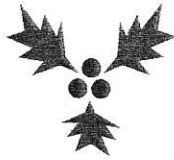


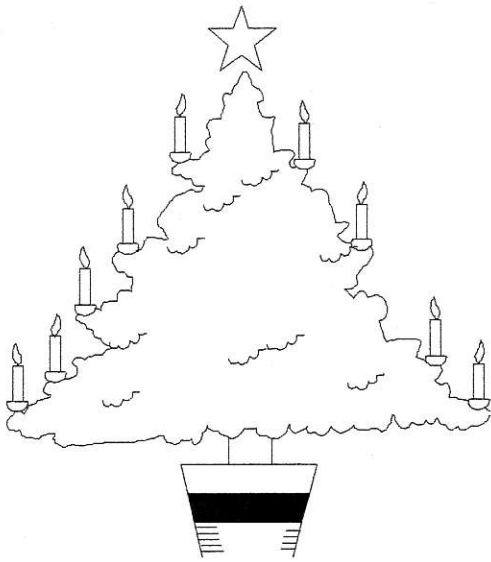
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WHILTON NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2005



Merry Christmas



NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

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Bryan Williams, who has lived in the village for 12 years, died suddenly on 13th November 2005.

Bryan was involved very much with bell ringing both in the Benefice and surrounding areas and was the organist at All Saints Norton and also played at St Andrew's Whilton.

Our deepest sympathy go to Beryl and family.

Editors

WHILTON BELLS

At the beginning of September weekly Bell Ringing practices started again on Monday evenings in St Andrews Church. Whilton Ringers together with supporting friends from Norton, Weedon, Daventry and other local towers are now making good use of one of the best set of bells in Northamptonshire. We are also delighted to be joined by several new learners and one "returner", who has not rung for many years. We have even attracted one couple all the way from America, who were staying in the area on holiday.

On Sunday October 23rd, we rang the bells at 5pm as part of the national celebration to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of The Battle Of Trafalgar. A number of Whilton ringers together with ringers from other Spencer Benefice Churches then rang after the Trafalgar Day Service at Great Brington at 7pm. Bells all over the UK and the world rang out from 12 noon, on Trafalgar Day (Friday 21st October) and over the weekend, to mark the 200th anniversary the Battle of Trafalgar, in an international event co-ordinated by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. In total over 400 churches – Whilton & Great Brington included took part in the event.

We plan to also ring before the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November. The bells will be rung as a traditional mark of respect to those who died during both World Wars.

We look forward to contributing to the Christmas celebrations at St Andrews by ringing for the Christingle Service on 11th December and the Carol Service on 18th December.

We would be delighted to welcome new learners or anybody simply interested to find out about bell ringing. Please feel free to come along to any Monday practice evening from 7.45 – 9pm. We will also be enjoying our own Christmas celebration as part of our Practice Evening on Monday 19th December – all are extra welcome to join us for festive drinks.

We were very sad to hear of Bryan William's death. He was a dedicated bell ringer and teacher of the bells at Whilton. He will be very much missed by us all.

Theresa Baker 844263

Ray Barnes

(1935 -2005)

When Ray Barnes died on the 28th September, Whilton lost a remarkably gifted resident.

Ray was a modest, unassuming man quiet and helpful consequently he did not broadcast his talents to all and sundry and may have been comparatively unknown to younger and transient members of the community.

To begin with, his artistry and craftsmanship in the fields of heraldry, graining and marbling were unrivalled and he was consequently called upon to carry out the restoration of the inside roof of the Guildhall in Northampton. The beautiful panels and intricate shields are a superb witness to his skills. He could reproduce any surface be it wood or marble and provide beautiful designs.

He was born in Nuneaton and went to boarding school during the blitz. He was later apprenticed and learned the full range of interior decorating skills. He himself until latterly taught at Tresham College, Kettering where he encouraged apprentices and redundant steel workers from Corby.

He was an excellent potter, designer, silk screen printer. He designed and painted the Village sign and painted the Church clock blue.

Ray was a family man and all his life loved having fun with his children and grandchildren taking part in swimming, dancing, and even karting at Whilton Mill. All enjoyed playing musical instruments together.

Ray and Jessie moved to Whilton 20 years ago to enjoy the peace of the countryside and to enjoy village life. Ray was a Parish Councillor and was particularly concerned with retaining the village traditional buildings. He made a considerable contribution to the Village Appraisal "The Story of Whilton" and it was he who placed all the houses accurately on the map and researched details of their history.

Finally he was a collector and restorer of classic cars, Rolls Royce, Bentleys, and Mercedes Benz which he showed at exhibitions and sometimes sold.

He was always an optimist.

Those who knew him miss him.

Frances Drake

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

VACANCY FOR SECRETARY.

Would you like to be part of the team running the Village Hall?

We have a vacancy for a secretary, the duties being organising meetings & keeping minutes.

Please contact **Mike Lewis on 842404** for application or further information.

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL

The Committee met recently and two issues came out of the meeting, 1) Finance and 2) Maximising use of village hall

Finance

The refurbishment of the toilet area and essential maintenance work relating thereto came to just under £12,000.

Grants were obtained from Awards for All (£5,000) and Northampton County Council (£2,000) with the balance coming from our Reserve Account. This has resulted in our funds becoming very much diminished and we have yet to deal with the handrail and ramp to the main entrance door.

Our projected rental income for 2006, at the moment looks as if we shall be down by at least £300 approximately. The Yoga Class, due to there being a shortfall in the number of people enrolling, ceased at the Summer Term 2005. The Women's Institute, who has been unable to form a Committee, will go into suspension as at 31st Dec 2005. There is an urgent need to seek other sources of income.

Use of Village Hall

Apart from the financial aspect we need to aim for making greater use of the hall by developing other activities. Ideas that came from our Meeting were carpet bowls, a Local Heritage Society and a lunchtime meeting with a simple meal.

Our aim is therefore twofold; to make a greater use of the Village Hall and, at the same time, provide a source of rental income.

- HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS?**
- LET US HAVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS**
- DO TAKE ACTION AND CONTACT THE EDITORS (01327 842968)**

PARISH MATTERS

Whilton Parish Council met on Hallowe'en evening, but despite the flickering candles and pumpkins in some windows, and a few strangely clad children wandering the damp village, our proceedings carried on smoothly.

Only four of our Councillors were able to attend and both District and County Councillors also sent their apologies. In fact the Parish Councillors were outnumbered by other parishioners who attended!

WHILTON PARISH PLAN

The first main item on the agenda was the proposal to make a Parish Plan for Whilton. Seven people have agreed to form a Parish Plan Team. There will be four Parish Councillors: Mike Lewis, Jonathan Hanslip, Greg Lye and Penny Price, and the three parishioners will be Phil Waights, Jeremy James and Richard Bunce.

Mike Lewis explained that the District Council is encouraging parishes to make a Parish Plan or Design Statement. It is expected that such plans would be used as supplementary planning guidance when considering planning applications from the parish. He said that it would be important that those forming a Parish Plan should understand the wider planning situation and should have access to all the Local Framework documents and our responses, besides structure plans, consultations and advice from the Countryside Agency, etc.

Whilton has been designated a **restricted infill village**, and the Locks as a **hamlet** to have no further residential development. The team working on the Plan could look at this, and also re-visit the "confines of the village", whose definition will be taken into consideration in planning decisions.

The Parish Plan Team will hold meetings as required, will take advice as necessary from the District Council and any other bodies, and will report to the Parish Council.

WHILTON ROADS

The other important issue of the agenda was the good news that, at last, our village road is to be re-surfaced before the end of this financial year.

The Parish Council is, of course, as pleased as all residents will be, but is pressing on to make sure that the drains in Brington Lane are sorted out first.

RIGHTS OF WAY

Footpath walkers may be interested to know that a new definitive map of Whilton paths has been produced. Both Maurice Clements, as Footpath Warden, and I, as Clerk, have copies, but under new legal conditions, these may only be consulted, not copied or loaned.

PLANNING

There was only one planning application. This was for a bungalow and garage at The Coach House. The Parish Council felt this would be in keeping with the area and supported the application.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Councillors also had a preliminary look at the budget for 2006 -7. The precept will be set at the January meeting, and there may be extra expenses coming. The allotment lease is coming to an end in 2006 and we are in negotiation with the DDC over this, the Council is investigating the possibility of taking on our own grass cutting, which could then be done to a higher standard, but would also have to be paid for. Roughmoor Spinney Management Group has asked for £450 towards next year's expenses and the Parish Council will have to consider whether to take on any other projects in the coming year.

CLEARING UP AFTER CHRISTMAS

With Christmas approaching, the Parish Council have decided to have a collection point for real Christmas trees which can be recycled by the DDC. Watch the notice board for further information.

Anthea Hiscock
Clerk to the Parish Council

DACT WINS

DACT has won the community support award at the prestigious Daventry Express Excellence Awards. We were also awarded the runner up spot in the Team of the Year category. The awards are a testament to the whole team both Staff and Volunteers; they reward both the caring and professional attitude of everyone concerned.



DACT
Community Support
WINNER

Alec Stewart the cricketer and Linda Barker of Changing Rooms fame presented the awards at Staverton Park Hotel on the 23rd June 2005. At a glittering occasion over £6000 was raised

for the
Warwickshire
and
Northamptonshire
Air Ambulance.



DACT
Team of the Year
RUNNER UP

DACT

**VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS
DROP IN DAY**

15th December 2005

10am till 4pm

**It will be great to see
everyone**

at our annual get together

PLEASE NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE OF TIME

***NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY MOBILE
LIBRARY SERVICE :- NOW CALLS IN THE
VILLAGE ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS AT
APPROXIMATELY 9.05 AM TO 9.20 AM AND
STOPS OUTSIDE THE 'OLD PLOUGH' IN MAIN
STREET. The date for December 2005 is
13th and for January 2006 the dates are 10th
& 24th***

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH NEWS



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

One of the sure signs of Christmas approaching, for me, is the acquiring of Christmas catalogues, such as bookshops and I enjoy looking through looking at books that I can discreetly mention I fancy for Christmas, and then opening my presents on Christmas day, and surprise, surprise, I don't get the books I fancy, but smellies instead - is this a hint? One book I noticed is the memoirs of Rik Mayall, whose book is called "Bigger than Hitler Better than Christ". Modest title - I'm tempted to write my memoirs and call it "Another autobiography from someone you've only vaguely heard of". There are many books especially people writing their life stories. Each person has a life story, and as Rector I'm privileged to hear some people's stories. The stories that have most affected our world, however, are the 4 books we call the Gospels. Not biographies as we would expect, but words that tell us of Jesus, and words that can change our lives. The coming into the world of Jesus is not just a moment in history, but which has transformed our world, and we can know that Jesus is with us, Why not this Christmas read Luke chapter 2 and Matthew chapter 2, which tell us birth of Jesus, and let the Christmas message transform our lives?

We are sorry to record the death of Bryan Williams, who has been a member of this village for 12 years, and is well known as organist at some evening services at St Andrew's and a bell ringer. Our condolences to Beryl and the family.

A memorable Harvest Festival on Sunday 25th September 2005 commenced with a **Family Thanksgiving Service** and the offering of harvest gifts.

Bishop Frank dedicated the new altar frontal donated in memory of Bill Emery. It was a special occasion for Alice, Rosie and Araminta Gow and Madeline Healey as they held the Bishop's Staff of Office during the dedication.

After the service we enjoyed refreshments and a chance to chat with the Bishop.

The day closed with the traditional **Harvest Supper** followed by the auction of the gifts which raised £148.85. This, together with other contributions, will be our annual charitable giving to worthwhile causes.

The church decorations were splendid and our thanks are due to Jean Davies, Kathleen Wright and Janet Bowers and also to Elizabeth Church and Trudy Haynes for the gift of flowers. Our thanks also to

Kerry Davies, our auctioneer, who was assisted by Ellie and Daniel Ponder and the ladies of the PCC and friends who helped with the supper and to those who provided home made apple pies

The next Sunday - another special day - the **Pet Blessing Service** was well attended with a variety of dogs from small puppies to large dogs, a guinea pig, hamster and two rats. Each pet received an individual blessing from the Revd. Chris Goble. We were pleased to welcome two dogs and their owners, one from Weedon and the other from Duston.

December will be a busy and eventful month for St Andrew's as we host the **Benefice Service on 4th at 10.00 am**. The **Christingle Service** will be on the following **Sunday (11th) at 4.00 pm**, the Carol Service at 6.00 pm on the 18th and the **Family Holy Communion at 11.00 am on Christmas Morning**. It will be at this service the new altar frontal will be used for the first time.

Janet Bowers

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

DECEMBER 2005

4 th	10.00 am	Benefice Sung Eucharist
11 th	4.00 pm	Christingle
18 th	6.00 pm	Carol Service
25 th	11.00 am	<i>Family Holy Communion</i>
8 th Jan 2006	11.00 am	Family Service

FLOODLIGHTS



THIS FACILITY IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL CELEBRATIONS OR TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE OR IF YOU WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE THE CHURCH FLOODLIT. AT A SMALL COST THE CHURCH CAN BE FLOODLIT FOR THE EVENING, MAKING ANY OCCASION SPECIAL FOR YOU.



JANET BOWERS

Pre-school Children & Babies **BBs is for you...**

BBs (Benefice Beginners) is a free children's group for under-5s and their parents or carers. We meet every **Thursday** during term time from **2 - 3.30pm** at **Harlestone Village Institute**.

Adults are welcomed with a drink while the children play. At 2.30pm we move to a smaller room to sing, pray and learn about our Christian faith through stories, activities and crafts. We finish this session by 3pm for more play, and to allow time to meet older children from school.

Come to any session, or call Virginia on 01604 754694 Or Theresa on 01327 844263

Primary School Children **Come to Good News Club!**

Good News Club is also free, and is held after school every **Thursday** afternoon during term time in the hall, at **East Haddon Primary School**.

Leave your children in our capable hands* for lots of fun, games and Bible teaching.

We start at **about 3.40pm** with drinks and biscuits, giving time to get from another school before the session itself starts. Parents are asked to collect children at **5pm**.

Come and give it a go, or call Val on 01604 770555

*** All leaders and helpers have been CRB checked**

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

Christmas Wishes from Ann and Richard at Langton Cottage



We have decided that instead of sending Christmas cards this year, we will make a donation to one of our favourite charities.

However, we do want to wish everyone in Whilton and the parish, a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Ann and Richard

Whilton Village Hall 200 Club Draw

SEPTEMBER

1st Prize	023	S Brown	£40
2nd Prize	127	J James	£20
3rd Prize	027	R Clarke	£10

OCTOBER

1st Prize	170	O Bardell-Tillott	£40
2nd Prize	002	D Sawford	£20
3rd Prize	039	C Phillips	£10

Congratulations to all the winners

Countryside Ahead

Season's greetings to all Whilton Newsletter readers, especially those continuing to donate to the 'Copper Mile'. Yes, it is still going and just to bring you all up to date the mile has just passed the village sign as it leaves Whilton on the Brington road.

Coppers collected to date would exceed three quarters of a mile in length if laid out in a line and the total collected so far in £'s is approaching £800.

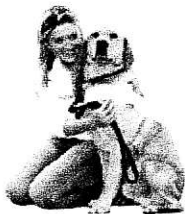


Well done to all who have made any donations so far and please keep collecting your spare coppers they really do make a difference when added together.

The 'Mile' just needs a final push to achieve it's target of the full 1760 yards and hopefully, reach, or even exceed, £1000 in total funds raised. Let's hope that 2006 can bring us much closer to that final target. In the meantime, have a very happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Gill Denbigh

Guide Dogs Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on Saturday 22 October, also many thanks to all those people who donated books, tombola, cakes and to those who made donations even though they couldn't attend the event.

Together we raised £320.00 and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves !.

On behalf of Guide Dogs, thank you Whilton.

Kerry and Jean Davies, 3 Langton Rise



Guide Dogs – Puppy Walker Update

My last puppy Questa, a golden retriever / Labrador cross left us in May.



Questa has now started the last part of her advanced training in Southampton having left the Leamington centre last week. We went to Leamington in September to see her training in the town and she performed very well. We met up later for a coffee and a cuddle and she hadn't changed a bit.

I am currently having a break from Puppy Walking and Penny (the black Labrador in the picture) is enjoying the individual attention and enjoying her Agility training on a Sunday at Guide Dogs.

Percy our 2nd black Labrador retriever guide dog puppy has been retrained this year because his first owner died earlier this year, Percy is now working again with his new owner, a 32 year old man with a young family who live in Cradley Heath in the West Midlands.

I hope to take on a new puppy in the Spring, Watch this space !



Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal.



Many thanks to everyone who donated to this year's appeal which was a record **£209-15**, in addition the collection at the Remembrance Day service was **£92**. A very generous response, even for Whilton, which is always very supportive.

This year at the service the wreath was laid by a veteran of the last war who was commissioned into the Northamptonshire Regiment which is now part of the Royal Anglian Regiment, now serving in Iraq.

Philip Waights.



ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



The Working Party on Sunday 16th October 2005 was supported by eight volunteers plus Miles Baker (with his wheelbarrow) which was a very satisfactory turnout and our thanks goes to all those who gave their time to this worthwhile project.

Maintenance work was carried out to the paths and the picnic/play area was enlarged by clearing and cutting to the boundary on all sides. This revealed quite a large and useful area where we can improve further, given that funds become available.

Whilst the volunteers carried our constructive work, it was disappointing, on a subsequent survey of the spinney, to find that the rustic seats had been re-sited and in fact the actual seat of one was missing. After an extensive search, it would appear that someone had thrown this across the stream to the other bank. This could hardly be termed constructive and perhaps the person or persons involved might like to expend their energy on more worthwhile activities and join the next working party.

It has been noted that from time to time that there have been fires in the play area on old felled tree stumps. The terms and conditions of our insurance policy do not cover fires in the spinney unless one of our Management Team is present. Please take note as this could seriously affect our position should a claim arise out of this activity

Roughmoor Spinney Management Committee

WHILTON WI

1949 – 2005

Members of the WI met in the village hall for our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 12th October. For the nine members present this was a very sad occasion, as the decision had to be made that our institute will go into suspension from the end of this year.

As our membership ages, and younger, newer members, willing and able to take office, are not appearing, we shall not be in a position to continue in 2006.

We were guided through the necessary procedures by Meg Mayhew, our visitor from County headquarters, and in her last report as President, Ros Gardner recalled 36 happy years with Whilton WI. She remembered attending first with her mother-in-law, and many experiences of fun with other members, including rounders and darts competitions a long time ago. As our numbers have dwindled and members have become older it has become more of a struggle to continue. We are now at a stage of making a very serious decision, but she thanked every member present for their support and willingness to co-operate in WI activities over the years.

Since 1949, when we have the first record of Whilton WI, the institute has been actively involved in village life in many ways, and we fear that our demise will leave a gap in our community, affecting more than just the members who will no longer meet in the same way. In recent years a number of our meetings have been made open to villagers who were interested in attending, whether to listen to a speaker or to share in a craft or cookery evening. Sadly very few people have bothered to come, although we do have a small band of WI husbands who have helped to swell our ranks!

From January, there will be no regular items recording our speakers and activities in the Newsletter, nor will the WI be organising its regular activities, such as the litter pick and the giving of Christmas gifts and cards to older parishioners, or providing occasional recipes or poems for the Newsletter.

Even with small numbers in the 21st century, WI members have continued to enable and organise community events. We began this century by celebrating the completion of the Millennium Map which now hangs in the Village Hall. This was a whole parish project, but the WI did a fair share of this, both in designing, stitching the main map and producing squares.

Janet and Ken Bowers' photo of Lower Farmhouse was included in the 2001 WI calendar and they also had photos in the WI book "Northamptonshire Villages Past and Present." In the five years since 2000 we have entered the County Quiz and attended a number of other events organised by the County, including entering the WI Show to celebrate the 90th birthday of the National Federation of WIs this year. A group of members sponsored an orphan elephant, and among other events to support charities, members have organised a Fair Trade dinner and coffee morning, raised money for a water project in India and for the Tsunami Appeal last year.

We have also been involved in raising awareness and following up issues of concern to WI members. These have included the closing of rural post offices, changing the way of paying benefits, supporting the campaign against discrimination against women, responding to Local Agenda 21 issues, the abolition of Community Health Councils, and the trafficking of women and children.

In a recent consultation the members of Whilton WI defined the objects of the WI as:

To enable groups of community based women to improve the condition of their lives and environment both locally, nationally and internationally.

To make available to them opportunities for personal development and learning

To give women the chance to work together to put into practice the ideals for which the WI stands: fellowship, tolerance and justice.

Sadly that has come to an end in our village.

Anthea Hiscock, Secretary: Whilton WI

Brington & Whilton Pre-School

The children have settled well back into Pre-School this year, we have a smaller group so far, but with new children joining us throughout the school year and by Easter next year, we shall be nearly full again.

Last term we spent time looking at people who help us in the Community and had a visit from the Fire service, where the children enjoyed squirting the water from the hose and sitting in the fire engine. We also talked about Doctors, Nurses, Opticians, Post people, and Librarians, ending with a visit to Long Buckby library where we learned how to look after books and had stories read to us.

This term we are looking at houses, different sorts of houses, houses from different countries, types of accommodation we stay in on holidays, and stories about houses, like the 3 little pigs!

On Friday 18th November we supported Children in Need and had a coffee morning for parents, family and friends. The children either bought a teddy or dressed up, some did both, then we made teddy biscuits and sold them to the parents. We raised a very respectable £45.00 for Children in Need.

Later on this term we shall be looking at Christmas and invite all to our **Christmas Celebration in Whilton Church on Friday 9th December 2005 at 10.30am.** It would be good to see some folks from the villages there to support the youngsters; they enjoy performing for the parents. You are then invited back to the hall for Mince Pies and Coffee.

We shall then end our term with a Christmas Party.

If anyone has Pre-School children aged, 2 years 6 months up to school age, we meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whilton Village Hall. As the group is relatively small, we are able to provide a friendly, caring atmosphere where the children can learn through play, learn to socialise with other children of their own age and have fun learning about the world around them. Children who are aged three and over are able to receive an Early Years Grant that helps with childcare costs.

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.



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



AGM and Christmas Party

The WGA's Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party will take place on **Monday 5th December at 7.30 in the Village Hall.**

All members are welcome to attend and please remember to bring something for the buffet.

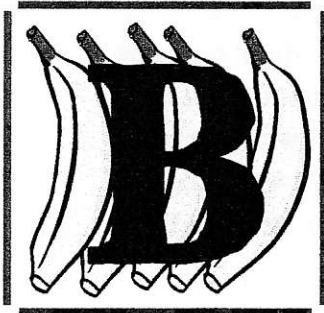
Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA

BANANAS

Bringtons & Nobottle
Awfully Nice Acting Society

Bananas Committee:-

Nicky Tompkins 01604 770683
Gary Shaeffer 01604 770939
Ali James 01327 842371
Lisa Carter 01604 771454
Jill Fothergill 01604 770665
Jane Mahood 01604 770091



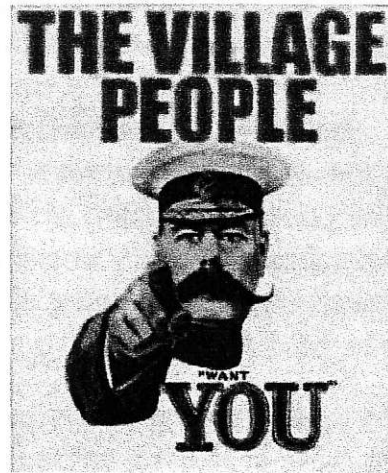
Do you have a ACT to grind?

Previously known as Talent Night, we have at last acknowledged that TALENT is not a prerequisite of these evenings so, moving with the times, Brington Bananas is delighted to bring you

Lame Academy.

Details

When? Saturday, February 4th 2006, 7.30pm
Where? Harlestone Village Institute
Who?



Past Talent Nights at Harlestone (remember, no talent required) acts have included playing one or more musical instruments, singing, poetry readings, self defence exhibitions, comedy sketches, shaggy dog stories, dancing, illusions... but if you can think of another way of amusing an audience for 5-10 minutes, the choice is yours. 'Choice' may not be the right word, however, because Press Gangs will be roaming the streets of Brington, Whilton and Nobottle from December 1st and excuses will cut no ice. If you think that you can bring something to the party, please contact one of the Bananas Committee (see left)

There will be 100 tickets available for the audience and priority will be given to artistes and their retinue so put your thinking cap on and come up with a reason for you (or one of your family) to get on stage. Legends of the past, for those of you with a good memory, include The Big Mistake, Dr De'Ath and the Lovely Michelle, Spice Girls Tribute bands galore, Captain Bill on his guitar..the list goes on. Some of these acts came from Whilton and a member of The Big Mistake has sought safe Haven with you.

Apart from the top notch entertainment, the evening will include a Fish and Chip Supper and as much booze as you can carry (BYO). If past events are anything to go by you will miss this one at your peril. **Cost to be advised.**

BANANAS

Miss it—Miss out!
Get involved today.

Friends of Danetre Rotary Club

Rotary is a world-wide organisation with one and a quarter million members in one hundred and sixty five countries. Clubs co-operate across countries and Continents to make it the biggest and most independent charity in the world. The social life of our Rotary club is important, but that is not its primary aim. The Rotary motto sums it up, "Service above Self"

We undertake all kinds of activities which support both local and international charities. For example, we sponsor prizes in local colleges and schools, support and take part annually in "Kids Out" a day at Wicksteed Park for some 2,000 children from across the region who have special needs; support the Chernobyl Children's Trust in bringing terminally ill children over here for a month's holiday and promote the health of the local community through events such as the "Stroke Awareness Day".

These and many other activities have won the support and practical help of many who do not have the time to commit to becoming members of Rotary, but who, nevertheless, wish to contribute in some way to what we do. When we take the Santa Claus Sleigh round the villages at Christmas, a large number of our friends come out and help with the door-to-door collections and we now feel that in some way we should recognise their invaluable help. For this reason we are setting up a group to be known as "Friends of Danetre Rotary".

They will be kept in touch with the activities of Danetre Rotary by newsletter and will be invited to join us on some social occasions. As always, they will be able to join in the various charitable activities in which they have a particular interest.

If you feel that you might enjoy this kind of involvement you would be most welcome to join, at no cost, the "Friends of Danetre Rotary" " To find out more please contact me on 01604 830531.

Charles Byrne (President 2005-2006)



USED STAMPS



DUE TO ALL THE BUILDING WORK AT DANETRE THE COLLECTION OF STAMPS ETC. HAS BEEN POSTPONED,

HOWEVER TERESA LEADBETTER , WOODVIEW , BRINGTON LANE, WILL BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THEM FOR GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

IF IS MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO LEAVE THEM WITH ME AT THE OLD PLOUGH, I WILL PASS THEM ON TO TERESA.

TRUDY HAYNES

We have been researching the history of the Whilton Newsletter and it seems there was a monthly newsletter produced during the 1950s. We were wondering if some of the residents of the parish who lived in Whilton at that time are able to tell us what happened during the period until September 1987 when the following appeared:

Editors 2005

Ed's Notes

Well here it is -our first and hopefully, not only, Whilton Newsletter of 1987":

In the hope that the newsletter will be welcomed by everyone, please let us have all your contributions in good time for the next issue – we need all the help and support we can get. The aim is to produce a bi-monthly issue so anyone with good ideas, please come forward. If anyone is able to offer the use of equipment for reproduction of the newsletter this would be a great help.

October is well upon us now, cold winds and dark mornings: don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday 25th. Not many shopping days to Christmas either (lots of Xmas ideas please for next; issue). Did you see what was on sale at a local supermarket last week?

Hot Cross Buns !

Eds.

All Contributions for next issue by Friday November 20th to member of the "Production Team"

Mr. Jim Gardner, Mr. Harold Haynes, Mrs. Trudi Haynes, Mrs. Anne Healey & Mrs. Joyce Coles



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



There are no incidents to report in the village but a Ford Escort was stolen at Whilton Locks and there have been burglaries in Brington, so thieves are still about.

In Long Buckby children were approached by the driver of a white van to come for a ride, sensibly they ran away and he drove off.

There has been a spate of number plate thefts and the police warn about the danger of leaving a car running outside to warm up on these cold mornings. They can be the subject of an opportunity theft.

The police are setting up Focus Groups to consider public reaction to the proposed merger with adjoining forces and they may phone at random. Phone calls offering advice to women re self protection and talking about abduction etc are a hoax and originate in the States. Ignore them.

A number of properties have changed hands recently so the neighbourhood watch schedules have been revised and will be delivered shortly, if you have not already got one. Please replace the old one. Let's hope we don't need them.

**Philip Waights.
Watch Co-ordinator.**

BE VIGILANT AND HELP PREVENT CRIME

Northamptonshire Police Contact Tel.Nos. 01327 300300 or 01604 70070

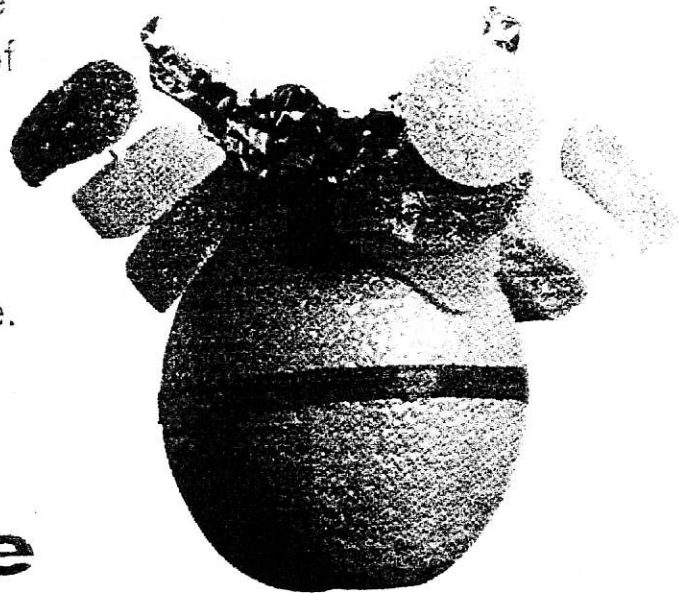
Christingle

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

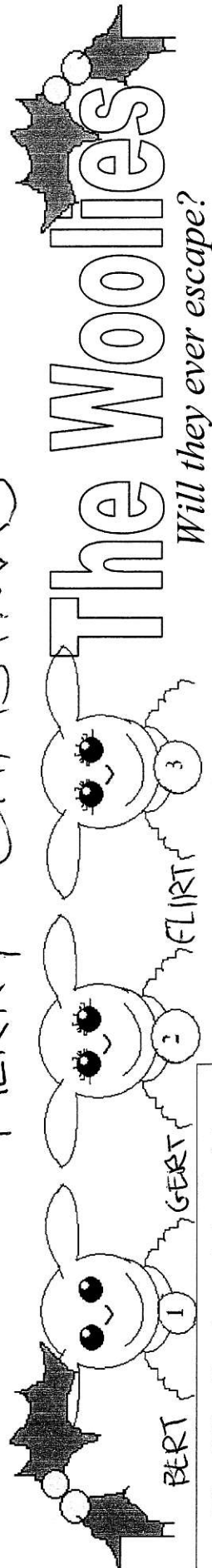
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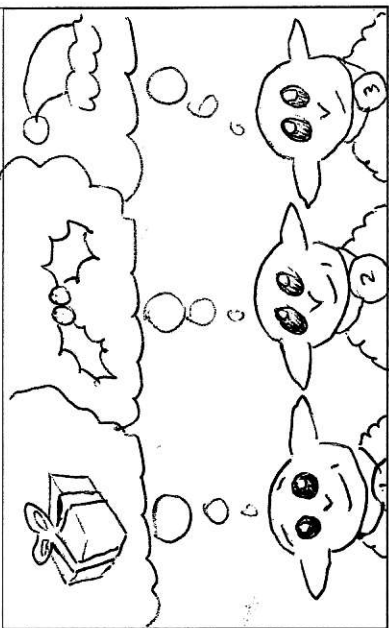
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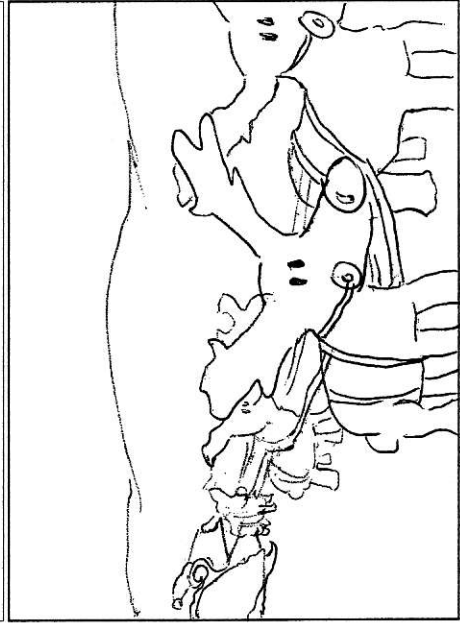
The Woolies

Will they ever escape?

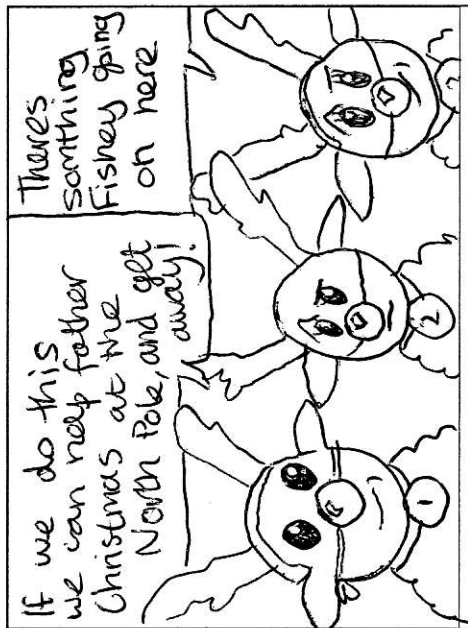
The Woolies hated the cold winter of December except for one thing about it, and that was Christmas



Father Christmas had suddenly stopped in the farmer's field...



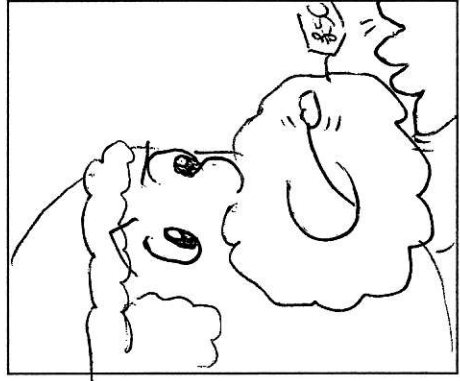
BERT GERT & FLIRT won't you guide my sleigh tonight?



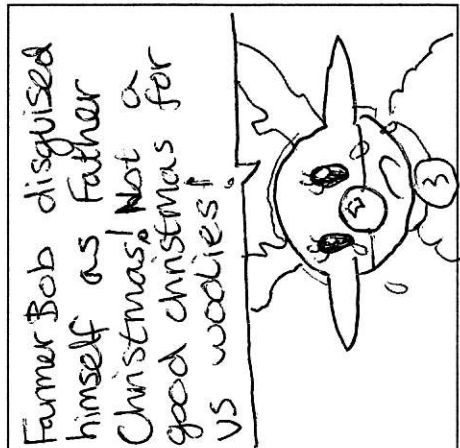
If we do this we can help father Christmas at the North Pole, and get away!

There's something Fishy going on here

The Woolies dressed up as Reindeer to escape Farmer Bob.



Got You!!



Farmer Bob disguised himself as Father Christmas! Not a good Christmas for us woolies!

NORTH PRICE

To be continued.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	5th	Dec	7.30 pm	W G A - ' AGM & Christmas Social
Fri	9th	Dec	10.30 am	Brington & Whilton Pre-School Christmas Celebration in Whilton Church
Sun	11th	Dec	4.00 pm	Christingle in St Andrew's Church
Tues	13th	Dec	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Weds	14th	Dec	7.30 pm	WI - Members Christmas Party & Final Meeting
Sun	18th	Dec	6.00 pm	Carol Service in St Andrew's Church
Tues	10th	Jan	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
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Tues	24th	Jan	9.05 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Fri	23rd	Jan		Newsletter Deadline for February 2006 - Please send your contribution well before this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the next edition

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We are always pleased to receive additional contributions from people who do not normally have an input, especially children

Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

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

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
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DISTRIBUTION.**

**THE EDITORS SEND YOU GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES
FOR CHRISTMAS 2005 AND NEW YEAR 2006**