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WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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Ed's Notes

1.

The Ed's wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Thanks to everyone who have contributed to the articles, information, reports, illustrations etc. (fewer than usual this issue!), also thanks to all the villagers and their friends who support our social gatherings so well.

Enjoy the mild winter while you can but don't pack the thermals away too soon!

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Parish Church

Sunday Services: 1st Sunday Benefice Eucharist at 10.00am
Feb. Brington; Mar. Whilton; Apr. Norton

Other Sundays at 6.00pm

Sunday School 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 10.00am

The Benefice service is still going very well. Thank you for your support.

It was good to have so many present for the Carol Service and we are grateful to Clifford, assisted by Janet, for the atmospheric decorations. The gifts for "Family Care" were most warmly received and we've had a letter of thanks.

7th February Discussion group at Brington Rectory 7.45pm
(shared with our Baptist friends)

14th February Standing Committee 3.00pm

22nd February P.C.C. 7.30pm

28th February ASH WEDNESDAY Eucharist at Whilton 7.30pm

LENT COURSE "A Way to God for Today" - an ecumenical arrangement, led by Fr. Dermot O'Gorman from St. Augustine, Daventry on meditation and prayer. Shared by Long Buckby Churches, and those who wish from our Benefice, at the U.R.C. Church Rooms, Brington Road, Long Buckby 7.45pm Mondays 5th March to 9th April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Friday 16th March 7.30pm Village Hall.
NOTE: This year (as in every sixth year) the Church Electoral Roll is deleted entirely and fresh applications have to be made by all wishing to be on the 1190 Roll. The Roll will be closed two weeks before the Annual Meeting. Persons are entitled to have their name on the Roll if they:-

- i) are baptised
- ii) are members of the Church of England, or of any other church in communion with the Church of England.
- iii) are sixteen or over.
- iv) are resident in the parish, or, not being resident in the parish, have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months before the application for enrolment, and,
- v) have signed a form of application for enrolment.

12th April Maundy Thursday Eucharist of the Lord's Supper at Brington 7.30pm

13th April Good Friday Commemoration of the Suffering of the Lord at Whilton 7.30pm.

15th April Easter Day at Whilton 6.00pm

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Carol Singers

The Carol Singers who went around the village on 21st December raised £92.00 for Church funds. Thanks to all concerned.

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Milk Tops, Foil and Stamps

There are two more sacks of foil etc., ready for delivery to Lyncrest. Many thanks to all who have contributed. We are now averaging one sack per month. Shall we make that out target?

Stamps have not come in very well. A few from everyone would make quite a difference to our contribution for the "Save the Children Fund".

Trudy Haynes

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Whilton Gardeners' Association

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Monday February 5th at 7.30pm - Subject: Royal Horticultural Society Slides.

Everyone welcome.

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The W.I. are having a Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th February at The Old Plough, from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. There will be a Produce/Cake stall (contributions welcome) and a Raffle. Everyone welcome.

Proceeds to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

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Benefice Sponsored Organ Playing & Coffee Morning

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This took place in Whilton Church on Saturday 20th January at 10.00am everything went well with John playing 125 verses of hymns in the first hour. I managed to get an occasional peep into the Church between turning pages and finding the next hymns, and was pleased to see such a nice lot of people from the three parishes enjoying themselves. 12.00 noon arrived and it was announced that John had played a total of 242 hymn verses (some of us now having to dig into pockets deeper than we thought).

The morning raised £137.50, so each Church received £45.85 for their funds. The monies raised in sponsorship is not known yet but hope to report this in the next news letter.

Thank you all for the support and help in this fund raising event.

Sue Townley

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Daffodils

Cut Daffodils should not be mixed with other flowers as the stems excrete a poisonous juice!

National Women's Register



WHILTON AND BABBY GROUP

Are you interested in making new friends and participating in stimulating and wide-ranging discussions?

If you are, then the NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER might be what you are looking for.

NWR provides a meeting point for the lively-minded woman, and has 23,000 members in 1,300 groups.

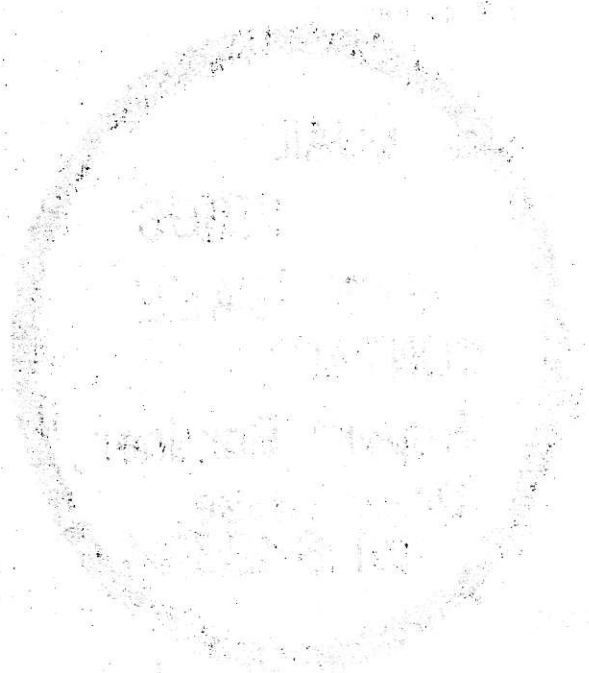
Informal and friendly meetings are held once a fortnight during term time in members' homes.

NWR always welcomes new members, so if you would like to know more about us, contact :-

Carol Heeley, Ash Ridge, 4 Langton Rise, Whilton
Tel. 842117



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More Articles

Proverbs and Country Sayings

Here are a few weather-wise sayings for February and March.

As the days lengthen, the cold strengthens.

Candlemas Day - 2nd February

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter'll have another flight,
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again.

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The farmer should have on Candlemas Day,
Half his straw and half his hay.

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T'wont be much warmer till Valentine's Day (14th February)
That's when winter's back breaks as a rule.

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If March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb.
If it comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion.

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Mrs. Joan Davies very kindly provided some of her favourite quotations and verses. Here is one:

It is easy enough to be happy,
When life goes by with a song,
But the man worthwhile,
Is the man who can smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

Anon

In the same strain - how about these words:

When you are down in the mouth, think of Jonah. He came out alright.

Don't forget to let me have your favourite sayings for future Newsletters.

Trudy Haynes

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W.I. Report

Members' Night, held in December, what a long time ago, was a special night for members. Not only was it our party night, but we celebrated the anniversary of the forming of the Institute in Whilton, 40 years ago.

Two or three members took it upon themselves to provide the food for the rest of us at the modest cost of £2 a head. This year Mrs. Janet Bowers and Mrs. Kath Wright did us proud. Once we were all assembled the meal was served. Cucumber Mousse was followed by a full Roast Turkey Dinner followed by fresh fruit salad and cream. An interval followed and members tested their wits by trying to solve the puzzles organised by Miss Scott. Forty questions in all, and all the answers began with the letters WI. Mrs. Haynes and Mrs Houghton were joint winners, and Mrs. Wright won the competition for the best decorated cracker. Our President, Mrs. Ros Gardner then cut an Anniversary cake which had been made and decorated by Mrs. Janet Bowers and a toast was made to the next 40 years. The evening was rounded off by Carols played by Mrs. Haynes and sung by as many of us as were not suffering from the effects of the flue!

The January Meeting was a talk by Mr. Bamford who is the Branch Manager of Waitrose in Daventry. You will be amazed to learn that each cashier sends 10 tons of goods through the till each day! There are 85 Waitrose Stores throughout the Country and each shop takes about £12 million a year. Waitrose take approximately 5p in the £ profit compared with 14p that Marks & Spencer take and 23p that the shoe industry takes.

There are 180 staff in the Daventry shop and this of course is one of the largest expenses. However, electricity costs £1,000 per week. The John Lewis Partnership of which Waitrose is a part are very good employers. In fact the staff have a share in the company and profits are given as a bonus each year - a great incentive for everyone to work hard.

Mr. Bamford came under some close questioning in the area of environmental issues. The fact that they do not have a range of environmentally friendly detergents and washing powders is that the test they have done on them have not come up to their standards of efficiency and value for money.

Complaints that food was not as tasty as in the past was a valid one and due to the fact that we expect food to be so fresh that it does not have time to mature its flavour. Beef should really be going brown before it is cooked. How many of us would pick any brown meat out of the shelves? It isn't ever there because he knows he would not sell it.

It was a very interesting evening and one which members could have spent longer in discussion.

The next meeting of Whilton W.I. will be on Wednesday February 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Subject - Northampton Past by Mr. Alan Burman of Northampton Chronicle & Echo.

Angela Hall

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Did you know?

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Contrary to general opinion February is the driest month of the year (usually), and, when the weather is not exceptionally severe, affords a favourable opportunity for pushing on outdoor work of all descriptions.

The Garden Oracle 1896

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The Primrose

Always a welcome sight in this otherwise bleak month of March, the primrose was, for many centuries, considered to be a magical flower. The primrose is one of the earliest of spring flowers. In rural England they are known as fairy cups, as it was widely believed that the fairies dwelt within the yellow flowers, using them for shelter in rainstorms.

Herbalists recommend adding primrose leaves to a salad to cure arthritis and an ointment of these leaves was said to be soothing for burns and ulcers. The primrose was once held in high esteem as a beauty treatment - it was said to add to beauty or restore its loss. Country girls used primrose leaves to rub on their cheeks to cause a pink blush, much as they might use rouge today.

In the kitchen, the primrose can be used to flavour custards and as a basis for a delicious country wine. A word of warning, though, primroses growing wild must not be picked as they are now a protected species. If you wish to try any old primrose recipes, then you should grow your own from seed.

Anne Heeley

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First Aid

There will be a 5 week First Aid Course in the Village Hall starting on 6th March (Tues.) 7.30pm to 9.30pm - contact Gill Martin for details - 770557.

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Parish Council Report

Among items discussed at Parish Council meetings held on 27th November and 8th January were:

1. Street Names - Daventry District Council have asked the Parish Council to agree street names and, where necessary, suggest names for the village streets. This was apparently needed for poll tax purposes. After discussion the following names were agreed;

- a) From Langton Rise to the triangle of grass outside Holly House would be called Main Street
- b) From the end of Main Street to the outskirts of the village would be known as Brington Lane.
- c) The lane leading from Main Street passed the Thatched Cottage would be known as Buckby Lane.
- d) The area from the telephone kiosk to the Old Rectory would be known as The Green.

- e) The lane leading to the Wad Close field would be known as Wad Close.
- f) The lane leading from Holly House towards Home Farm would be known as Manor Lane.

A letter has since been received from the D.D.C. stating that they will contact the Parish Council regarding the next stage of the scheme.

2. Telephone Kiosk - It has been confirmed that the old style telephone kiosk was to stay and will become a listed building. It was hoped that once this was done Telecom could be asked to "smarten it up".

3. Allotments - The Parish Council had been asked by the District Council to relinquish a part of the eastern side of the allotments in exchange for a piece of land at the rear in order that the neighbouring property owner can "square up" his rear garden. The Parish Council had no objection to this and would suggest to the District Council that at the same time they may like to consider entering into a new 10 year lease for the allotments. The present lease expires in March 1991. A letter has since been received stating that a decision regarding the new lease will be taken when the views of council officers have been obtained.

4. Traffic Count - As a result of a traffic count conducted by Parish Councillors the police had carried out a speed check in the village. According to them the average speed of vehicles was 20 - 25 mph! which is well within the speed limit for the village.

5. Brington Road Bends - The Parish Council agreed to write to the highway authority requesting a site meeting to establish what could be done to improve safety on these bends. The highway authority was also to be asked to rectify the various pot holes in the village street and also to deal with the unrepaired drain cover outside the new bungalow next to Holly House.

6. Planning Matter

Proposed garage at Langton House - the Parish Council had no comments to make regarding this application - planning permission has since been granted.

Conversion of Barns to form 4 dwellings (Detailed Application) Home Farm - the Parish Council had no comments to make regarding this application.

Conversion of outbuildings to dwelling and construction of new garage at Stone House - the Parish Council had no comments to make regarding this application.

Preliminary consultation regarding Clay Pigeon Shooting - An informal meeting had taken place between Parish Councillors and Mr. R. Ashby and his adviser regarding the setting up of a clay pigeon shooting range at Whilton Mill Farm. Parish Councillors were most concerned that the proposed shoot could be open for 7 days per week every day of the year and could possibly involve 3 traps. Assurances were given that all parties would be involved in any noise measurements that were required to be conducted. An official planning application has yet to be submitted.

Jim Gardner

Summary of Events

Mon. 5th February 7.30pm Whilton Gardeners' Association, Village Hall
Wed. 7th February 7.45pm Church Discussion Group, Brington Rectory
Sat. 10th February 10.00am - 12. Coffee Morning, The Old Plough
Wed. 14th February 7.30pm W.I. Meeting, Village Hall
Wed. 28th February 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist, Whilton
Tues. 6th March 7.30pm First Aid Course, Village Hall

Fri. 9th March Last date for articles in next Newsletter

Fri. 16th March 7.30pm Annual P.C.C. Meeting, Village Hall

Advance Notices

Fri. 13th April 7.30pm Good Friday Service, Whilton
Sun. 15th April 6.00pm Easter Day Service, Whilton

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