

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1989

Ed's Notes

Well, by now it's probably not just the birds who are confused - are we in the middle of Spring, or just beginning winter? Whatever it is we can't complain - sunshine in January with snowdrops and winter jasmine must be enjoyed.

Don't forget Easter comes on us early this year - the last weekend in March.

It would be great to receive a few more articles for the next Newsletter - all the stories of Whilton 'Past' have been really enjoyed - more please!

How about a recipe for the Easter edition, and what about a few suggestions from the younger members of the village perhaps on winter hobbies!

Read on, read on -

Eds.

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Church Organ Fund * * GREAT NEWS * *

Between mid October 1987 and December 1988 - just 14 1/2 months £2,500 has been raised to repair the organ.

Since the last Newsletter - the Concert in Church raised £244.80 and the Carol Singing £85.00. These together with 2 donations completed the target of £2,500.

On behalf of the P.C.C. I would like to say how grateful we are to all those who have helped in any way to achieve such a quick result. The response for help and ideas has been tremendous and not only have we, the people of Whilton worked to raise this money but we have also had an enjoyable time socially in doing so.

Quite a few people have remarked to me how much they have enjoyed the varied social gatherings, so let's hope 1989 will be as enjoyable.

Janet Bowers

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Village Hall Cooker

The Village Hall cooker is nearing retirement age. If anyone has a cooker in efficient working order which they wish to dispose of, please contact me at Fallowfield, Tel. 842618

Mary Kane

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Whist Drive

The Next Whist Drive will be on Friday February 10th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Parish Church

Sunday Services: 1st, 2nd 3rd and 5th Sundays at 6.00pm
 4th (Family Service) at 9.30am
 (not Easter Sunday)
 Sunday School 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10.30am

Ash Wednesday 8th February marking the beginning of Lent. This year at Brington 7.30pm

Deanery Meeting An open meeting on the subject of the Church Urban Fund at Daventry Parish Church on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm.

P.C.C. Friday 24th February at 7.30pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Friday 17th March at 7.30pm in Village Hall.

Maundy Thursday 23rd March at Norton at 7.30pm.

Good Friday 24th March at Brington at 7.30pm.

Easter Sunday NOTE! As this falls on a 4th Sunday there are Service problems and the only option appears to be that it be treated as the other Sundays with Services at:

Brington 9.30am Norton 11.30am Whilton 6.00pm

We are sorry to have to bid farewell to the Whitehouses - it is always sad to lose a complete Church family through removal as we have so often done at Whilton. But we do at least know that our loss will be another congregation's gain. We are grateful for their support over the years and especially for Doug's valuable help with the Sunday School.

We could now do with help with the Sunday School. Is there someone about who would support Susan Townley with this work?

Organ Fund A final report appears on page one regarding the conclusion of this grand effort. Here we express much gratitude to everyone for all the kind help we have received, with not a little wonder at the raising of £2,500 over such a comparatively short period - with a special word to Janet for much competent organising.

Churchyard By the time the next issue appears we shall be once again into the seasonal chore of the care of the Churchyard and as usual shall be glad of all and any offers of assistance to maintain the area in the very presentable appearance of recent past years. Mr. H. Haynes will be very pleased to receive offers to share this work.

Painting and Prayer Retreats If you have an interest to attend one of these in guest houses in country areas in the British Isles, France or Belgium, send for the 1989 programme: The Ven. P.S.G. Bridge, Church House, Stoke Hill, Bristol BS9 1JA.

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Women's Institute

In December the W.I. held their annual Members' Night. This is an occasion when a committee of 3 members take on the task of providing food, entertainment and competitions for other members. This years meeting proved to be a highly enjoyable and hilarious one, rounded off by carol singing.

Our 1989 programme began in January with Mr. Alan Rhodes giving a talk on "A day in the life of a Vet". This was an open meeting and we were pleased to see some of the village children attending. Apart from his daily routine, Mr. Rhodes described some of the unusual cases he has had to deal with, such as the Puma with a broken leg, and an elephant when the circus came to town. He brought surgical instruments, photographs and X rays to illustrate his talk and I am sure he could have kept us interested for hours more.

Do check the village notice board for details of other open meetings.

Angela Hall



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Surprise at Heysel trial

There has been a surprise...
The court heard...
The judge...
The jury...
The trial...
The verdict...
The sentence...
The appeal...
The case...
The facts...
The issues...
The arguments...
The evidence...
The witnesses...
The cross-examination...
The closing speeches...
The judge's summing up...
The jury's deliberations...
The jury's verdict...
The judge's sentencing remarks...
The appeal...
The case...
The facts...
The issues...
The arguments...
The evidence...
The witnesses...
The cross-examination...
The closing speeches...
The judge's summing up...
The jury's deliberations...
The jury's verdict...
The judge's sentencing remarks...

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A NEW VILLAGE HALL

and Children's Playing Field

YES The Village Hall Committee think you could have one.

IF You, the residents, want one, and

1. Show your support - attend the public meeting or complete the attached slip.
2. Are prepared to support fund raising activities - £5,000 in 2-3 years.
3. Land and Property owners are co-operative.
4. Grants remain available.

Why build a new hall?

- a) The hall is inadequate in size - particularly in width (12 ft) and storage facilities. This restricts its use.
- b) The use is further restricted by the proximity of the adjoining house - in particular, use of music and other party activities.
- c) There is a serious problem of damp (a recent estimate for damp - proofing was £3,000).
- d) Because of the physical restrictions of the site it is not capable of effective extension and modernisation.
- e) The legal rights of access to the hall are unsatisfactory and the restricted access used is pedestrian only without longterm security of tenure.
- f) Car parking provision is non existent and a problem to neighbours and free flow and safety on the road.
- g) There is no space for outdoor activities around the building, e.g. outdoor play space for the toddlers group.
- h) There are already over 230 people in the parish and more than 50 children and the number is growing all the time. The existing building is particularly unsuitable in many ways for use by the young.

The New Hall

Dodford, a village smaller than ours, completed a new hall three years ago consisting of a hall 35 ft x 30 ft plus stage, toilets, kitchen, storage and bar, total floor space 1800 sq.ft. Whilst their design may not be precisely what we want, it is felt our needs could be accommodated in that area. In addition, it is felt that provision should be made for a children's play area with space for play equipment and a kick-about area. A car park would also be required. The preliminary estimated budget, including land is £90,000. This does not include furniture and play equipment.

How can the money be raised?

The District/County Council have a grant aid scheme to assist in the provision of new village halls and these grants cover up to 70% of the expenditure, leaving the sponsor to find 30%. In this case the Village Hall Committee believe that the existing village hall would be of considerable value to the owners of neighbouring property and its sale would cover a large proportion of the 30%, but in any case, the District Council will wish to see evidence of the support of residents and will specify a minimum sum to be raised by public subscription. Thus a target figure of £5,000 is suggested to be raised by the public at this stage. Money will also be needed to equip the village hall and playing field.

The Site

No site has been identified at the present time but to make the project financially viable it will be necessary to find a site on the periphery of the village which would not be approved for residential development but in respect of which, the Land Planning Authority would allow a village hall as a special exception in the interests of the community. Sites will be investigated if the principle to go ahead is agreed.

How can you help?

The Village Hall committee want to know if you support the proposal, they also want your help. If you support the project, or you want to know more:

1. Attend the PUBLIC MEETING in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm, SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 1989.
2. If you cannot attend, please fill in the attached slip and return it to Mary Kane, Fallowfield, or any Committee Member.
3. The Committee want to form two Teams, one to organise the sale of the existing hall, purchase of a new site and construction of the new building, and the second to raise funds. Enthusiasts please apply. People with experience in law, organising new building, and finance, or an interest in these matters would be especially helpful in Team 1. Fund raisers and financial knowledge are needed for Team 2. The main thing is enthusiasm and willingness to help - VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.

Conclusion

If you, the residents, want a new village hall and the property and landowners are helpful, then it can be provided.

Members of the Village Hall Committee are:

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| Miss. F. Drake (chairman) | Mrs. K. Wright |
| Mrs. K. Shovelton | Mr. M. Clements |
| Mrs. A. Hiscock | Mrs. G. Houghton |
| Mr. P. Waights | Mr. J. Gardner |
| Mr. P. Bilborough | Mrs. M. Kane |

Whilton New Village Hall

1. I am sorry I cannot attend the public meeting on 11th Febuary 1989 but I support the proposal.
2. I am prepared to help by

Signed.....

Address.....

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Please return to Mary Kane, Fallowfield or any Committee Member

Whilton Gardeners' Association

During the business of the December meeting members were asked to bring along, to subsequent meetings, any surplus seedlings or plants for sale or distribution.

It was announced that two farmers in the village were willing to have some trees planted on their land, supplied by the County Council. (See Tree Planting article on page 9 for update).

Mr. Spokes from Harpole Gardeners' Association came to speak to us and answered questions on various aspects of gardening.

The evening was pleasantly concluded with coffee and some festive food.

Next meeting will be on Monday February 6th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the subject will be "Royal Horticultural Society Slides". Come along and bring your surplus plants etc.

Anne Heeley

"Whilton Watch" Update

Having received tremendous support for the idea of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Whilton, I have contacted the Police in order to arrange a meeting, which will be on Thursday 16th February at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. At the meeting the Police will explain exactly what is entailed in running a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme without any obligation. So please come along.

Angela Tilston

HELP

Does anyone know someone who might be interested in a couple of hours cleaning - mainly "dust and vac" - each week? If so please telephone 842088 Angela Tilston.

Any old curtains would be gratefully received by my school - Angela Tilston.

Parish Council Report

A special meeting of the P.C. was held on 6th December to discuss two planning applications:

- i) Two detached dwellings at the rear of Holly House.
The P.C. comments were as follows:
 - a) Both dwellings were felt to be too large for the plots.
 - b) The dwellings were felt to be out of character with the rest of the village and buildings on adjacent sites.
 - c) It was strongly felt that the roof line of Plot 2 should not be above that of Tudor House.
 - d) It was felt that neither dwelling complied with D.D.C. guidelines in respect of position with regard to other dwellings.
 - e) Because of the size of both dwellings, and the fact that they share a common access, it was felt that the extra traffic using the lane to the main street would prove detrimental to adjacent properties.
- ii) Change of use to display area and Tearooms - Whilton Locks.

The P.C. comments were:

- a) The extra traffic that any change of use would bring was felt undesirable because of the site's position.
- b) Any re-building or alterations on the site should be subject to District Council approval to ensure that they are environmentally acceptable.

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A meeting of the P.C. was held on 9th January 1989. The main items discussed were:-

1. New Street Lights
Having received a quotation from E.M.E.B. in the sum of £234 it was decided to replace three existing lights. These were on the Village Green, at the bottom of Southview Steps and at the top of South View. These lights would be controlled by photo-electric cells and would be lit during the hours of darkness.
2. Planning Applications
 - a) Extension - Ashridge, Langton Rise - Granted.
 - b) New dwelling and Garage, Holly House - Granted.
 - c) Alterations and Extension, Rose Briar Cottage - Granted.
 - d) New House, Whilton Locks - Refused as the proposed access would be a potential source of danger.

e) Building Plot rear of Stone House Appeal - The Department of Environment have approved the building of one Bungalow and garage on this site.

f) Two Dwellings to rear of Holly House - Amended plans had been received. The P.C. decided that the developers had taken note of the original comments but felt that the following points should still be made:

i) Plot One - still too large for the site.

ii) The original comment regarding extra traffic still to stand.

3. Other Business

a) Grass verge at top of village - A letter was to be sent to the Turf Company concerned asking them to make good damage caused to the verge.

b) Railway Bridge, Whilton Locks - The N.C.C. were to be asked to remove the accumulation of silt either side of the road under the bridge.

c) Community Watch Scheme - It was agreed that the P.C. should support a meeting to see if a scheme was feasible in the village. (see page 6)

d) Future development in the village - A meeting is to be arranged with the Council Planning Dept., in order that the P.C. can try and formulate some form of structure plan for the village.

Jim Gardner

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National Women's Register

The NWR would be delighted to welcome new members. The next meeting will be on 6th February and the subject to be discussed:

Is the good life good for you?

Some other subjects to be discussed in forthcoming meetings will be:

Royal Family - Are they really necessary.

Pros - Cons of Satellite T.V.

Interested - then please contact Linda Waite L.B. 843380.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

RECIPES

The Whilton W.I. are aiming to produce a book of favourite recipes to sell in order to boost their funds.

We hope all members will contribute one or more recipes and contributions from anyone interested will be gratefully received. Please give the recipes to any W.I. member, by 8th March, who will pass them on to the co-ordinator.

Angela Hall

Competition Corner

Answers from Last Issue

In the event, this was not a success. Nobody sent in an answer to Part 1, which was "CHRISTMAS"

Part 2 was made extra hard by the date "1940" being put in instead of "1941". Two brave people had a go with these questions but didn't come up with all the right solutions although they were told about the date error.

The correct answers were:

- a) could have included Dickens, Dostoevsky, Dumas, Defoe, Dahl, Disraeli, Doyle, Du Maurier and doubtless others as well.
- b) strawberries
- c) &
- d) attempted invasions of England by the Spanish under Philip 1, by the French under Napoleon, and by the Germans under Hitler.

Nobody sent in a crossword solution, though efforts may have been hampered by the printer's difficulty in decyphering my hand-writing! Here are the answers:

Across 1. US; 3. TAN; 5. BAN; 7. U.P.; 10 NELIS; 11. OCCUR; 12 WINTERTIME; 15. TNT; 16. EMI; 18. SANTA CLAUS; 22. STRIP; 23. OVERS; 25. DO; 26. DEE; 27. ONE; 28. NO.

Down 2. SUE; 4. AISLE; 5. BECOME AGED; 6. NORM; 8. PLANT A TREE; 9. FONT; 10. NEWT; 13. INS; 14. EMU; 17. ISIS; 19. TOPS; 20. CLOWN; 21. USED; 24. RON.

Consolation prizes to Lynn Heeley and Sarah Houghton for their valiant efforts with Part 2.

Miss D. Scott

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Tree Planting

During the weekend of 7/8th January you may have noticed several villagers wielding spades, striding over fields and straddling barbed wire, accompanied by Mr. Gordon Emery and his tractor. The purpose of the exercise was to plant trees. The idea of increasing the number of trees in the village was first mooted at the Gardeners' Association back in December 1987, partly in response to the devastation to trees due to the Hurricane, and also to a desire to improve aspects of the village.

With the support of the Parish Council we applied for trees through the County Council's Tree Planting Scheme. They will supply any number of trees to a village free of charge together with ties, guards and stakes. The next stage was to seek approval of the sites we had suggested - this was where our problems began. All the sites had either water pipes or electric cables below ground or telegraph wires above. Any sites not affected in such a way were not the statutory 10 feet from the highway. We almost gave up hope, until it was suggested that we approach two of the farmers in the village - Mr. John Townley and Mr. Gordon Emery. They each agreed to have trees on their land, so without more ado we ordered 28 trees - oak, chestnut, hornbeam and ash.

Hence on 7th January planting began, weather conditions were ideal, the ground was soft and moist. It will be many years before these young saplings will be much of a feature in the landscape, but those involved in the planting felt that we were hopefully adding something lasting to the environment.

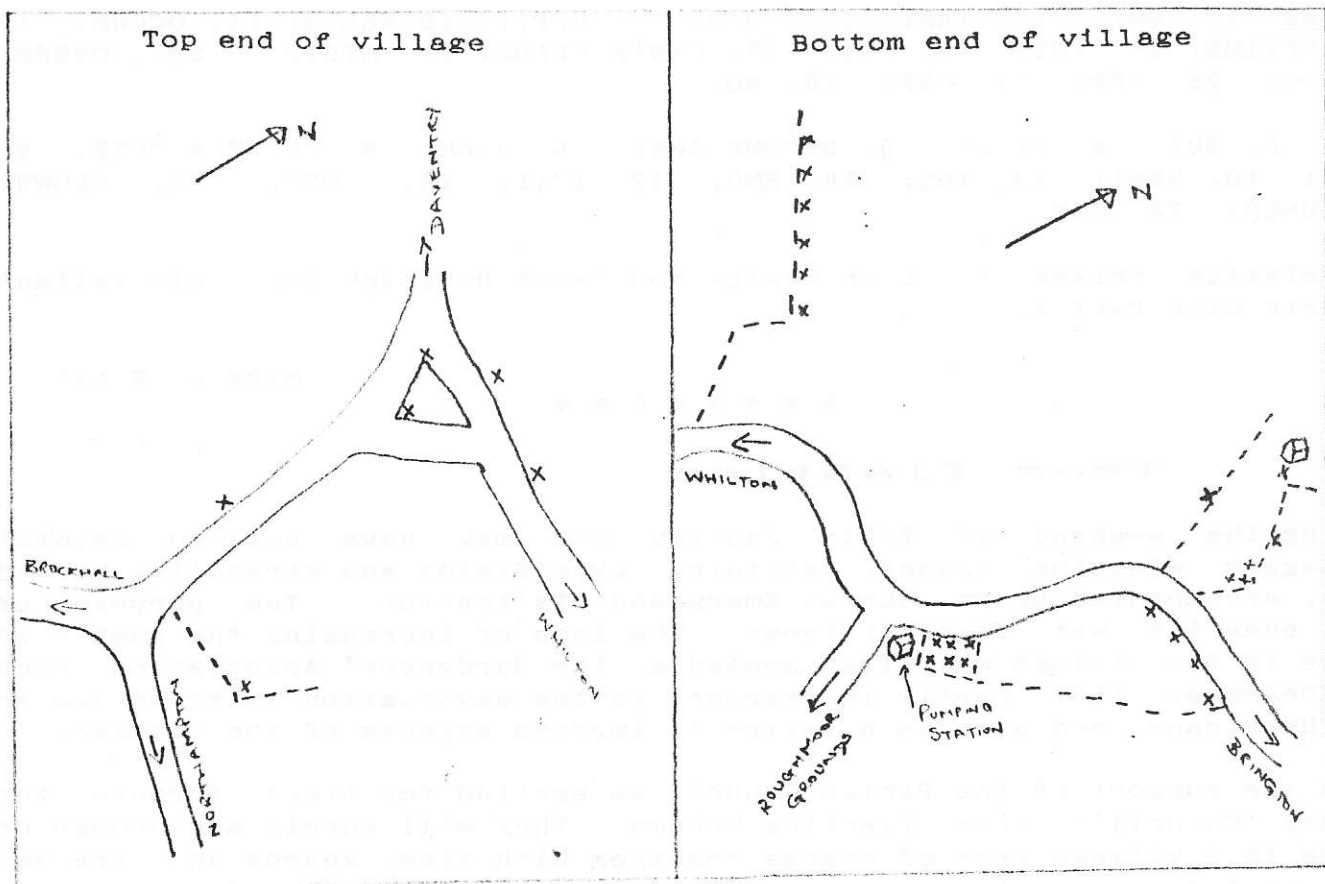
Members of the Gardeners' Association will be keeping an eye on the trees and we will be organising a rota for watering them during the summer. Labels will be put on them and a distinctive marking of some sort put on the trees near to hedges so that they are not cut down at hedge trimming time.

We thank the farmers for the use of their land and to all who helped with planting during that weekend, in particular to Gordon, Martin and Clive Emery. Without Gordon's expertise and the use of his tractor and trailer to carry equipment about, I doubt that we would have accomplished the task before the end of January.

Here is a rough plan of where the trees have been placed:

Key x = where a tree has been planted

Angela Hall



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The Beetle Drive on Saturday 21st January raised £31.00 for the Church.

Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Mary Emery

The following list will, we hope, be of use to all who take an interest in village affairs and facilities. It has been placed in the Newsletter so that it can be removed and kept apart for reference.

Organisations

St. Andrew's Church

Rector - Fr. Norman Knibbs, The Rectory, Great Brington.
Tel. Northampton 770402
Churchwardens
Mr. W. Adams, Field View
Mr. H. Haynes, The Old Plough

Whilton Gardeners' Association

Meets bi-monthly on first Monday.
Secretary - Mrs. A. Hall, Shaftsbury, Brington Lane
Tel. L.B. 842167.

Whilton Women's Institute

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August, when a special event may be organised.
President - Mrs. R. Gardner, The Dove Close Tel. L.B. 842324
Secretary - Mrs. A. Hiscock, Langton House Tel. L.B. 843319

Whilton Playgroup

Meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
Leader - Mrs. A. Hiscock, Langton House. Tel. L.B. 843319

Whilton Parish Council

Meets bi-monthly on the first Monday of the month.
Chairman - Mr. H. Haynes, The Old Plough Tel. L.B. 842409
Vice-Chairman - Mr. J. Gardner, The Dove Close Tel. L.B. 842324
Members - Mr. P. Bilsborough Mr. K. Bowers
 Mr. H. Clements Mr. A. Kane
 Mr. M. Lewis
Clerk - Mrs. G. Houghton, Church Gate Tel. L.B. 843114

Whilton Whist Club

Twelve-hand whist drive.
Meets on the second Friday of each month from October to April.
Contacts - Mr. H. Haynes, The Old Plough Tel. L.B. 842409
 Miss D. Scott & Miss F. Drake, Holly House
 Tel. L.B. 842350

Whilton and Badby National Women's Register

Meets fortnightly on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in members' homes.
Contact - Mrs. L. Waite, 7 Langton Rise Tel. L.B. 843380

Whilton Badminton Club

Meets each Friday evening at Duston Upper School, Sports Hall.
7.30pm to 9.30pm.
Contact - Mr. A. Fallows, Foxhill Tel. L.B. 842887

Village Hall Committee

Contact - Mrs. M. Kane, Fallowfield, Tel. L.B. 842618

Whilton Newsletter

Contact - Editorial Committee - Mr. H. Haynes, Mrs. G. Haynes, Mrs. J. Coles, Mr. J. Gardner, Mrs. A. Heeley.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are in the Village Hall. Most organisations advertise on the Village notice board and sometimes there are special events of interest. Please make a habit of looking at the notice board.

The Officers of the Gardeners' Association and Women's Institute serve for a limited period of time but all members will be pleased to supply information.

Facilities available in Whilton

Post Office

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Mr. R. Letts Tel. Northampton 46084

calls on Monday, Wednesday and Friday about 1.30pm with bread,
biscuits, cakes and groceries.

A Mobile Library calls fortnightly on Thursdays at 11.45am parking near the Village Green.

Chimney Sweep

Contact - Clive, Tel Northampton 414124

Anyone wanting their chimney swept in April 1989.

Contact - Linda Treacy, 7 South View Tel. L.B. 842034

(The more chimneys he can sweep on one visit to the village the cheaper per chimney it will be.)

(Compiled by Mrs. G. Haynes)

Summary of Events

Mon.	6th	Feb.	7.30pm	Gardeners' Association in Village Hall
Mon.	6th	Feb.	8.00pm	N.W.R. Meeting
Wed.	8th	Feb.	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting in Village Hall
Wed.	8th	Feb.	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Brington
Fri.	10th	Feb.	7.30pm	Whist Drive in Village Hall
Sat.	11th	Feb.	7.30pm	New Village Hall Meeting in V.Hall
Mon.	13th	Feb.	7.30pm	Church Urban Fund Meeting at Daventry Parish Church
Thur.	16th	Feb.	8.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in V.Hall
	26th	Feb.		Last date for items to be included in next Newsletter. We will have to publish this next issue early because the Easter holidays will soon be upon us!!
Wed.	8th	Mar.	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting in Village Hall
Wed.	8th	Mar.		Recipes for W.I. booklet to be given to co-ordinator
Fri.	17th	Mar.	7.30pm	Annual P.C.C. Meeting in Village Hall

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