainment and eating** together, giving us opportunities to develop **friendships**. For the first time for a while we had a musical evening in July, led by Mrs Rosemary Leonard with Songs from the Shows, with everyone being encouraged to join in. As is our custom, we provided our own refreshments and entertainment for Members Night in December. The delicious meal, to which all contributed, was reckoned to be an improvement on our old system where a few provided for the others. We also had a meal out together in July. On this occasion Ros organised a visit to Peggoty's restaurant, which all enjoyed.

Some of us have joined in **County and National WI** events. As an Institute we found that discussing and voting on the 2001 Resolutions short list was stimulating. Although our choice of Resolutions was not that agreed nationally, we had another opportunity to discuss, when we were visited by Mrs Diane Bradbury in May to discuss the final resolutions on school nursing and abuse of the elderly. I was able to be a delegate at the WI Intermediate General Meeting in Cardiff in June, when the Resolutions were passed.

In October Frances was our delegate at the Annual Council Meeting, and Frances and Dorothy attended the County-organised Japanese afternoon.

As we look back, it is surprising what we have done in twelve months, and I think we should all be proud of our institute. To summarise, we have been involved in local and world wide social concern, we have worked to improve the environment, we have made use of our craft skills, improved our general knowledge, held discussions on a variety of issues, enjoyed entertainment and provided some ourselves.

There is a great deal going on and we hope that others will come and share our experiences during the next twelve months. Our first monthly meeting for 2002 will be on Wednesday 9 January, and we are also planning an open craft evening in January. Look out for further details.

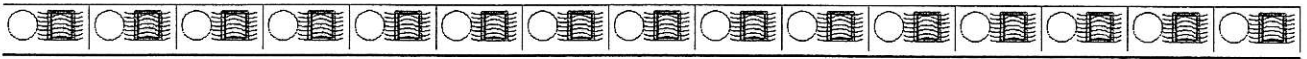
Anthea Hiscock
Secretary

FOR SALE

MERRY TILLER MAJOR 4 HP CULTIVATOR & VARIOUS ACCESSORIES - £120 ono

Derek Brown (01327 842968)

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

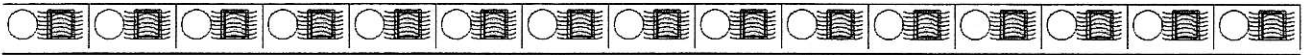


I have two carrier bags of stamps to date and would like to fill a third before asking for them to be collected. Can we save the stamps from our Christmas mail please? I am sure this would fill quite a large bag.

All stamps are sold to fund the "Childrens' Society" - a very worth cause.

Contributions can be left on the window sill in the porch by the back door of the "Old Plough."

Trudy Haynes



WHILTON W.I. - OCTOBER

Only eight members attended the Annual General Meeting held in October. This was rather disappointing but we had some interesting discussions and felt that it had been worth while.

Apart from approving minutes of the previous annual and monthly meetings, we re-affirmed rules in the Procedure Book - the latter being a record of our own bye-laws.

The President thanked everyone for their support and the secretary gave a comprehensive report of our activities during the year and this you will read elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Due to the fact that there were no volunteers for committee places. last year's members were re-elected. We hope other members will offer their services next year.

During refreshment time we puzzled over a County Quiz entitled "This England". It seemed to be quite a "Brain-teaser". Did anyone complete it?

Trudy Haynes

WHILTON W.I. - NOVEMBER

We were pleased to see some visitors at the November meeting of the W.I. Final details were arranged for our December meeting.

After the business we were treated to a demonstration from the Pacesetter Dog Display team. This organization bought along six German Shepherd dogs with their handlers and put them through their paces with control and precision. The dogs ranged in age from twelve months to eight years of age. Although they were restricted for room in the Village Hall, we were all amazed by their obedience.

This organization visits many shows throughout the county and further afield and all money raised is donated to charity. Everyone was very impressed by the incredible behaviour of the dogs and the dedication of their handlers.

If you are interested in joining our institute, our new programme for 2002 will be available from December, so why not start the new year off by joining us at our January meeting on Wednesday 9th at 7.30p.m. in the village hall, we would be delighted to see you.

Ros Gardner

Whilton Golden Jubilee Celebrations June 2002

It may seem a long way off at the moment, however, next June we are being given an extra public holiday in recognition of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The spring bank holiday is also being put back a week so that Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June next year will be public holidays. This gives us an excuse and an opportunity for a village party.

At a meeting on 17th October it was agreed that the celebrations should take the form of a barn dance with hog roast on the evening of Saturday 1st June and a street party on the afternoon of Monday 3rd June. Suggestions for the street party include old English games, a themed fancy dress competition, a performance by the musically talented children of the village and a tea party.

We are investigating the possibility of funding the events largely by an allowance from the Parish Council though, subject to costing, it may be necessary for us to investigate further sources of funding and perhaps embark on some fund raising initiatives.

There will be further planning meetings in the new year to which everyone in the village and the locks is welcome. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 20th February 2002 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Your input would be very much appreciated.

For further information please contact Jenny Ponder (842619) Janet Bowers (842851) or me on 843988.

Teresa Leadbetter

DON'T READ THIS

- IF:-**
- (1) You have never been to the village
 - (2) You never intend to go.
 - (3) You don't mind if it closes.

However, if you are a regular member of the church, you like to attend church on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, or you are expecting to hold your family christening, or you are a member of the church, then please read on:-

Eighteen people attend church regularly each week. The total for the year 2001 is estimated at £9,000. Those 18 will give £500.

With this in mind, we are having a special collection on Sunday 18th November 2001. If you have anything to bring, please bring it to church on the day. We are delighted to see you. The church is at St Andrew's, Church Street, Whilton, NN115NN

Kindly note, if you are a taxpayer, is to fill in a form and place it with your donation and place it in the envelope addressed to Derek Brown at the address above.

If you already have a regular payment pledge, we are extremely grateful for your payment, if you feel disposed to make a one off donation, please enclose your donation in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

OF WHILTON PARISH

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

**ARE YOU AMONGST THE 20% WHO RESPONDED? IT IS NOT TOO LATE.
DONATIONS STILL WELCOMED BY THE TREASURER**

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

DECEMBER 2001

2ND	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>BRAMPTON</u>
9TH	4.00 PM	CHRISTINGLE *
16TH	6.00 PM	CAROL SERVICE
23RD	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
25TH	9.30 AM	FAMILY SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
30TH	6.00 PM	SUNG EUCHARIST

JANUARY 2002

6TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>WHILTON</u>
13TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE

*ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WHILTON, CHRISTINGLE * SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2001, 4.00 p.m.

Book this date in your diaries. This is a special service for The Children's Society Charity. The money from the collection and from the candles, handed out earlier, helps the Society's funds to support children in much less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

Janet Bowers

RETIREMENT

After 30 years the Revd. David MacPherson and Jean have decided it is time to retire from full time parochial ministry.

In the weekly church newsletter David and Jean said, "It is with much regret that we will be leaving the benefice, but we hope to be living fairly close by and David has intimated to Bishop Ian that he would be prepared to give 2 Sundays per month to the benefice after retirement. Our last Sunday in full time ministry will be Easter Sunday 2002." (March 31st)

David joined our benefice in June 1997 during which time he has introduced new services, held informative sessions like the Emmaus Course and formed the lay band and together with the Revd Maurice Walton (our non stipendary Minister) has brought much to the six parishes of the Spencer Benefice for which we thank them both.

Maurice is also due to retire May / June 2002 so the parishes will be in a period of interregnum until the appointment of a new priest.

Janet Bowers, Churchwarden.

CHURCH CLEANING

We urgently need volunteers to help with the cleaning of the church. Over the past two years we have gradually lost helpers for various reasons. The work is not arduous and can be shared with a friend.

If you feel you can assist please contact Shirley Brown on 842968

RE: THE LATE TOM HAYNES

Many thanks for the donations received. After the cost of a wreath was deducted, a cheque for £45 was presented and made out to the 'Injured Jockeys Club Fund' as requested by his family.

Thank you all.

Tom Treacy, 7 Southview, Whilton

(We would like to express our thanks to Tom Treacy for organising this for the residents of Whilton who have milk delivered.)



Brington & Whilton Pre-school

A Registered Nursery Education Provider and a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

We started back in September with lots of children on the register. We had a good half term looking at colours and enjoyed making the Teletubbies for our board in the village hall.

During this half term we have been looking at our Senses and we have seen and heard the fireworks, tasted lots of different foods, and have smelt lots of different smells. We have been playing at being Opticians and we have had our own Café at pre-school where the children baked the cakes and were the waiters and waitresses.

In December we are looking at Christmas and practising our play for our Christmas Open Day when we are inviting all to join with us in Whilton Church on Monday 17th December at 10.30am to sing some carols and watch the children retell the Christmas Story. Please come along and support the children and join with us afterwards in the Village Hall for Coffee and Mince Pies.

If anyone would like more information about the Pre-School, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Holman on 01604 770083 or come along to the Whilton Village Hall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings to see what we get up to.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The Halloween Beetle Drive was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Although the intention was for it to be a happy social get-together and not a fund-raising event, we still managed to make a profit of £45.

Thanks to all those who helped in the running of the Beetle Drive and provided and dispensed food and drink.

A performance of "Sense and Sensibility" is planned to take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th March 2002. Further details to follow.

Whilton Village Hall Committee.

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

At the October Meeting a report on the presentation of the East Midlands in Bloom Certificate for second place was given by Mr Ian Woods, Chairman

Members were informed that the 2002 seed catalogues had arrived from Kings and were asked to return orders with their money to the Purchasing Officer, Gill Denbigh, by the end of the month. Finances are in a healthy state and the programme for 2002 is complete

Members agreed that the AGM in December be in the same format as previous years, comminign the Christmas Social with the meeting. A list was drawn up of members' contribution to food and drink.

After the meeting we welcomed Mr Larkin who gave an excellent talk with slides on wild flowers.

Janet Bowers (Secretary)



WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



We are progressing quite well with the clearance of the brushwood and we hope to do a limited amount of tree planting (native species). We have to submit our claim for the grant for pond construction before 31st December 2000 but there is still a small, about of fine tuning to do.

The route of the path through the centre of the woodland is now beginning to be formed.

Help is always required and if you have a spare hour or two we will be very pleased to see you. Working parties will be on the majority of Sundays in the near future.

PLEASE WATCH VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD AND GATE TO THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH

Derek Brown 842968

PARISH MATTERS?

The Parish Council met on 12th November for a very full agenda.

This began with a wide discussion on what might improve the transport situation for those who have no car or do not wish to use it always. This was led by Steve Burrows, the recently appointed DDC/ACRE Daventry Area Rural Transport Partnership Officer and Cllr. Wendy Amos.

Village Transport Options for Whilton

The Council's discussion ranged over a number of options especially for older people and teenagers. **It was agreed that we would ask you to contribute to the debate by the distribution of a questionnaire being given to a number of villages in the area. It is enclosed with a leaflet with this Newsletter.** The first part although we have no public transport establishes our need. The second half allows you to be imaginative. Please return them to me at Langton House

During our conversation two specific ideas emerged. It is already possible for retired members of our parish to apply for tokens from DDC, which are acceptable to some taxi firms as payment from Daventry to the village. Please contact the District Council for details. Some villages organize a regular run to the nearest town through DACT minibuses. A voluntary approved driver is required but the cost can be very reasonable. If you are interested in this for teenagers or as older citizens please put it on the questionnaire. Otherwise in tune with the Governments wish to improve our alternatives to cars and minimizing green house gases let your imaginations rip. Meanwhile we remain grateful to those who assist older people to get their shopping and keep their appointments. This may well remain the option of choice.

Highways

The Council's attempt to get improvements to the Z bend road surface have not been able to be considered by Highways at this point. We are concerned that a serious accident may result from this and have asked our County Councilor, Richard Amos to intervene. Meanwhile the unrepaired green wire fence on Southway continues to sink lower from inappropriate use and the loose handrail remains.

However the Council was pleased to note the completion of the kerbing of the village green, widening of the lowered kerbs across the main street to the Church, where there had been two nasty accidents, and clearance of the verge opposite Holly House. These together with some road edge strengthening at the bottom of the village, came from the grant from NCC's Area Committee for which we are grateful. The Council also confirmed the award of the tender for the erection of the Millennium Plaque, the re-raising of the village green seat to a normal height, and the installation of the a new seat at the bottom of the Main Street to Rupert Gardner. These will hopefully be in place by the time you read this, completing appropriately the first year of the new millennium.

Plans for the coming year involve the planting of trees, bulbs and shrubs purchased, as was the new seat, from DCC grants. We are grateful to the Village Gardening Club for undertaking these improvements. It has yet to be seen if this will win for us another trophy from the Village of the Year competition. The results now sent to us show we failed to gain the Cup Winners Cup by 2 points from Bugbrooke. Apparently had I found two more notice boards on which to announce our participation we might have won! We must content ourselves with runner up in the bigger East Midland Villages in Bloom.

Council attempts to deal with the noise at Whilton Mill have not progressed as the Environmental Health Officer's visit was not at a time he could hear the noise above the Motorway hum. He is to visit again and I have written to invite him to knock on doors so he can experience what sound there is in gardens on both sides of the main street gully where he took his soundings. Meanwhile given rumours of more developments being planned at the Mill the Chairman is to attempt to arrange a fourway meeting with the Mill and Norton.

Setting the Precept

The Council had to consider at this meeting what it would require the DCC to include in the Council Tax for next year for the village. The need for an extra street light between the Hall and the bottom of Main Street, some money for the village Jubilee Celebrations being planned, and a grant for work in the Spinney, not able to be met from other sources, were agreed. The expected level of our reserves however should allow these to be covered in a standstill precept. A request for £3000 the same as last year will therefore be made.

Other Matters

There were as is becoming the norm a host of consultation requests from NALC, DDC and NCC. These covered how to economically cover the Parish Audit regulations, where it was agreed to support an appointment by NALC, Daventry Transport Strategy, and comment on the DDC section of the Corporate Land and Property Gazetteer. This raised the question as to whether the road area behind the Stonehouse and the Church should now have its own name rather than be part of Main Street. There are now eight houses planned or already there in this area. If we think so we will need to suggest a name and follow the process that for instance established last Wadd Close. **Your views and, if positive, suggestions of a name please.**

The police have informed us of the arrival of a new Daventry Area Commander, John Miller and again invited us to a consultation meeting. Is there a volunteer to regularly go as our representative? The Regional Health Authority has invited comment on the proposal to create a Health Authority replacement which strategically plans for us, Leicestershire, and Rutland. This could have significant implications but difficult for a Parish to weigh up. Similarly the Government proposals sent to us for Quality Parish Councils assume a level of participation not experienced by many.

You can have your say on all these matters and more. See you at the Village Hall at 8pm Monday 7th January 2002 as part of your new year resolutions?!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



There has been no reported crime in Whilton in the last two months. Revised schedules for the Cascade system have now all been issued.



OUR FINAL YEAR!!

THE LAST DAFFODIL RUN AT ALTHORP

On the 3rd March 2002 Marie Curie Cancer Care will hold the last Daffodil Run at Althorp. The Charity has achieved a huge success with this event over the past four years raising in the region of £175,000 clear profit; a fantastic result. You, as local residents, have played a large role in ensuring this achievement, whether it be to partake as a Runner, assist with the organisation on the day, or by your vocal or financial support.

As 2002 will be the last Run at Althorp and following the disappointment of cancelling this year's Run, Marie Curie are planning a special event, not least because Althorp have given us permission to start and finish the race within the Estate itself.

The Route itself will remain the same and we therefore once again ask for your continued support and tolerance as a resident. As always Marie Curie will do all we can to ensure disruption to normal life on the morning of the run is kept to an absolute minimum.

The run starts at 1030am at West Lodge and the runners go up towards Nobottle and then left towards Harlestone. They move out onto the Harlestone Road (at about 10.45am), **this road (the A428) will be closed for approx 1 hour from the Brampton T-Junction to the Great Brington/East Haddon crossroads.** The runners will continue left, past the front gates of Althorp and left up Station Road. The 10km runners then return to West Lodge to finish and the half marathon runners proceed along the Moors Road to Whilton. **This road will be closed to traffic from 11.15am until 12.15pm.** The route then goes through Whilton to the Top Road and left toward Little Brington. Left at the Flore crossroads, through Little Brington and along to Great Brington and back down to the West Lodge to finish. The mass of runners for the 10km will take around an hour to complete their course and the Half Marathon runners about 2 hours. This means that local roads will be affected between 1030 and 12.30 on Sunday 4th March. **Chinkwell Lane between Nobottle and Great Brington will be closed to traffic from 10.00am to 2.00pm.** Please bear with us happy in knowledge that it is for an excellent cause.

Marie Curie Cancer Care endeavour to provide the best possible cancer care facilities for nursing patients at home. Events like this help fund those services – so please RUN, MARSHALL, SPONSOR or continue with your valued patience and tolerance on Sunday, 3rd March – we are very grateful.

For further information, or an entry form contact Jackie Coupland 01604 442300 during Office Hours or 01604 770811.

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC Meeting was held on Monday 29th October 2001.

MATTERS ARISING:-

Christmas Angels - Mr Clifford Ellison will not have moved by Christmas and arrangements are in hand for decorating the church

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Cycle / Walk Day - Janet Bowers walked to 18 churches in Northampton and raised £200 which will be divided equally between the Trust and St Andrew's Fabric Fund.

Gift Day (18th November) - Wording of communication was approved to be distributed to all householders in the parish.

Mobile Phone Mast - Not to be proceeded with due to proximity of the church to houses.

REPORTS:-

Churchwarden's - The quinquennial inspection is to take place which includes the fabric and electrical installation. The DAC have been to survey and discuss the Kitchen Project. The numbers for the Harvest Festival were up on last year. One peal on the bells has been rung. three visiting bands have been welcomed. Junior members have asked to take part in the Carol Service.

Treasurers - The General Fund, as at 29th October 2001, showed a small credit balance of only £65.38. The planned Gift Day is hoped to improve this situation. The Fabric Fund shows a more encouraging situation as it includes over £5000 designated for the Kitchen Project.

UNBLINC - Parish History Walks are being planned for next summer. Arrangements for Shrove Tuesday evening 2002 are in hand.

Fund-raising - The concert by the Cantaré Singers is on Saturday 1st December 2001. Tickets £5 adults, £1 juniors. Profits to the Kitchen Project.

Open Gardens Day & Garden Party is planned for **30th June 2002**. Profits to be divided between General Fund and Kitchen Project.

The committee have a number of possible events in mind and it was suggested to hold a Cheese & Wine Evening with a Mystery Auction. Mrs Grant volunteered to host this early next year.

Rectors - Twice-yearly reports of the Lay Team have been very satisfactory. With the Lay Team it is possible to have a service each Sunday in all the churches in the benefice. There seems little hope for a successor for the Revd. Maurice Walton so a system of pairing churches has been planned with the Revd. David MacPherson visiting one in each pair every week and the Lay Team taking the other church services.

SPECIAL ITEMS:-

Kitchen Project - The DAC recently visited St Andrews and came up with different ideas to the original plan, two years ago, for the kitchen and toilet. These are not thought to be practical by the architect who has written to them.

Charitable Giving - It was agreed to support the Church Mission Society, The Tear Fund, Leprosy Fund and Christian Aid by donating £40 to each, which is less than our normal giving due to our financial situation. Other charities are covered by individual service collections and the retiring collection on Education Sunday will be donated to Family Care.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Whilton Village has received £200 for the purchase of bulbs and £200 for trees. It was suggested and agreed that, if possible, snowdrops in flower be purchased next spring and planted on the church path banks leading to the main entrance. The purchase of one or two more trees for planting will need the Archdeacon's approval or a Faculty.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 24th January 2002

Derek Brown Whilton PCC

Summary of Events

Sat	1st	Dec	7.30pm	Cantaré Singers in St Andrew's Church
Mon	3rd	Dec	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association AGM & Social
Tues	4th	Dec	9.10 am	Library van in village
Sat	8th	Dec	7.30 pm	Daventry Bell Ringers Carol Service in St Andrew's Church
Sun	9th	Dec	4.00 pm	Christingle Service in St Andrew's Church
Weds	12th	Oct	7.30 pm	W.I Members Night
Tues	18th	Dec	9.10 am	Library van in village
Sun	16th	Dec	6.00pm	Carol Service in St Andrew's Church
Mon	17th	Dec	10.30 am	B & W Pre-School, Carols & Story in St Andrew's Church
Fri	21st	Dec	6.45 pm	Carol singing around the parish.
Tues	25th	Dec	9.30 am	Family Service & Holy Communion in St Andrew's Church

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Son	6th	Jan	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist in St Andrew's Church
Mon	7th	Jan	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Wed	9th	Jan	7.30 pm	W.I in Village Hall
Tues	15th	Jan	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	29th	Jan	9.10 am	Library van in village
Thurs	24th	Jan	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting at Heritage

FRI 25th JAN

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