



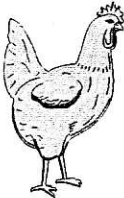
WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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TEN YEARS AGO

- * Report on September Village Outing visit to Buckingham Palace.
- * Whilton Bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough (Dr William Westwood) on 29th September 1994.
- * Village Hall Halloween Party report—£59.17 profit made.
- * Launch of 'The Story of Whilton' - Whilton Parish Appraisal on 21st October - a lot of work but a lot of praise for the end product.
- * Reminder of Coffee & Carols Party at Home Farm on 28th December.

The Wandering Hen—still being remembered

- See inside



In this issue

- * Parish News
- * Church News
- * Neighbourhood Watch
- * Reports of past & details of future events
- * Brand new comic strip
- * Internet warning
- * 1917—Miscellaneous.

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

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**THE EDITORS SEND YOU GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES FOR
CHRISTMAS 2004 AND
NEW YEAR 2005**

WILLIAM EMERY - 9.3.1923 - 16.9.2004

Bill, as he was always known in the village, died on 16th September 2004 and the Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at St Andrew's Church Whilton on Thursday 23rd September 2004.

On his 'retirement' he moved to Long Buckby and his son Gordon moved into Hill Top Farm. Like all farmers he never really retired completely and could be seen in the village still involved in helping until sadly his health caused him problems.

Bill, who was known locally as Young Bill (his father having the same name) was born in Whilton and attended the Whilton Village School. The Emery family had been farming in the village for over four hundred years and Bill was very proud to be able to carry on farming in the family name.

He became a member of Daventry Young Farmers Club and Marjorie was a member of the YFC at Leamington Hastings. They met at a function held in the village hall at Dunchurch and later married at Dunchurch Parish Church some 55 years ago.

They had a son and a daughter, Gordon and Catherine, now married to Mary and Graham respectively. Gordon and Mary have two children Martin and Clive and Catherine and Graham have Trevor and Linda. Bill was extremely proud of his grandchildren.

Bill was very well liked and the testimonial for this was borne out by the number of people who attended his Thanksgiving Service. The church was packed – 200 service sheets were handed out with a number of people sharing.

He was very much involved in the village life in Whilton, being a member of Whilton Parochial Church Council for 25 years and a Churchwarden for 20 years. He was also a Parish Councillor in Whilton for something like 25 years.

The farm was run on very efficient lines and Gordon was obviously very well trained and has carried on the tradition with his son Martin.

Bill will be sadly missed by all those who were fortunate to know him.

LIBRARY SERVICE:- THE COUNTY LIBRARY VAN CALLS IN THE VILLAGE EVERY OTHER TUESDAY (EXCEPT SOME PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM AND STOPS OUTSIDE THE 'OLD PLOUGH'. THE DATE FOR DECEMBER IS 14TH AND FOR JANUARY 2005 11TH AND 25TH.



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



The Working Party on Sunday 17th October 2004 proved a tremendous success. The response was really welcomed. The small team of dedicated workers was joined by Mary Kane (who has worked with us previously), Justin Baker and young Miles (muddy Miles), Jonathan Hanslip, Greg Lye & Marcus Roskill. Our work was later inspected by Teresa Baker and baby Hannah. Maurice Clements sent his apologies but has volunteered to clear one of the gullies as and when he has time.

The pond and surrounding area was transformed in record time and maintenance and repairs to the circular footpath were also carried out. The stream was cleared of debris in one direction and the flow much improved.

This must be recorded as a very successful afternoon's work and the response for assistance was beyond our expectations.

The next Working Party will now take place in January 2005 when we hope to clear the immediate areas around the trees planted earlier this year. Please watch the noticeboards for the date.

It has been obvious from comments made that the spinney is being visited regularly by villagers and this we find very encouraging. We would appreciate any feedback.

Management Committee.



LOCAL PAPERS DELIVERED



Did you know that you can have the Northampton Chronicle & Echo delivered to your door in Whilton? If you would like a paper, please telephone the Chronicle & Echo on 01604 467000 and they will pass on your order to me.

I also deliver the Daventry Express on Thursdays. If you are interested please contact me direct on 01327 842618.

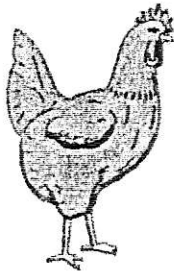
I am sorry I can only deliver to Whilton and not Whilton Locks.



Your local paper boy - Tom Kane

WHAT HENNY-PENNY GARDNER DID — WHEN SHE HAD HER FREEDOM!

Henny-Penny Gardner, the wandering hen,
came into our garden — but won't come again.
She pecked at this and she pecked at that,
no wonder she's big — and round — and fat!
She searched for maggots, black-beetles and bugs
and long tasty worms and big juicy slugs.
She scratched at the lawn and she scratched in the veg,
she scratched round the trees and under the hedge.
She scratched through the shrubbery, then into the flowers
— fully intending to scratch there — for hours!



So —
we phoned around
until we found
her boss
was Ros
who came across
to take her home
no more to roam
tucked under her arm
quite safe from harm.

It was a peaceful reunion. We were expecting a chase with much squawking and fluttering of wings but it was not like that. Her boss said "If she's mine, she'll sit down for me to pick her up". She immediately sat down — what an obliging hen!

Henny-Penny Gardner, the wandering hen,
came to see us at Sira — but can't come again.

BEWARE of a VISIT from a TROJAN HORSE!

As well as the visit from Henny-Penny Gardner, we recently had a visit from a Trojan Horse! Trojan Horses don't wander into your garden to munch at your flowers and manure your vegetable patch — they sneak into your computer when you are on-line and, if you don't unplug as soon as you have finished, they dial an International or Premium Rate number and keep the line open at your expense.

These Trojan Horse Diallers are not the same as 'computer viruses' — they do not replicate themselves and documents are not at risk. Not all anti-virus soft-ware detects them — ours didn't — but we were fortunate because we are in the habit of unplugging the jack as soon as we come off-line. On two occasions, we were a bit slow and as a result our BT bill showed that calls had been initiated at rates of £75 and £100 per hour. Even though, we had cut these calls off after 71 seconds and 22 seconds, they cost us over £2. If we had left the jack in all day, we would have been many £100s worse off! We didn't know about Trojan Horse Diallers but, for some weeks, we had been aware that we had lost the dialling sounds that we used to get when we accessed our Service Provider. Our computer appears to have been deliberately disabled by the Trojan Horse so that International and Premium Rate lines could be dialled and kept open at our expense without us hearing the connection being made!

REMEMBER: it is up to us all to protect our own computers — it is not BT's responsibility.

SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO:

1. be aware that loss of the dialling sound may indicate that you already have a Trojan Horse
2. take out the jack which connects your computer to BT as soon as you have finished working on-line
3. check your BT bill carefully for International and Premium Rate calls that you have not made
4. if not too inconvenient, ask BT to put a stop on International and Premium Rate calls
5. install soft-ware that will protect against Trojan Horse Diallers as well as viruses
6. get advice from an independent consultant who should be able to recommend effective free soft-ware that can be downloaded from the WEB
7. regularly check for, and download, the free up-dates offered.

I'm sorry, I can't advise you on the soft-ware to install — I can only make you aware of the hazards. CBW

PARISH MATTERS

FINANCE

The Parish Council met on Monday 1st November, with all seven Councillors being present and four members of the public. Payments were authorised for the Clerk's expenses, for the internal audit for next year (paid in advance) and for printing the Newsletter in July and September. After some discussion the precept was set for £2500 for the coming year (April 2005 to March 2006). This is the same amount as was precepted for the present year. It was agreed that this year the Parish Council will allow £300 towards the insurance and maintenance costs of the Spinney, of which the Parish Council is residual trustee.

The main expenses of our Parish Council are for administration, which includes payment to the Clerk, hiring the Village Hall, subscriptions, insurance, the Newsletter, maintaining the Church Clock and fees for audit and any courses attended. Other expenses include costs of mowing the churchyard, water rates and rent to the District Council for the allotments, street light maintenance and electricity and looking after the parish trees.

PLANNING

The Council was asked for its opinion on three planning applications. It supported the proposed change of use of a piece of agricultural land to a garden at the Courtyard Barn, Manor Lane, the Council chose to make no comments on the proposed shed/garage at Fieldview, Wadd Close, and it supported the application of the Village Hall Committee for refurbishment of the toilets and a hand rail on the access path. These responses have been sent to the DDC. We had also been informed by the DDC that the Whilton Locks Garden Centre application for compound housing and two LPG tanks had been granted, but that the application for an extension and alterations to Cottam in Main Street has been refused.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Mr Bowers and Mr Lewis reported that Mrs Bowers had represented Whilton at the presentation. Whilton was runner up in the Class I section for villages with a population under 500. The winner was Clipston. The area marked for improvement was the quality of the map we send in with our entry. The churchyard was not placed in the competition, but on the two visits by the judges, it was awarded 92 and 94 marks out of 100.

Mr Lewis thanked all who have helped to keep the village tidy and attractive. Mr Bowers agreed to put up the certificate in the Village Hall.

THE GREEN AND TREES

Tenders for the work needed on the sycamore on the Green, the rowan and the two horse chestnuts by the Green were considered from Stanford Tree Care and Cutting Edge Tree Services. Cutting Edge included a second quotation for the two chestnuts, which suffer from bacterial canker, which is likely to eventually result in limb failure. This second quotation included crown reduction besides thinning, which may reduce the risk of failure of these trees. After discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mr Bowers and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should accept the quotation from Cutting Edge, and that this should include the extra crown reduction, making a total of £600.

It was also agreed that the trees will need to be inspected yearly as a matter of health and safety.

During the meeting Councillors looked at a map which showed the Whilton trees which have Tree Preservation Orders. On investigation this proved to be out of date and the Clerk offered to try to get an up-to-date map by the next meeting.

ROADS, SAFETY AND TRANSPORT

Insurance for volunteers assisting the Council

Following recent concern about volunteers possibly being held personally liable if a problem arose, the Clerk had made further inquiries. The matter is still under investigation, but some clear advice has been given by the County Council.

It must be made clear that Highway Representatives in the parishes have no responsibility. They have only a liaison role. Highway Representatives should not be ringing **on behalf of** other people. If someone tells a Representative about a road problem, the Representative should give this person the CLARENCE Freephone number. There is nothing to stop the Representative ringing about the same problem himself or even pursuing particular NCC/Atkins contacts he has, but his public role is to give information to the complainant, leaving the complainant to make his or her own telephone call.

Footpath wardens are in the same position. They should not take on passing information **on behalf of** someone else, but should give them the number to ring. If they notice a problem themselves, they ring up as a private person too.

The County Council is running a seminar for representatives in December at which more details will be discussed and then further information given out. This will include the position of the Salt Wardens too.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

NCC bus timetables for the Norton to Northampton route have been posted on the notice boards.

The NCC Local Transport Issues Paper for consultation had been given to Councillors. It was agreed that Mr Lewis will respond on behalf of the Parish Council, with especial reference to the downgrading of rail services from Long Buckby. Notice had been received of an open meeting of Long Buckby Rail Users Group. This was followed by a discussion on the poorer service and less use of the station and its car parking facilities and risks.

ROAD REPAIRS IN WHILTON

A variety of complaints was brought to the meeting following the recent work by Atkins. These included the following:

- At the top of the village, the tarmac dumped there has caused a worse puddle
- The undulating edge of the pavement by the telephone kiosk is more dangerous than before.
- The pot hole edges are not filled in securely
- Some pot holes have not been filled in
- A drain in Brington Lane has been filled up with rubbish and other drains are not working at the lower end of the village
- The quality of the work is shoddy and the men were observed to spend excessively long periods sitting in their lorry, thus wasting parishioners' money
- The materials used are not in keeping with the rest of the village
- Mr Waights, as Highways Representative, had brought a list of items with which he was not satisfied.

The Clerk was asked to put this in writing and to inform NCC/Atkins of the concern and dissatisfaction in the parish.

FRAMEWORK FOR VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Bowers said that as costs for maintaining the Village Hall go up, he is concerned that the Parish Council should consider purchasing a piece of land for a new Village Hall. A discussion followed in which various views both for and against this idea were put forward. It was agreed that Mr Lewis should write an article in the Newsletter, before canvassing the parishioners' opinion. He reminded Councillors that the views of the Village Hall Committee should be taken into account and that the Council has a duty to be responsible in the way it handles parishioners' money.

“DAVENTRY VILLAGES TOGETHER”

A letter had been received inviting Whilton to join the organisation “Daventry Villages Together”. Mr Lewis outlined the background of its opposition to the proposed UDC and the expertise it is acquiring. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will join this organisation, that our representative will be Mr Lewis, and that the suggested contribution of £30 should be paid.

Other items of information will be circulated among Councillors before the next meeting, and the Clerk was asked to request that the overhanging hedge belonging to Cherry House be cut back as it is causing a hazard to pedestrians, especially for those whose sight is poor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 10th January 2005, when members of the public will again be welcome at the meeting.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING - October 2004

This was the day of our Annual General Meeting and nine members attended. Ros Gardner agreed to be president for one more year and as Joyce Fallows resigned from the post of secretary, due to commitments in 2005, Anthea Hiscock agreed to be our secretary for the coming year. Judith Fuller agreed to continue as treasurer and Frances Drake and Dianna Scott would be in charge of welfare. Janet Bowers said that she would still be happy to arrange the programme. The officers were thanked for their excellent work in the last twelve months.

We agreed that the year had been a success with interesting speakers on a range of subjects and also the meetings and social occasions which we arranged ourselves were also very successful.

During the general discussion about the last year and ideas for the future we kept coming back to our financial position. We are a very small Group (this year 14 although we do have a few open meetings when friends and partners support us) and the subscription collected by the Women's Institute annually supports the Northamptonshire WI and also the National WI.



The amount left for our use is not enough to pay for the speakers and the hire of the hall without doing some fund-raising.

As mentioned in the Whilton October Newsletter our last idea for fund-raising for charity (Heart Foundation) and keeping just a small amount for ourselves provoked no interest in the village at all.

Whilton WI first started in the village over 50 years ago and it would be a great pity if we couldn't manage to continue.

Elsewhere in this publication there are details of a fund-raising event we hope to arrange in January 2005.

Please support us so that we can continue to do all the things that Whilton WI has always done even with diminishing numbers.

See below a 'poem' explaining what Whilton WI has done in the past and will continue to do if they are able to carry on, hopefully with new members and an improved financial position..

Shirley Brown

WHILTON WI

Our members are few and we are always so glad
To see new faces at meetings we've had.
We think they're surprised at our quite modern ways.
The image had stuck in their minds of old days.
Of jam and Jerusalem and competitions so twee.
-The best flower on a saucer or a hat for 10p!

We don't sing Jerusalem (but don't tell the others)
We may make some jam but many don't bother.
Our Speakers are varied and from all we can learn.
And we study the Resolutions with serious concern.
Open Meetings of interest to residents we plan
Our spouses supports us and come if they can.

We support local projects with rarely a lapse,
From Village Appraisals to Millennium Maps.
Fair Trade Fortnight we heartily back
Encouraging the village to keep on the right track
We serve a good supper with all the right food
And pour Fair Trade wine to help with the mood.

Another concern for Whilton WI
Is the rubbish in the village just left to lie
But most on the hill just thrown as they pass
Takeaway cartons, crisps packets from cars
Two Litter Picks we had in one year
Including help from the children with all the right gear

When Speakers can't make it and give us a ring
We are really quite good at doing 'our thing'
From 'Desert Island Discs' to cooking and sewing
All kinds of crafts we try to get going.
We've made eggs for Easter to show our prowess
And tassels with instructions from WI House

Since we were formed fifty years have gone by
What a history we have in our WI
We hope to continue for many more years
To fly the flag for women and deal with all fears
Whether local or county and countrywide too
Whilton WI is there for you.

FRAMEWORK FOR VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT

Referring to the Parish Notes, the views of parishioners would be helpful in considering whether a piece of land should be located and purchased for future development of a new village hall.

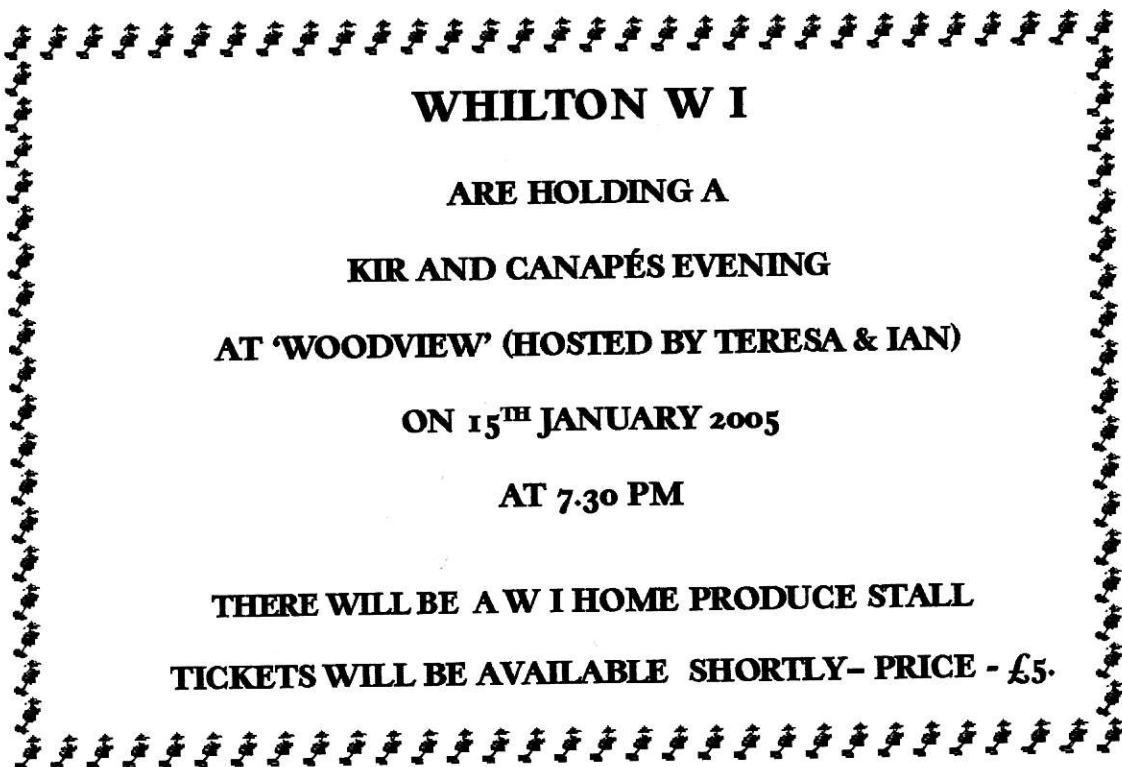
Very careful thought needs to be applied and it would be necessary for people to be sufficiently interested and prepared to serve on a sub-committee of the Village Hall Management Committee. It would need a properly structured management plan and must be a sustainable project.

Whilst we need to look to the future, any views put forward must be realistic. Parishioners who have lived here for a number of years will recall that the matter of a new village hall development was explored some time ago and the main stumbling block was acquiring a piece of land that was suitable and its location acceptable to residents.

PLEASE RESPOND AND LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS

Contact points:-

- Mike Lewis, Chairman Whilton Parish Council 01327 842404
- Anthea Hiscock, Clerk to Whilton Parish Council 01327 843319



WHILTON W I

ARE HOLDING A

KIR AND CANAPÉS EVENING

AT 'WOODVIEW' (HOSTED BY TERESA & IAN)

ON 15TH JANUARY 2005

AT 7.30 PM

THERE WILL BE A W I HOME PRODUCE STALL

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY- PRICE - £5.



CHURCH MATTERS

Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042 or E-mail chris@spencerbenefice.freeserve.co.uk

Christmas, for many, is not an easy time. When we have lost loved ones who would normally have shared our Christmas, or when there is division and dissent in the family, it does not make for an easy time. For some they would prefer not to have the imagery of families all together to celebrate Christmas shown strongly, and it can be difficult. For others it may be one of the few times that the whole family get together, and can be a time of great celebration. However we feel about it, and it is important to be honest if it is a difficult time, the message rings true for all of us. The Christmas story is the most wonderful children's story ever told, and will be re-enacted by children this month. But the story is not for a group of people under 16 only. It is a children's story because it offers us the opportunity to become sons and daughters of God, by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God.

No one, however old they are, are too old to become a child of God, and responding to Jesus is an invitation to all of us, not just at Christmas, but through the year. May I wish you peace and love Christmas time and for 2005, and prayers that you become a child of God.

Just to clarify that the 22nd December Carol service at Brington at 7.30pm is by ticket only, owing to health and safety issues, as the church is usually full. Joyce Coles (01604 843975) is kindly looking after tickets for us, and whilst at the time of writing we have enough to fill the church, please call her in case tickets are returned, but please don't use the invitations that were published as tickets. Our Christingle (12 Dec 4.00), Carols (19 Dec 6.00pm) and Family Communion (Christmas Day 9.15am) are open to all, and don't require tickets.

PET BLESSING SERVICE

Sunday 3rd October 2004 and a collection of pets – dogs, cats, guinea pig, hamster and stick insects met in St Andrew's Church for their special blessing from the Revd. Chris Goble.

Sitting on the chancel steps Revd. Chris received each pet; one large lovable black dog sat on his lap and the final pet gave him a kiss. The reading was by Teresa Leadbetter and her little dog, Trudi, sat by her side whilst she read. This was a lovely, rewarding service and many thanks to Revd. Chris for conducting it.

BAPTISMS

There will be three baptisms in St Andrew's Church in the two months since the last Newsletter was printed :-

❖ Maria Healey on
26th September

❖ Hannah Baker on
24th October

❖ Henry Roskill on
28th November

REVD. WILLIAM (BILL) GRIFFIN MA (OXON)

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Revd. Bill Griffin who was Rector at St Andrew's Church, Whilton from 1972 – 1978. When he retired he moved with his wife, Ann, to Weedon where he became active in church life there and the surrounding villages, preaching and helping out wherever needed.

His funeral was held at St Mary's Church Brington on 4th October 2004. Canon Tim Partridge (retired, Bugbrooke) conducted the service and the incumbent of Weedon, Revd. Helen Rayment gave one of the tributes to him. A nearly full church showed the high esteem in which Bill was held.

FUND-RAISING

CHRISTMAS CARDS – A sincere thank you to Bennie Eyton –Jones for her lovely painting of our church which she then had printed into cards. Bennie and Janet then spent an afternoon folding and packing and distributing. A grand total of **£225** was raised for St Andrew's General Fund. Congratulations to Bennie on her artistic skills.

PATÉ & PUNCH EVENING – held on Saturday 20th November at 'Woodview' courtesy of Teresa & Ian. This proved to be a delightful evening with a selection of patés, breads etc and mince pies and of course Teresa's lovely punch/mulled wine. Together with a raffle of Christmas goodies, the event raised £246 for the church General Fund. Thank you Teresa & Ian for a lovely evening.

CHRISTINGLE - Sunday 12th December at 4.00 pm. Do come and join in this special service; a magical occasion with its candles and oranges. It is in aid of the Children's Society, the funds raised go to their work with young people. They need our support

CAROL SERVICE – Sunday 19th December at 6.00 pm in St Andrew's especially decorated for the festive season. Coffee and mince pies will be available after the service.

CAROL SINGING – The Whilton carol singers will be touring the village during the week leading up to Christmas Day. Do listen out for them. Money collected will be for a chosen charity, the main suggestion so far is the Princess Diana Flying Ambulance.

CHRISTMAS DAY- A special Family communion to celebrate Christmas at 9.15 am

2005 – DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES -Sunday 13th February – ST VALENTINE SONGS OF PRAISE - This special service will be held in St Andrew's Church at 6.00 pm. So do come and join in your favourite songs of praise.

Inching Forwards



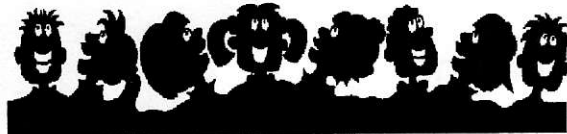
Seasons greetings to all copper milers out there. Although at times the mile seems to make slow progress it is still moving forwards. Presently hovering on the brink of the descent towards the pumping station, can it leave the residents and houses behind and strike out for the open fields? The answer lies with all those who are still collecting their spare coppers and generously donating them to the St Andrews church fund. We have advanced over 200 yards this year and received £120 in donations. A very big thankyou to everyone who has donated so far and please, please, keep saving and donating your spare coppers, all contributions are gratefully received and very much appreciated. Donations as always can be made at any time to either Janet or Gill, or left at the donation point in St Andrew's.

Gill Denbigh

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

DECEMBER 2004

5TH	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT EAST HADDON</u>
12TH	4.00 PM	CHRISTINGLE
19TH	6.00 PM	CAROL SERVICE
25TH	9.15 AM	FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION
26TH	10.00 AM	BENEFICE COMMUNION
2ND JAN 2005	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT BRINGTON</u>



introducing...

B'B's

Benefice Beginners

Free for under-5s (including babies) and their parents/carers

Meeting weekly on Thursdays

from 2 - 3:30pm at the Harlestone Institute

Starting

6th January 2005

2 - 3:30pm

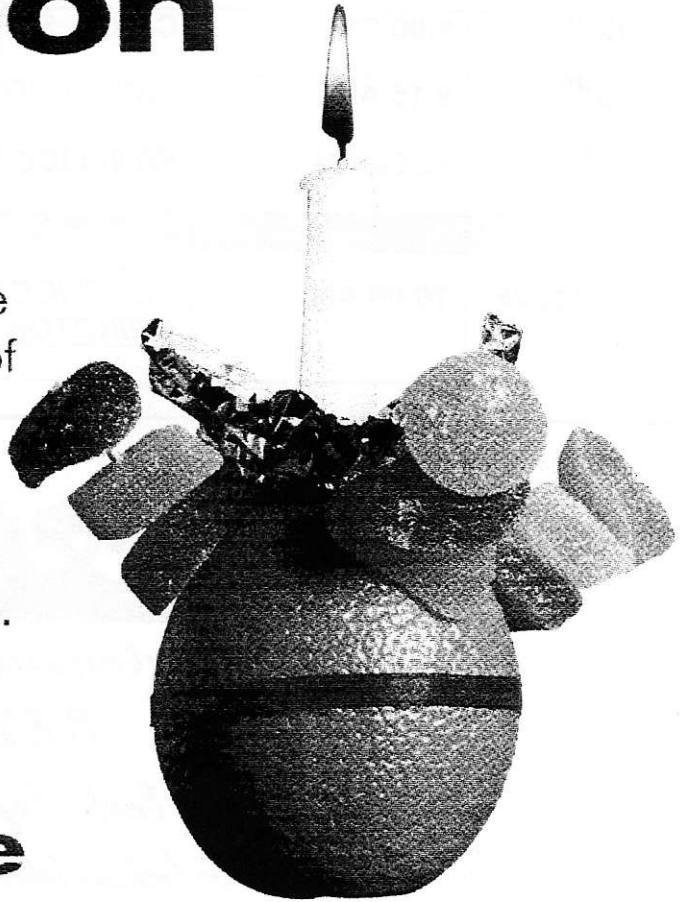
Benefice Beginners aims to offer a safe and fun environment for preschoolers and their parents/carers to meet and make friends. There will be one short structured session each week to introduce Bible stories and concepts about Christian faith and living through age-appropriate songs and learning. This session will always finish in time to allow for any who need to meet older children from school to be able to join in.

Invitation

Please come and join us. You can help The Children's Society make a very real difference to the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and young people.

Help us bring light and love back into a child's life.

Light up a child's life



You are warmly invited to a
Christingle Celebration

at: ST. ANDREWS
WHILTON
on: SUN. 12th DEC.
time: 4.00pm



**The
Children's
Society**

A Voluntary Society of
The Church of England and
The Church in Wales.

Charity Registration No. 221124

Whilton Gardeners' Association



The garden club's having 'a bit of a do'.
It's AGM time, a chance to revue
The faces and places, the things we have seen,
To gardens both local and far flung we've been.

Our speakers have talked on subjects diverse,
With knowledge and humour, their words did disperse
Like seeds o'er the gardeners enthralled in the hall,
Tempted by plants on the visitors stall.

As for our socials, both outdoor and in,
Wine, tasty nibbles, raffles, plant stalls have been,
Enjoyed through the seasons with friends old and new
Which brings me right back to our 'bit of a do'.

Yes, the garden club's holding this years AGM.
The committee looks forward to seeing you then.
The village hall is the place, the date and the time
Is Monday 6th December at 7:30,
No, it doesn't quite rhyme!

But we'll meet you and greet you on the evening as planned.
Please have your subscription ready to hand.
Garden Club Members, this invite's for you
'Cause the garden club's having 'a bit of a do'.

We are an enthusiastic, sociable group of amateur gardeners who meet bi-monthly in the village hall to enjoy a range of talks, garden visits and social gatherings. The £5 annual per person fee has got to be the best value in the county! New members are always welcome, so why not come along and join us? **The first meeting of 2005 will be on the 7th February at 7:30 in the village hall. Our speaker for the evening is Esther MacMillan on the subject of Restoring the Gardens of Kelmarsh Hall.**

**1 in 4
burglaries
are
preventable**



**-lock
doors and
windows**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
police



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



A result - because of the vigilance of a resident who reported the suspicious behaviour of two youths in the village to the Neighbourhood Watch, who notified the police, they intercepted them just outside Brington and they were arrested. It seems probable that they were well known thieves from Northampton known for burglary and stealing cars and their contents. The vigilance of that resident no doubt saved the village from trouble which was to follow.

At a recent meeting of a Watch Committee it was reported that there are 3/4 distraction burglaries per day in our police area. Not all are successful. One amusing failure occurred at Brington where the conman said he was from the Gas Board and as they have no Gas in the village the door was shut in his face.

Other local news includes the theft of TV's from the Whilton Marina shop. During the night of 18/11/04 stables on Nobottle Road were entered.

Warnings.

- There has been a spate of handbag snatching in Daventry.
- Thieves have been observing uncurtained windows on dark evenings and having identified the household is another part of the house enter via unlocked doors. **They ask you to draw curtains and lock doors..**
- Conmen are ringing OAP,s asking them to confirm their pension pin numbers. **Give PIN numbers to no one.**
- There is a group who are targeting 4+4' s especially those left unattended in field gates. They will take old vehicles and then use for other crimes.

Philip Waights. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

WHILTON W.I – 10th November 2004

The November Meeting proved to be a very enjoyable evening, as with the approach of Christmas, it was decided that we should test our skills at making Christmas cards. We did this under the expert tuition of Ros (Gardner). The end results proved to be much more acceptable than some of us had feared!

As the next meeting takes place in December, some time was spent planning food etc., for our annual party which will bring to an end another calendar year of much interest and diversity.

Dorothy Sawford.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

SEPTEMBER

1st Prize	017	D Day	£40
2nd Prize	150	K Bowers	£20
3rd Prize	060	T Leadbetter	£10

OCTOBER

1st Prize	175	P Webster	£40
2nd Prize	170	O Bardell-Tillage	£20
3rd Prize	096	M Seth-Smith	£10



USED STAMPS



Recently a fair-sized bag of stamps was sent to Danetre.

Can we make a special effort this Christmas when we receive more stamped mail than usual? Just cut off the stamps with a small surround of envelope. They can be left in the porch by the back door of The Old Plough and are now collected for the Macmillan Cancer Care Fund – a very worthwhile cause.

Many thanks to all who have contributed through the year.

Trudy Haynes

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

Our new term this year has been very busy with 20 children now on our register. We are in the process of employing more members of staff to support the children in their learning and activities. We had a lot of new children in September, but they seem to have settled well into the routine of the group and are getting to know each other.

During the first part of this term we have been looking at different shapes, shapes within the environment, making shape pictures, painting, cooking, cutting and sticking shapes.

One of our mothers has been in a few times to lead us in a music and movement time, the children have really enjoyed this time and have joined in very well. If anyone has a talent that you think the children might enjoy, we are always open to new ideas, just let me know and we will include the activity in our programming.

We are now looking at All About Me, how we have changed from babies to toddlers, our favourite food, toys, colours. We are to look at our families, the effect of food and exercise on our bodies and then we shall move on to Christmas which will give us lots of opportunity to do Christmas activities.

During this time we shall be preparing for our usual Christmas play which shall take place in Whilton Village Hall on Friday 10th December at 10.30am. Please do come along and join with us in this, it would be really good to see more than just parents as the children do put lots of effort into this and they do enjoy the experience of showing their play to others, and we shall be serving coffee and mince pies afterwards.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us please do not hesitate to contact me, **Jenny Holman on 01604 770083** as we would be happy to show you around

Your view

I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Development worker at Northamptonshire Acre. I am appealing to you 'the reader' in order to gauge public opinion towards a service that I am currently researching and looking to develop if we feel that there is a need.

The proposed service would include a confidential support telephone line with links to all specialist advice organisations in Northamptonshire. This could also be developed as an Internet service, as B.T. is now extending broadband into rural areas. This would allow people with busy lives to leave a message anytime. Partnering this service would be a team of volunteer befrienders who can give a home visit in special circumstances. A Community Development Worker would also be working in the community in part to assess the effectiveness of this service and to continue gaining local knowledge.

The question I pose you 'the reader' is:

- Do you think that this service would be useful to people living in your village?
- Do you think there is confusion over where to get localised help? By localised I mean being able to talk to someone who has knowledge of your area and what is available for you.

I am looking for people to take part in this research project. Anyone giving information will remain anonymous. Please let me know if you can help in this matter and if you have any comments about the two points above, contact me: Camilla Cobb, Northamptonshire A.C.R.E, The Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton, NN4 9QZ or alternatively to have a discussion please call me on: 01604 825 889. I am also available on Email: camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk

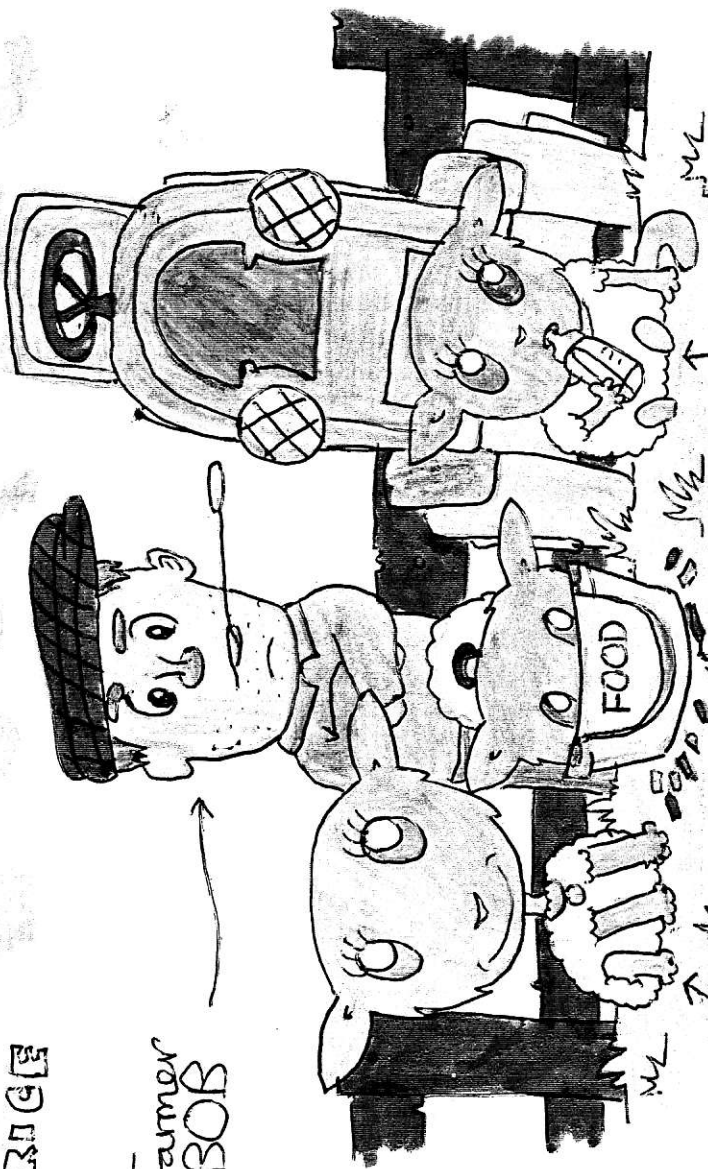
We shall, at a later date be looking for volunteer befrienders, who will be given training and Professionals such as Solicitors, who can give a little time to those who are experiencing disadvantage. If you are interested then please drop me a line.

Camilla Cobb
Community Development Worker
Northamptonshire A.C.R.E.

The Wool Lies

BY NOAH PRICE

Farmer
BOB

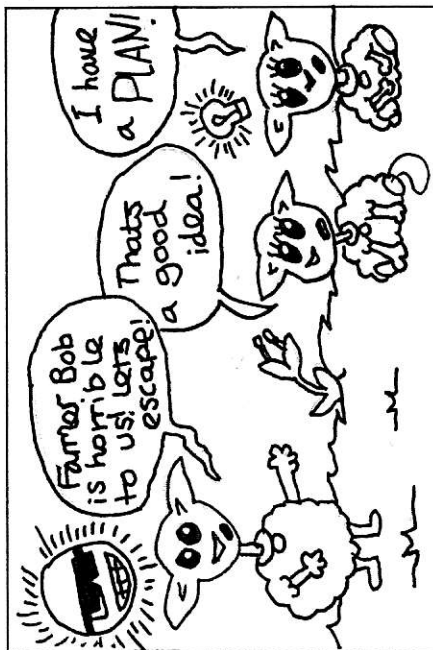


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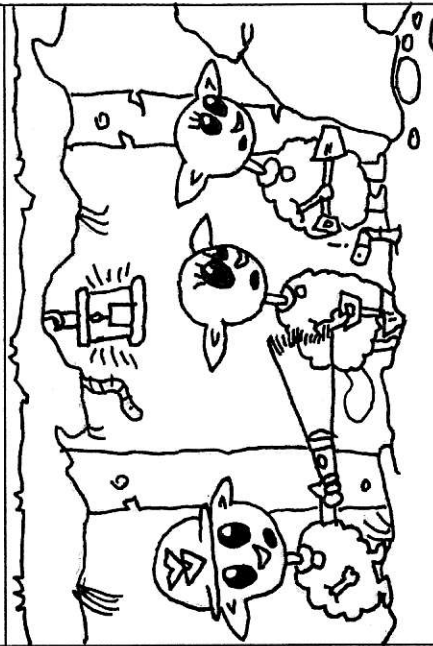
GERT BERT FLIRT

3 Lambs on 1 Farm, and on that farm a
Horrible Farmer looks after some animals
and he isn't fair to Gert, Bert and Flirt...

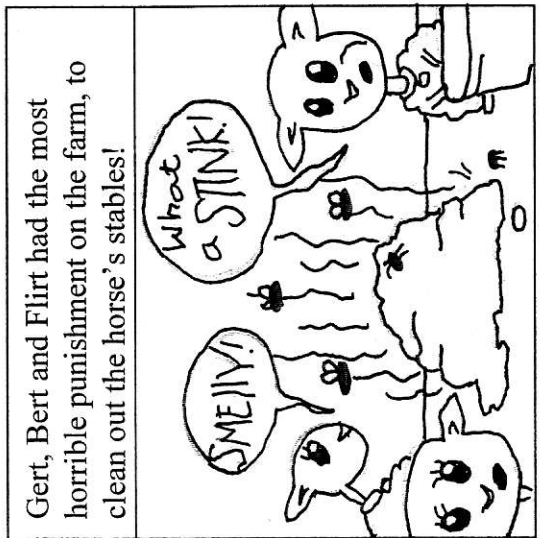
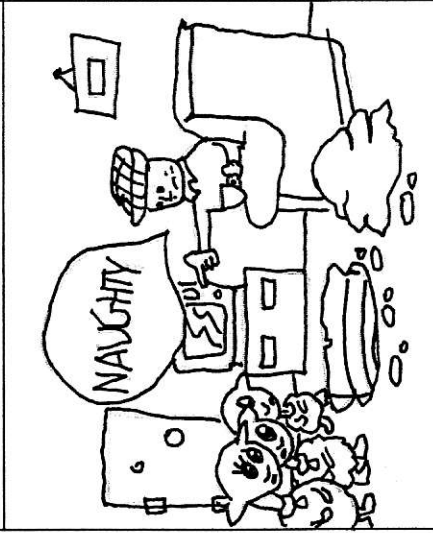
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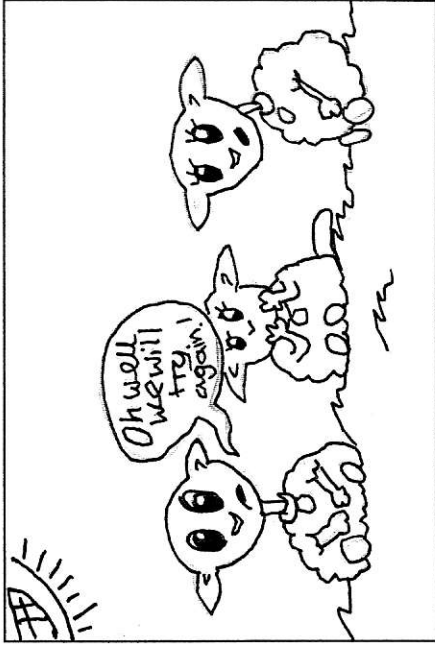
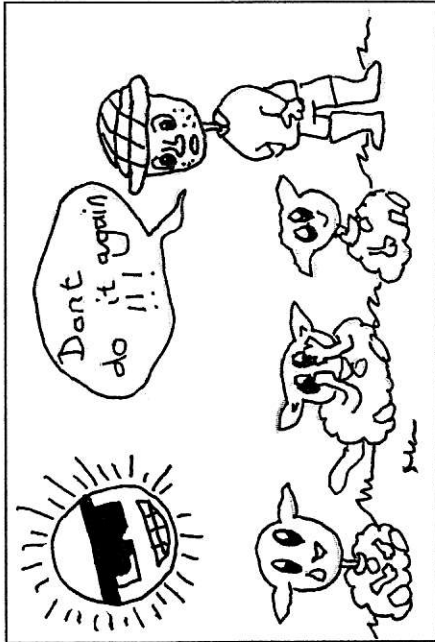
Their first plan was to copy the film 'The Great Escape'



But the plan went wrong and the lambs ended up in the middle of Farmer Bob's living room!



Gert, Bert and Flirt had the most horrible punishment on the farm, to clean out the horse's stables!



To be Continued....

These are extracts from "Long Buckby, Co-operative Society Ltd,
ALMANAC 1917 (kindly loaned by John & Sue Townley)

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THE HOUSEWIFE'S NOTEBOOK.

Currant Potato Cakes.—Rub a tea-cupful of cold mashed potatoes very lightly into 1 lb. of flour. Add 2 oz. currants and 2 oz. moist sugar. Make into a fairly stiff dough with half a pint of milk. Roll out once rather thickly and stamp into small rounds. Bake twenty minutes in a sharp oven.

Flour can never be too cold for pastry. For cakes and bread it should be slightly warmed—unless there is carbonate of soda in them.

To keep bacon, pack in sawdust and store it in a cool, dry place.

The following notes are taken from the useful book quoted on page 20:—

Store soap for a month before using. Cross the bars so that the air can get through them.

To use up candle ends, stick a pin through the centre of a cork about half an inch deep and of a size to fit a candlestick; place the candle end on the point of the pin and fix the cork in a candlestick.

Dry coffee grounds, add a pinch of carbonate of soda and use on a knife-board instead of powder.

Use dry mustard at table instead of liquid.

Re-boil the water that has been strained from rice, add a small piece of borax and the waste of sperm candle and you will have a much nicer starch for table-linen than that usually purchased.

A pennyworth of oxalic acid and a pennyworth of chalk will make a cheap and effective polish for metals.

A new broom will last twice as long if it is first dipped in hot soapuds to toughen the bristles, rinsed and shaken and then hung up to dry. This treatment should be repeated about every ten days.

A little milk added to ordinary blacking makes a splendid boot polish.

WAR TIME COOKERY.

Glazed earthenware vessels are economical. Food can be prepared, cooked, and served in them. It may be left in them without risk of poisoning, and they are readily cleaned.

The cheaper prices of meat, such as breast of mutton and shin or brisket of beef, are as nourishing as the more expensive parts.

Stewing requires little fuel, there is no waste of material or flavour, the cheaper parts of the meat can be used, and very little attention is required in cooking.

Cut up tough meat before cooking and sprinkle with a little vinegar.

Peas, beans and lentils make excellent, nourishing dishes.

Economical Soup.—Four potatoes, one cabbage, four small or two large leeks, and one tablespoonful of pork dripping. Peel the potatoes and cut each into four. Pull the cabbage to pieces and cut the leek small; wash them all well and cover them with cold water in a saucepan. Boil for one and a half hours. Put in the pork dripping and boil for another hour.

Lentil Porridge.—Three ozs. of lentil flour, a morsel of butter, a pinch of salt, and a pint of water. Mix the flour and salt to a paste with a little of the water, add the rest and the butter, and boil for ten minutes, stirring all the time.

Haricot Bean Pie.—One pint haricot beans, one large onion, two rashers bacon, a little chopped parsley, pepper and salt. Put the beans to soak over night in boiling water. Chop the onion and bacon finely and lay in the bottom of a pie-dish with half a cupful of water. Place the beans on top with a little chopped parsley sprinkled over, and pepper and salt to taste. Cover with a suet or dripping crust and bake till a nice brown.

Onion Pudding.—Make an ordinary pudding crust, line a basin with it, fill the basin with onions cut in halves, plenty of pepper and salt, a little water, cover with crust and boil for three hours.

Vinegar instead of eggs.—Use vinegar instead of eggs for making cakes. One dessertspoonful of vinegar added to one gill of milk answers the same purpose as two eggs.

Syrup instead of eggs.—For cakes add a tablespoonful of syrup to half a pint of warm milk. This will equal about four eggs.

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HOW THEY STARTED.

SANTA CLAUS.

ABOUT 300 years after the Incarnation a certain boy was born. His parents called him Nicholas. He became Saint Nicholas. The records tell us that he did "keep virtues, meekness, and simplicity, and therefore the children do him worship before all other saints." He helped three young women out of great danger by throwing purses into their bedroom after they had retired. Thus his name came to signify charitable deeds done secretly. Saint Nicholas comes to children when they are asleep and gives them just what they want. The Dutch changed his name from "Sankt Nikolaus" to "Sankt Klaus." St. Nicholas Day at one time was early in December, but now, of course, it is at Christmas time.

KISSING UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

The ancient Druids believed that the mistletoe was given by their gods to heal men. Balder, the great Norseman, was said to be killed by an arrow made from a mistletoe bough, but he was restored to life and the Druids held that the mistletoe had lost its evil power owing to his recovery. With this belief men and women passed under the mistletoe and gave each other the kiss of love and peace.

WHEN THE POWERS ENTERED THE WAR.

The Powers declared war on each other as follows:—

1914.

- Aug. 1.—Germany against Russia.
- " 3.—Germany against France.
- " 4.—Britain against Germany.
- " 7.—Montenegro against Austria.
- " 10.—France against Austria.
- " 12.—Britain against Austria.
- " 23.—Japan against Germany.
- Nov. 5.—Britain against Turkey.

1915.

- May 23.—Italy against Austria.
- Aug. 20.—Italy against Turkey.
- Oct. 15.—Britain against Bulgaria.
- " 16.—France against Bulgaria.
- " 19.—Italy against Bulgaria.

1916.

- Aug. 27.—Roumania against Austria.
- " 28.—Germany against Roumania.
- " 28.—Italy against Germany.

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All persons exposed to Cold Weather should take

Dr. WHITE'S

KOMPO.

The Right Hon. T. BURT, M.P., writes:

"I and my family have used Dr. WHITE'S Kompo for more than nine years, with the most satisfactory results. It is not only a first-class family medicine, but as a pure and healthy stimulant I consider it unequalled. When well sweetened with sugar it is very palatable, and a capital substitute for tea or coffee. In travelling long distances in cold weather, I have used it with great advantage; it gives a glow and genial warmth to the system of a much healthier and far more enduring kind than anything else I have tried."

THE REWARDS OF VALOUR.

The following is the official description of the various medals which may be earned by soldiers for war service:—

- 1.—The V.C.: The conditions under which this is awarded are well known.
- 2.—The Military Cross is awarded for distinguished services in time of war, and may be won by warrant officers as well as by commissioned officers of rank not above that of captain.
- 3.—The D.C.M. is awarded for individual acts of distinguished conduct and for devotion to duty in the field.
- 4.—The Military Medal, recently instituted, is awarded to N.C.O.'s and soldiers for individual or associated acts of bravery in the field.
- 5.—The General War Medal, the issue of which is not decided until Peace has been concluded.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	6th	Dec	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association – AGM & Social in Village Hall
Wed	8th	Dec	7.30 pm	W I Christmas Member's Night in Village Hall
Fri	10th	Dec	10.30 am	Brington & Whilton Pre-School Christmas Play in Village Hall
Sun	12th	Dec	4.00 pm	Christingle Service in St Andrew's Church
Tues	14th	Dec	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sun	19th	Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Service in St Andrew's Church.
Sat	25th	Dec	9.15 am	Family Holy Communion for Christmas Day in St Andrew's Church
Sun	26th	Dec	10.00 am	Benefice Communion in St Andrew's Church
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Mon	10th	Jan	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	11th	Jan	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Wed	12th	Jan	7.30 pm	W I – Card Making in the village hall
Sat	15th	Jan	7.30 pm	Kir & Canapés at Woodview for WI
Fri	21st	Jan		<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> – Please hand in your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition.
Tues	25th	Jan	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**Any contributions to the newsletter
by the deadline date please, to any of the Editors.**