

WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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Ed's Notes

Could we say that this is the first wartime edition of the Whilton Newsletter? If so, let us hope and pray that it is the only one. Not at all the way to start a new year, but at least if we are to be subjected to the black-out and petrol rationing there will be great opportunities for sitting through these lone evenings and writing something interesting for the Newsletter! In fact, what about some of those wartime memories? How did our village fare in those years? It would make very interesting reading.

Remember to keep an eye on the list of events - social and fund raising - 1991 is going to prove a busy one...

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Parish Church

Sunday Services 1st Sunday of month. BENEFICE EUCHARIST 10.00am
(Feb. at Brington, March at Whilton, April at Norton)
Other Sundays 6.00pm

Tuesdays: Mothers & Toddlers at Brington 2.15pm (afterwards at Rectory)

Standing Committee 13th February 3.00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY (1st day of the season of Lent) Wednesday 13th February
Eucharist (with Imp. of ashes) at Norton 7.30pm

P.C.C. meets 21st February 7.30pm.

Lent Course We are again sharing with the Long Buckby Churches in their course on five Monday evenings beginning 25th February at 7.45pm. Baptist Church Rooms, Long Buckby. Theme: Meeting God today.

HOLY WEEK 24th-31st March. The most solemn time of the Christian Year.

Palm Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Tuesday Eucharist at Brington 11.00am
Holy Wednesday Eucharist at Brington 11.00am

HOLY THURSDAY Sung Eucharist of the Supper of the Lord at Whilton 7.30pm. This is the day when we commemorate the giving of the great commandment which is superior to all other commandments "that you love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 13:34) and also the Institution of the centre-piece of the Christian religion - the Holy Communion - the sharing of the sacred feast by the brethren around the table of the Lord - the table that is also an altar.

(Note: In the morning of this day the Bishop of the Diocese celebrates Eucharist in his Cathedral for the service of renewal of ordination vows for his clergy. At 10.30am. The Bishop realises that lay-folk cannot easily get to this service, but wishes it to be known that all are welcome.)

HOLY FRIDAY: Commemoration of the Suffering of our Lord at NORTON 7.30pm

EASTER DAY: Whilton 6.00pm (Brington 9.30am, Norton 11.30am)

The Rector wishes it to be known that all services at Whilton Church are "all age" services. Young people and children are always welcome. If the services be thought to be too 'adult', then let us do something about it. But it cannot be done unless young people are there!

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Whilton Gardeners' Association

Twenty two members attended the meeting on December 3rd this was the greatest number for some time and may have been the result of everybody having received a reminder with the 1991 programme beforehand. Or it may have been that many realized the occasion celebrated the Association's 10th anniversary: how quickly the time has passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Haynes were thanked for dealing with the seed order so efficiently. Mr. Haynes said members had been so good about sending their completed forms back that the whole operation had taken, from start to finish, only 4 weeks. Rebates would be paid out as soon as possible.

Miss Drake spoke about the Brogdale Horticultural Trust which holds the greatest number of different apple trees in England and possibly in the world. It was suggested that the Association might become a Friend of Brogdale next year, partly to help ensure the future of the orchards and partly to receive information about developments there and the possibility of a visit.

The main business of the evening was a talk by Mr. Patrick from Ravensthorpe on "Autumn colour in the garden". He brought - as usual - a magnificent display of 60 varieties from his own garden and spoke helpfully about what to grow and how to grow it. Listening to him, one is conned into believing that successful gardening is something anybody can achieve and we all went home with the very best intentions. Miss Drake proposed the vote of thanks.

Before we departed, the final part of the meeting consisted of some rather special food and drink as a birthday celebration.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 4th when another set of Royal Horticultural Society slides will be shown.

Diana Scott

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Table Top Sale

Whilton W.I. will be holding a table top sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd February from 10.00am to 12 noon. Coffee and biscuits will be available. Bookings in advance £4 or £5 on the day.

Telephone Chris Messinger, Long Buckby 843221

Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 7th January. Among the items discussed were the following;

Water Quality Report - The translation of this report, plus a further one received, was still awaited from the Anglian Water Authority.

Closed Village - A reply had been received from the County Council regarding this subject. As a result of this the Parish Council would now have to consult with Brington Parish Council as Brington would be affected by the alternative route proposed by the County Council.

Village Green - The Parish Council have now received the relevant forms and these are to be completed in order that the area of land adjacent to St. Andrews Church can be registered as a village green.

Roads - Following a site meeting with the Area Surveyor a new sign has been erected at Whilton Locks showing the two junctions. The main Nobottle/Brington road is to be resurfaced in the Spring and following that new white lines will be painted on the hill near to the Muscott turn.

Electoral Roll - As a matter of interest it was reported that the new electoral roll totalled 199 people.

Operation Spring Clean 1991 - The Parish Council has decided to participate in the County Council's forthcoming scheme. Mr. Lewis had agreed to organise the "clean up" at Whilton Locks and up the hill towards Whilton. Mr. Billsborough had volunteered to organise the "clean up" within the village. ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT THE ABOVE TWO PEOPLE.

Tidy Village and Churchyard Competition - Despite achieving 95 marks out of 100 in the first round this was unfortunately not enough to take the village into the semi finals. The Churchyard did however qualify for the second round but unfortunately the 85 marks awarded, in that round, did not qualify us for a prize.

Allotments - In view of increased rental charges on the new lease and increased water charges, it was agreed that the rental of an allotment plot would have to be increased to £12 p.a. In spite of the increase the Parish Council still provide a subsidy for this Parish asset.

Planning Matters -

Clay Pigeon Shoot, Whilton Mill - This matter has now been taken to the Department of Environment for appeal. The Parish Council has prepared and presented a comprehensive case against the granting of this appeal.

Four Wheel Drive/Off Road Vehicles, Whilton Mill - An application has been received in respect of the above to take place on land adjacent to the proposed Clay Pigeon Shoot. The Parish Council requested more details before it can comment constructively on the application.

Three Dwellings, The Orchard, adjacent to Home Farm - Refused.

Development between Kunda Cottage and The Manor House - This has been granted although no details were received regarding the "open space" required between Kunda Cottage and any development.

Jim Gardner

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The Prince's Youth Business Trust

We have been asked if we will help to publicize the PYBT by including a piece about it in our newsletter.

The Prince's Youth Business Trust is a charity which provides finance, professional advice, marketing opportunities, training and education, to young people who are disadvantaged in some way, to enable them to set up or develop their own business. It carries out this work through its own national network and in co-operation with other job creation organizations and enterprise agencies.

Bursaries of up to £1,500 per person and £3,000 for a group working together are made to applicants who are unemployed and disadvantaged, to meet the cost of setting up their own business. Low investment loans of up to £5,000 can be provided to applicants who are setting up or expanding a business. In the majority of cases the Trust's financial support enables applicants to qualify for the Government's Enterprise Allowance Scheme and often its backing encourages the commercial banks to provide additional funds. The Trust is committed to ensuring that each business it supports is linked with an adviser and is looking to expand the number of advisers it can call upon. A business adviser maintains regular contact with the business, monitors progress and offers advice in problem solving and business development.

The PYBT helps disadvantaged young people in the 18-25 age group and registered handicapped people up to the age of 30. They must have a viable, imaginative business idea and the enthusiasm and determination to succeed. Their applications must be supported by a business plan but help is given in compiling these plans, which then go to one of the regional boards for assessment.

So far the results have been encouraging. Over 75% of the businesses set up continue to trade, many providing opportunities for others. Of the other 25% most have been able to find jobs as a result of their experience with the Trust.

The Trust has provided financial help for more than 7,000 businesses, covering anything from mobile hairdressers to someone who in breeding stick insects for nature study in schools.

For more detailed information on how to apply, or how to become a business adviser, contact:

Mrs. R. Anderson,
PYBT Manager,
47, Princes Walk,
Grosvenor Centre,
Northampton.

Tel: 239932

Lambing time on the Farm

Now is the time of the year when baby lambs are being born and most of the ewes are now in buildings at the farm. This is in order that the grass in the fields can grow, so that when the ewes and their little lambs are ready to come out of the buildings there is fresh grass for them to eat. We hope the ewes will have plenty of milk to feed the lambs. Also the ground is cleaner as the sheep trample the ground and make it very muddy so that no grass will grow. We also feed the sheep with barley and cake twice a day.

It is a lovely time of year when we see little lambs skipping about, but the biggest hazards at this time are DOGS. When dogs go into a field the ewes run and leave their little lambs and will not go back for some time, then the lambs are left and will soon die if we are not there to find their mothers. This is a very hard time of year for we farmers so we would be very grateful if dog owners would keep their dogs on leads when going near a field with sheep and lambs in.

Thank you. G. W. Emery

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Parish Tree Warden Scheme

The Parish Council has been asked to support a project proposed by The Tree Council and adopted nationwide. This is a Parish Tree Warden Scheme.

Parish Tree Wardens are people appointed to gather information, encourage practical projects and to give advice relating to trees. They do not necessarily need to be experts on trees, but individuals who are enthusiastic about their local environment and who are prepared to commit themselves to this project.

If you are interested in serving as a Tree Warden, or would like more information about the project please get in touch with me.

Harold Haynes

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Christmas Bazaar

On behalf of the members of St. Andrew's Church I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Bazaar so successful. It resulted in £413.22 profit on the day and that total was further increased by later sales to neighbours and friends and by attending Bugbrooke Campion School Bazaar. Special thanks to Angela Hall for this idea and also for her company and help on the day. The grand final result to church funds is £510.05.

Janet Bowers

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SWEEP - I have arranged for Mr. Rowe, the sweep, to come to Whilton during the morning of Wednesday, March 27th - anyone wishing to go on the list, let me know.

Jean Waights, Kunda Cottage - Tel. 842431

Cleaner/Mother's Help

Can anyone please help?

I am looking for a Cleaner, come Mother's Help.

I am starting a degree course at Nene College later this year and need help for the period between the children arriving home from school and my return from college.

Alex and Fred will be about 11 and 8 years old so they need a responsible adult about but do not need looking after. The house, on the other hand, will need lots of looking after as I will have no time to attend to its requirements.

Payment negotiable.

I'm interested in discussing any proposals, if you're interested in being there for the kids, or having them, but not keen on the house-work. I'm sure we can be flexible.

Telephone Tricia or Richard Newborough - 842888

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W.I. Report

At the W.I. meeting on Wednesday, 14th November 1990 those attending thoroughly enjoyed a splendid talk with very good slides, on "Novelists and Their Landscapes". This was given by Mrs. Dunsmore using 4 celebrated novelists. It gave to us a new slant on the influence of surroundings and style of house and garden, for example Jane Austen. It was suggested we may again read our old favourites with a new eye. Miss Scott thanked Mrs. Dunsmore for the fascinating talk, obviously much appreciated by a good round of applause. A pity more people did not enjoy this treat.

The business of the evening was discussed before the talk. Mrs. Gardner had attended the Annual Council Meeting, the guest speaker being David Shepherd, well known for his paintings of elephants.

Mrs. Bowers reported on the Group Meeting when hair-raising ghost stories were told.

Comments were made about the repairs to the Village Hall, reported in the August Newsletter.

The application for Clay Pigeon Shooting - W.I. members were requested to write individual letters of protest.

Everyone agreed the present of a pot plant made at Christmas last year to the older members of the community had been very popular. It was decided a similar gift would be made this year. Three members would help with this project.

Last - but by no means least - Members Night. This will be on Wednesday, 12th December when a Christmas Evening has been arranged. We look forward with pleasure to this occasion and will report all next month. So sad we

do not have many more members to participate in these most enjoyable meetings. As a newcomer I thoroughly recommend the W.I. - such fun and giving a sense of well-being. Why not join?

Kay Roberts - 15th Nov. 1990

W.I. Report - Wednesday 12th December 1990 - Members Night

Everybody assembled for a jolly Christmas Evening. W.I. business was dealt with rather rapidly and the main purpose of the evening began. We all sat round a large, beautifully decorated table and dinner was served. We all enjoyed several delicious courses and a glass of wine. We then played an amusing word game and the evening ended with the singing of carols.

The whole evening was arranged and the work done by a sub-committee of three members, Mrs. Jean Davies, Mrs. Angela Hall and Mrs. Chris Messinger. Such thought and hard work had gone into making this a very happy evening.

Everybody made a Christmas decoration for a competition which was won by Mrs. Kath Wright. Having all taken a small wrapped gift to put under the tree, before going home we each took one of these parcels, so everybody went home with a present - having had a marvellous evening and grateful to the ladies who did all the work.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 9th January 1991.

Kay Roberts - 7th January 1991

Women's Institute Meeting - January 9th 1991 - Members were helped to recall memories of Hans Anderson's fairy stories and to enlarge their knowledge of the author's life, his character, his idiosyncrasies, from a very interesting, illustrated talk given by Mrs. Monica Evans. This famous Danish author rivals Shakespeare and the Bible in the number of languages into which his works have been translated.

We were able to follow his rise from "humble beginnings to fame and fortune" through the many beautiful slides that accompanied the talk. These also aroused a desire to visit Denmark and see its picturesque villages, harbours and churches and enjoy its obvious cleanliness.

At a more mundane level the need to raise money for funds was discussed and it was agreed to hold a "Table Top" sale in the Village Hall on February 23rd, from 10.00am to 12 noon, the charge to be £4 for a booked table and £5 on the day. It was thought that refreshments and perhaps a cake stall could be provided. At a later date a jumble sale might be arranged in Daventry or Long Buckby. Meanwhile Mrs. Brigid Fisher kindly offered to have a coffee morning, on Thursday, January 24th, from 10.30am to 12 noon, with a Bring and Buy stall. It is hoped that these events will be well supported by the village. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Davies agreed jointly to represent the Institute on the Village Hall Committee, together with Mrs. Hiscock.

This year the new triennial meeting is to replace the National A.G.M. and is to be held in the Birmingham Exhibition Centre instead of the Albert Hall. Miss Drake agreed to go as delegate. The meeting closed with raffle and refreshments.

Frances Drake.

An Evacuee's Impression of the Cow

We are inclined to assume that everyone is familiar with farm animals and has at least some understanding of the countryside. Today, the majority of children from cities and large towns have outings or holidays to enlighten them. Before the last war, however, many youngsters from cities and towns were not so fortunate. Farm animals were just pictures in books and the local park, if near enough, the only green area.

Evacuation to the country proved to be a never-to-be-forgotten experience for some children.

Here is an account written by an evacuee of 9 to 10 years old:-

The Cow

The cow is a mammal and has six sides - right, left, upper, below, back and front. At the back there is a tail with a brush, with which it stops flies from falling into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns. Under the cow hangs the milk. It is arranged by milking. When people milk the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it I haven't yet realised but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell. One can smell it from far away and that is the reason for the fresh air in the country. A male cow is called an ox. The cow doesn't eat much but when it eats, it eats twice.

Trudy Haynes

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Allotment Plot Vacancy

An allotment plot will become vacant at the end of March. If anyone is interesting in taking over this plot will they please get in touch with the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. Gill Houghton, Church Gate.

The rent for the plot will be £12 per year.

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FREE for collecting.

Horse Manure - well rotted - help yourself - bring a bag, a barrow or a truck!!

Unlimited supply! Apply Sharon/Chris Messinger 'Rustlings' or 843221.

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FOR SALE

THREE TIER TEA TROLLEY WITH REMOVABLE TRAYS (GOLD) - £12

Kunda Cottage, Tel: 842431

Milk Tops, etc., and used Stamps

By the time this Newsletter has been delivered I shall have taken three sacks of tops, etc., to Lyncrest School since the December issue. Surely this is a record!



A good price is being paid for tops and foil at present and £200 has been raised towards the £250 contributed towards each dog.

Stamps have come in well and although it seems a small effort to make, these donations are very much appreciated.

Trudy Haynes

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Christmas Bazaar



On Saturday 24th November there was a Christmas Bazaar in the Church. I was asked if I would help on the tombola.

The prizes were very nice but the funny thing was seeing all the boys winning make-up remover and talc. There was a cake stall, and someone had spent a long time making things for the handicraft stall. The refreshments were delicious.

By

Kate

Gardner

Whilton Village Hall

The last few months have been very encouraging, in that the village has shown its support for the village hall by rallying round to raise the necessary money for repairs to the roof.

Volunteers have come forward to form a fund-raising committee, whose first project was the launching of the "200 Club" which, thanks to hard work, especially by Keith Fallows, Barry Rogers, Angela Hall and Jean Davies and wholehearted support from the residents of the village, has been a great success. We have 200 members and have held the first draw, the first prize, of £30, being won by Mr. Paul Bilsborough and the second, of £20, by Mr. & Mrs. Patching. On the occasion of the draw, as promised, wine was served and a dozen or more people had the opportunity of an enjoyable chat with friends and neighbours. Remember, all residents are invited to each draw, which will either be held at a fund raising function or at a special meeting at the village hall, at which wine and soft drinks may be purchased. Many people say that, as there is no "pub", there is little opportunity to meet neighbours. Well, now you have a chance every month. Don't miss it!

We are still open to additional shareholders in the "200 Club"; more shareholders mean more prizes so, if you have not yet joined, please contact your nearest collector, listed in the first paragraph.

Other news on the fund raising front is also very good. The Parish Council is prepared to donate £450, the Daventry District Council has also agreed to donate its share of the 70% grant but a decision from the County Council is awaited. Given the County Council's problems with the Poll Tax there is less certainty of that grant being available than would normally be the case. If it is available then it is possible the work could be done in the summer. If not we may have to wait for a further year. The Village Hall Committee has also received a very generous donation from Mr. Ian Church towards the cost of repairs.

Another problem, of finding someone to keep the hall clean, has also been solved by a volunteer from the Fund Raising Committee. We are very grateful to Angela Hall for her assistance.

We are now looking forward to our next fund raising event, a "Casino Evening", under the direction of our gambling supremo, Keith Fallows. Why bother to go all the way to Monte Carlo - just come to the village hall on Saturday, 9th March! (Provisional date).

The next draw will be held on Friday, 1st February, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Come and take some wine with your friends and neighbours.

Phil Waights

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Summary of Events

Fri.	1st	February	7.30pm	200 Club Draw, Village Hall
Mon.	4th	February	7.30pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association
Wed.	13th	February	7.30pm	W.I., Village Hall
Sat.	23rd	February	10.00am	Table Top Sale (W.I.)
Mon.	25th	February	7.45pm	Lent Course, Long Buckby
Sun.	3rd	March	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist, Whilton
Fri.	8th	March		Last date for Newsletter
Sat.	9th	March		Casino Evening, Village Hall (provisional date)
Wed.	13th	March	7.30pm	W.I. Village Hall
Wed.	27th	March	Morning	Mr. Rowe the SWEEP
Thurs.	28th	March	7.30pm	Eucharist, Whilton

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