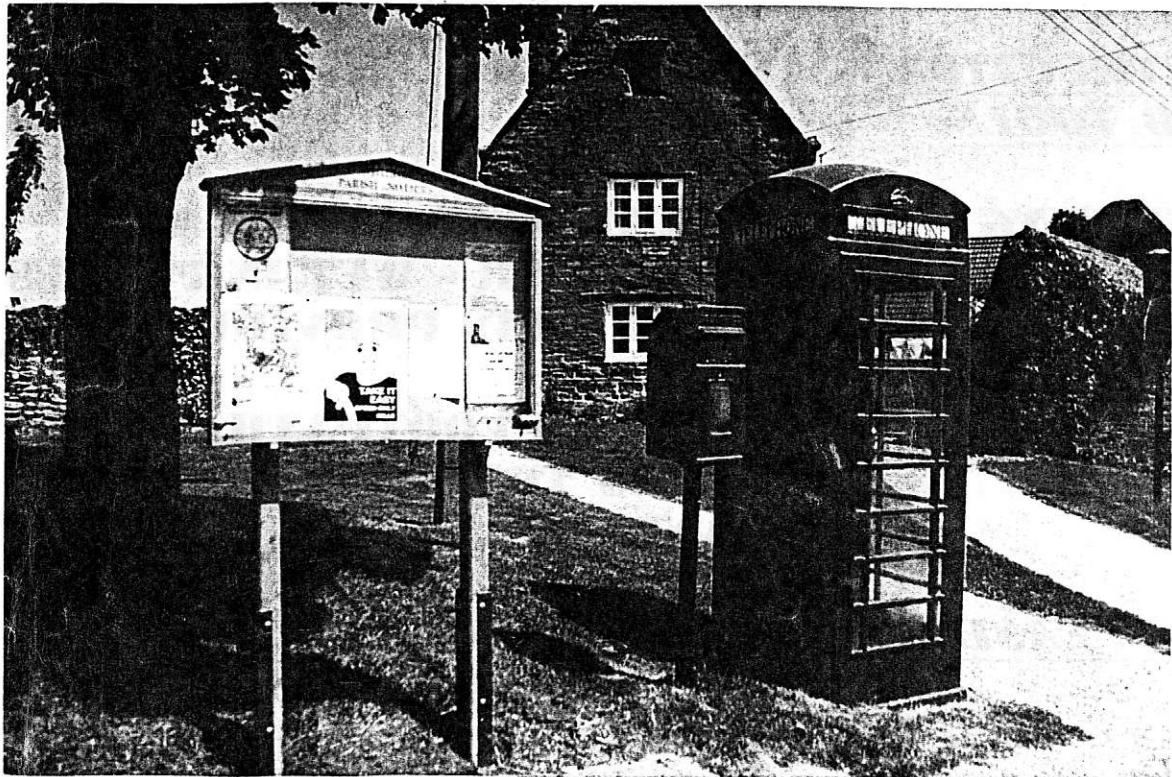


# Whilton Newsletter



**ACTION!**

**WHILTON SPINNEY  
ON  
SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 1999  
2.00PM - 5 PM**

**STAGE -**

**“HANDS ON”**

**PROJECT**

**CLEARANCE OF DEAD AND  
FALLEN WOOD TO FORM  
PATH THROUGH SPINNEY**

**REQUIRED**

**ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO  
ASSIST WITH THIS WORK.**

**INSTRUCTION  
AND TOOLS**

**PROVIDED**

**CLOTHING**

**SUITABLE CLOTHING AND  
FOOTWEAR - WET IN PLACES  
HARD HATS PROVIDED**

**MEET**

**STILE TO FOOTPATH, NEAR  
GRASS TRIANGLE, MANOR  
LANE**

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR OWN  
COMMUNITY PROJECT**

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
ANTHEA HISCOCK 843319 AND RICHARD BUNCE 842636**



## THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



We are now in a position legally to commence with our project. Whilton Parish Council have kindly dealt with the payment of the donors' solicitor's fee for the transfer of the spinney. This now leaves us with £396.50 to find to settle our solicitor's charges.

The Management Group met on 19th January, the main item on the Agenda was to discuss the way forward. An assessment visit to the spinney by the Group was scheduled for 24th January when draft plans would be drawn up and we shall then seek an input from all residents in the village.

As already advised our Spinney Project does not meet the criteria for a Pocket Park and Northamptonshire County Council are unable to support by way of a grant. However there are various funds available and we are currently making applications. Such applications have to be on the basis of the grants being for a specific part of the overall project.

If anyone has knowledge of a source of grants for environmental / conservation projects please let us know as we still need funding for the solicitor's fees and general items of expenses.

Derek Brown

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

#### NOVEMBER 1998

1st Prize	152	A.Print	£40
2nd Prize	084	T.Treacy	£20
3rd Prize	027	R.Clarke	£10

#### DECEMBER 1998

1st Prize	051	M.Emery	£40
2nd Prize	098	B.Williams	£20
3rd Prize	015	C.Battison	£10

# WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting of the PCC was held on Monday, 11th January 1999 and items which may be of interest are as follows:-

- 1) **Sanctuary Lighting** - specifications have been obtained and are now in the hands of the architect.
- 2) **Rector's Report** - The Revd. David MacPherson described the Christmas Services and other events as "record breaking". Attendances at the various services had been very good especially so on Christmas morning.

The Away Day at Ecton House resulted in mixed responses to his request for a report from the delegates. Out of 25 replies, 17 had been broadly favourable and 8 had been against the idea of one PCC to serve the whole benefice. The most common objection to the principle was the loss of financial control by the individual parishes. A paper is being prepared which will be considered by the Diocesan Secretary.

The Revd. Maurice Walton who is leading the Steering Committee for the Emmaus Course reported that detailed planning is going ahead. It is proposed to commence an introductory course on the five Wednesdays before Easter which will illustrate various aspects, showing how it would be run, its aims and the degree of commitment required. Full details to be published soon.

3) Mr Clifford Ellison reported that £505 had been raised for church funds from the concert given by members of the Northampton Bach Choir and friends.

4) It was agreed that there should be a Flower Festival and Open Gardens on Sunday 27th June 1999.

5) **Millennium Project** - It was proposed and seconded that the PCC proceed with phase 1 of the scheme namely drainage / sewerage and water and installation of the kitchen. A fund raising sub-committee was formed.

6) Ms Norah Swinford has offered to present a seat in memory of her parents. This very kind offer was accepted.

7) **Elections (Annual General Meeting)** Certain posts will need to be filled at the AGM (29th March 1999) These are:-  
a) Churchwarden, b) Treasurer, c) Secretary, d) Members for the PCC.

8) **Harvest Festival** will be an 11.00 am service with the harvest supper at 6.00 pm (both on the Sunday).

The date of the next PCC Meeting will be 8th March 1999.

Derek Brown

## CHRONICLE AND ECHO / DAVENTRY EXPRESS

*I am Whilton's papergirl and deliver the Chronicle and Echo six days per week.*

*I am also trying to establish a round for Daventry Express (Thursday only) and would appreciate enquiries for this paper and also the Chronicle and Echo.*

*If anyone is interested in having either or both of these papers delivered, I shall be pleased to hear from you.*

*Sorry I can only deliver within Whilton village.*

**Daniella Treacy**  
**(01327 842968)**

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Parochial Church Council Report in the April 1998 Whilton Newsletter stated the Committee was considering two millennium projects one a kitchen area and two toilet facilities. Since then The Diocesan Authorities have been to inspect St Andrews Church and have agreed that both projects are possible. Their recommendation is to take one project at a time.

At the last PCC Meeting it was decided to aim towards Project 1 so applications for grants are being sought

Project 1 will cost £11,000 - the main part of this for bringing the services in from the road area. The proceeds of £900 from last year's Flower Festival and the promise of a £50 donation get us off to a reasonable start .

With the provision of running water and washing up facilities, refreshments will be so much easier and will open up the social life of our church and offer opportunities for new activities.

Other churches who have been successful with projects of this nature have felt the effort worthwhile.

Fundraising will take place during the year, hopefully one per season. This in turn will add to the social life of our village as well as helping to take our church forward into the 21st Century.

Any member of the village wishing to help please contact  
Janet Bowers, Churchwarden. on 01327 842851

## WHILTON AND BRINGTON PRE-SCHOOL



All the children performed beautifully as angels in our Christmas celebration at St Andrew's and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to Mrs Janet Bowers for being on hand to open the Church for an angelic practise and to Revd. David MacPherson for conducting our Christmas celebration in an already busy schedule.

The start of the new year has seen two more children joining our group, but we still have places available at all three sessions - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 9.30 am -12 noon, only £3 per session. Please ring on 01327 843843 for further information.

Our topics for this term are the senses - sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell, and later on safety.

We will be holding an Easter Coffee Morning at Stonecroft in Little Brington on Wednesday 24th March 10.00am - 11.30 am. Please do come and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat in relaxing surroundings. Guess how many eggs in the jar for an early Easter present and help us to raise funds in a very convivial way.

Sara Mitchell



## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS!

Since our last article the Parish Council has met 4 times! Three special meetings considered Planning Applications for Whilton Mill and Martin's Farm to make observations before the 21 day limit. I gather it is not universally known that if you make a planning application within the parish there is always a public meeting for the Council to consider it. The Chairman will give an opportunity to attenders to address the council members before they decide their response to the Daventry District planners. The Chairman may also ask for a site meeting if this would be helpful.

### Planning Applications

As we have started with planning I will complete the subject. Members made no comment on the proposed change of use at Whilton Mill to Corporate hospitality and approved of the new club house design. They were very happy with the proposals to restore the stone front to Martins Farm by removing the rendering and the re-creation of a internal doorway. Their suggestion for a 6ft maximum rather than 7ft wooden gate to replace the existing steel farm gate has been accepted and they have asked for a site meeting to look at the proposed extension to the house. There was some concern about the brick building materials contrasting with the stone of this part of the village and this listed building.

At their main 4<sup>th</sup> January meeting they discussed two proposals at the Marina. They were unhappy with the location and size of a new reception office and very strongly felt the new metal fencing around the Caravan park would spoil the visual amenity and towpath entrance to the adjoining conservation area around the Locks. They were happy with the principle in each case. We await the Planning Authority response to these observations.

Finally the Council has put the County Council on notice that it wishes to be a party to the planning application for gravel extraction and landfill at Ryehill. The firm is offering consultations before lodging the application. There are possible severe traffic and amenity implications for the parish in this development in an adjoining area. It is helpful to have both our elected County and District Councillors represented at most of our meetings and on these Committees.

### Improving the Environment

The proposed Village Design Statement is slowly progressing and the chairman was pleased to announce that Phil Waights our most experienced parishioner in this area will help. However **more volunteers are needed** to work on how our prized environment can be both enhanced and protected. Please speak with him. On a practical note the need to **let the vacant half allotment** by the spring was to be advertised. A strongly worded letter was asked to be sent to the Althorp Estate as the promised cutting of the back road hedges had not occurred. Janet Bowers was thanked for continuing to see the salt bins were full for the winter. It was pleasing to hear the Spinney Project was now on its way now the Agreements were signed and the locks seats and boards were ready to be put in place.

## **Future Needs**

The meeting considered requests for the nominations for a **local Road Safety Contact** and the previously requested **Highways warden**. These would both make real contributions to the environment. If readers would like to know more or wish to volunteer please contact me. Mean while Nora Swinford continues to attend the DDC Highways Liaison Committee which has shown the shared nature of our concerns with other villages. There is she gathers the possibility of financial help to **create cycle routes**. She or I would welcome suggestions about this. **There could be for instance explorations about one linking us to Long Buckby station or village**. We are increasingly being made aware of grants to assist us from repairing central stone walls to small specific projects from lottery funds and subsidy for non car rural transport.

## **Agenda 21**

The theme of this note has been improving and preserving the best in our village environment to which we can and already do make contributions positive or negative. It was therefore more than appropriate that our January meeting began by a presentation by Annie Masson the Environmental. Co ordinator for Agenda 21 within Daventry District. It was encouraging to discover that many of the annual activities of the village from the rubbish clear up to the Gardening Club onto the best village competitions as well as The Spinney Project and Locks Conservation area all contribute to the sustainable environment which is agenda 21. Annie promises to be a help to us in developing our projects and ideas. **If you have an idea please share it with the Parish Council.**

Our next meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm in the village hall. Our agenda will be on the notice boards before hand. See you there !?

Keith Hiscock, Clerk to the Parish Council

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## **To all members of Whilton Millennium Map Committee**

**Please note that  
the date of the next meeting has been changed.  
This will now take place in the Village Hall  
on Friday, 26 February.**

**Meanwhile, if anyone would like to work on another square to surround the map, Janet Bowers will be happy to provide you with the fabrics and design suggestions.**

# **WHILTON VILLAGE HALL**

The Committee held its AGM on Tuesday 12th January 1999. This little update on the hall will be my final contribution as Secretary as I have now resigned in order to have time to take on a more active role in parent committees for the various clubs, groups and schools that my children attend. Teresa Leadbetter has very kindly offered to take over the role of Secretary. I shall still, however, act as booking clerk for the Village Hall, so please don't forget to make good use of this village facility for all your social activities.

The AGM noted that the hall has much improved during the year with the addition of double glazed windows. We felt the finishing touch would be some new curtains - expect to see these in place in the near future. The income from the 200 Club has enabled us to take the decision to hold rents at the same level as last year since any shortfall can be covered. We hope also to improve the cloakrooms during this year.

With the hall in its present good condition the administrative role should be relatively straight forward and not too burdensome. If you would like to become involved in aspects of village life, you could find it rewarding to join the village hall committee. It entails the attendance of perhaps three or four meetings a year to discuss the hall, its maintenance and improvement, and arrange one or two social events during the year. Your contribution will be very much welcomed and if you are interested, please contact one of the following:-

**Chairman** - Mike Lewis 01327 842404,  
**Secretary** - Teresa Leadbetter 01327 843988  
**Treasurer** - Derek Brown 01327 842968

The hall still needs a cleaner for about half an hour to an hour per week, particularly in term time. Anyone interested should contact one of the above officers. The job pays £4 per hour.

On that note I shall sign off after first thanking all committee members, past and present, who have been so willing to help and take on tasks that might otherwise have fallen to the Secretary. I have enjoyed working with this committee and feel that it has only worked so well for so long because of the willingness of people to be involved and to help.

Mary Kane



## **BEETLE DRIVE - FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 1999**



For your entertainment and participation the Whilton Village Hall Committee have arranged the above family Beetle Drive to take place in the Village Hall from 7.00 pm till 9.30 pm. There will be prizes for the winners, a finger buffet during the evening, a raffle and the first 200 Club Draw of 1999.

Tickets can be obtained from Derek Brown (842968) and Janet Bowers (842851)

Adults £2.50

Children £1.50





# **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## **CONGRATULATIONS WHILTON - 0% CRIME IN 1998**

PC Gary Wright, our local police officer, has confirmed that there was no reported crime in Whilton during 1998.

This is a wonderful achievement and due in no small measure to the support of the village for Neighbourhood Watch, and to the cooperation, determination and vigilance of all its members.

A letter has been received from Inspector J.N.Cronin in which he refers to the low crime rate in Whilton. He concludes " I would like to thank you for all your efforts. Good Neighbourhood Watch Schemes make all the difference in the continual fight against crime."

Our hope is that in 1999 we shall continue to be successful in preventing local crime.  
**Keep up the good work!!**

### **Early Warning Communication System**

Although we have not had to use the Cascade Telephone System over the past twelve months, it remains the quickest and most effective means of passing information round the village.

I am aware that with changes in home ownership over recent months, some people may not have the relevant details of this scheme.

As lighter nights approach I hope to visit every house in the village to update the information regarding the Cascade Telephone System, so that it will continue to work successfully when the need arises.

Please notify Daventry Police immediately of anything suspicious, either seen or heard in the village.

**DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300**

Christine Bilsborough  
Co-ordinator

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## **THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**The Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, 5th March at 7.30 pm in St Botolph's Church, Church Brampton. All are welcome - including gentlemen**

## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Following the successful Social / AGM in December 1997 the same pattern was followed for the 1998 AGM. Members enjoyed an excellent chicken dish / fish pie followed by a selection of very tempting desserts prepared and served by both ladies and gentlemen. Coffee and mincepies completed the meal leaving members in a relaxed and happy state for the AGM

The Chairman, in his report, thanked all members who had helped throughout the year and especially those who had contributed to the evening. The Treasurer stated the Association's funds were in a healthy state as our expenses had been exceptionally low in 1998.

The following members were elected to office:-

**Chairman** - Ian woods            **Programme** - Philip Grant  
**Secretary** - Janet Bowers      **Purchasing Officer** - Teresa Leadbetter  
**Treasurer** - Derek Brown      **Committee Members** - Gwen White, Ann & Roy Pulling

The proposed programme for 1999 is as follows:-

**February 1st-**            Winter Colour Indoors - Plant Surgery - **Mrs Ann Martin**  
**April 12th-**            April in the Garden - **Mr D Patrick**  
**June 7th-**              T.B.A.  
**August 2nd-**            Portrait of Colour in the Garden - **Mrs Jane Cropley**  
**October 4th-**            Winter Colour - Borders , Baskets and Containers  
**December 6th -**        Social / AGM

Association visits to Coton Manor for the bulbs - **April**, Vineyard Hellidon - **July**. Dates to be confirmed.

The Association meets on the **first Monday** of the months listed above (for **April** this year it will be the **second Monday** as the first is Easter) in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We welcome new members - benefits are social, gardening instruction, outings, discounts on seeds and discounts at certain Garden Centres. Why not come and join us? The subscription is £4 for a single ticket and £7 for two members in the same household,

Janet Bowers  
Secretary

## **IN BRIEF.....**

**CAROL SINGING** Sue and John Townley thank all those who took part in the carol singing on Monday 21st December 1998 and especially those who donated. The amount raised was a magnificent sum of £153.68 and this amount has now been handed over to Save the Children Fund. Thanks also to those who supplied refreshment en route.

**BEETLE DRIVE** at the village hall on Friday 12th February at 7.00pm - see Village Hall news.

**1999 FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN GARDENS** will be held on Sunday 27th June

## DAVENTRY CONTACT

**Daventry Contact** started over twenty years ago as a good neighbour scheme. Since then its role has changed and it is now a furniture recycling project. Originally operating from two garages provided by Daventry District Council, it quickly outgrew these. After obtaining charitable status, the trustees set about raising funds to buy two industrial units at a cost of some £200,000. The funds came from a variety of sources, including a large grant from the Northamptonshire-based Nene Foundation. The new base was equipped with suitable storage racks, a workshop, offices and meeting rooms.

Today a management committee of Christians, drawn from several denominations in Daventry, runs the charity and employs a full time General Manager, Administrator, part-time Van driver/warehouse person and General Assistant. The project also has places for a number of people suffering from mental health problems, who come as a form of therapy. In addition, volunteers help to deliver furniture, mainly at weekends; others are involved during the week with some of the jobs in the units.

Many people have furniture and other household effects which they no longer need. Some is in very good condition, some needs attention, and the rest is only fit for the tip! Daventry Contact collects suitable furniture in its own van and takes it to its base on South March in Daventry. Any which requires attention is put to one side and the rest is stored ready to be delivered to those in need. Requests come from a variety of agencies - Daventry District Council (most referrals), the churches, Social Services, Health Visitors, CAB, Victim Support, etc.

Funding is received from Northamptonshire Social Services and Daventry District Council. The charity also does its own fund-raising. Items which are not suitable for passing on are sold at quarterly 'Grand Sales'; others are taken to auction. In these circumstances, permission is obtained from the donors.

And what of the reaction of those who receive items from Daventry Contact? It is impossible to adequately describe the delight on a child's face when a bed is delivered, or on that of a young single parent who had nothing, and is sleeping on a mattress on the floor with her child. Our continuing experiences tell us that there are still many people in great need, and the work of Daventry Contact continues to grow. During the period 1997-1998, we collected from 731 homes, and made 427 deliveries to those in need - an average of 22 every week of the year. During these deliveries over 2,000 items, ranging from single beds and chests of drawers to crockery packs and bedding bales, were handed out. Sometimes Contact delivers one item; sometimes we may be asked to furnish a complete house. The need varies and we help a wide range of individuals, including the elderly and disabled, those leaving prison, and young people who have been rejected by their parents. We make no charge for our services; all furniture is collected and delivered free of charge. Whatever the need, Daventry Contact is usually able to help. There are times when we are inundated with offers, in which case we pass on the information to other groups in Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire.

If you have furniture in good condition to dispose of, or want to know more about our work, please give the administrator a ring on 01327 310711 during office hours. We always need volunteers - for delivering/collecting furniture, helping in the workshop, etc.

We also desperately need someone (or a group of people) to take on the day-to-day fund-raising, such as car boot sales, table top sales, jumble sales, etc. Please ring us if you can help.

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## Women's Institute - 13th January, 1999

Whilton W.I. started the year 1999 with a meeting organised by Ros Gardner and Anthea Hiscock, with the theme of "Oranges and Lemons". Members were asked to bring along any favourite recipes using these fruits. These were put on display, together with paper and pencils, so that any which appealed to members might be copied.

During the business meeting arrangements were discussed for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 14th.

Members were reminded that the "European Children's Trust" were requesting gifts of flour, sugar and rice. This organisation sends monthly parcels to families in Romania so that they can stay as families and not have to send their children to orphanages to be fed and clothed. Mrs Gardner offered to deal with contributions, which were to be handed in by the end of January.

Both letters and verbal messages of thanks had been received for the W.I. gifts to Senior Citizens. We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Chandler who was a loyal member before moving to Duston.

Anthea began the evening's entertainment with a history of the orange and lemon and their introduction to this country. A great deal of research had obviously been carried out and the result was extremely interesting.

During this time Ros had been busy arranging her table for a cookery demonstration and she now took over for the rest of the evening.

First came the making of a hot punch using tea, oranges and cloves. This was simmering away whilst we watched the making of a mouth-watering dessert using sponge fingers, oranges and lemons, and covered with a cream which included lemon curd. A carrot, orange and curd flan, previously prepared, was then displayed, together with biscuits and orange grove cheese.

These delicious delicacies were sampled during refreshment time. Our post-Christmas calorie count was totally forgotten!

Miss Drake expressed the gratitude of the members for all the hard work that had been put into a very enjoyable and entertaining evening. A worthy start to the New Year.

Trudy Haynes

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**Available for rent from the Parish Council**

**One half allotment.**

Rent :  
£6 per year

If you are interested, please contact Keith Hiscock,  
Clerk to the Parish Council, as soon as possible.

Telephone 843319

## WHILTON WI

Every December, the members of Whilton WI follow the tradition of Members Night, when a few of the members cook a meal and provide entertainment for the rest. This is always a most enjoyable occasion, and this year was no exception.

On the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> December members were welcomed to the Village Hall with a mulled fruit punch. Members Night then proceeded very happily, as members sat around a festive table. The meal consisted of medley of papaya and melon, followed by braised steak in tomato sauce, mixed vegetables and jacket potatoes and a choice of delicious desserts with coffee and mints. This was cooked and served by Ros Gardner and Chris Messinger with the assistance of Frances Drake and Diana Scott. Our drinks were paid for by the money we won in the County Federation's 500 Club.

We also enjoyed games and a quiz, organised by Diana and Frances. A basket of fruit donated by Shirley Brown was raffled and won by Janet Bowers. During the course of the evening a presentation was made to Anne Kilgour, who was our secretary until the autumn. Anne was expecting to leave the village around Christmas, but since then her circumstances have changed.

We were also given the opportunity to make a Christmas donation to the Central America Hurricane Relief Fund. As a result £45 was paid into the fund.

Whilton WI is a small, informal institute, which offers women in the village a chance to meet, talk, share in activities and listen to speakers. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, when the subject will be "Recycling". This is an open meeting and we welcome anyone who would like to visit us.

Anthea Hiscock  
Secretary

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### Lent 1999

Those of you old enough to remember the 1964 general election will recall that it brought Harold Wilson to power. Shortly after that we had "a period of severe economic restraint". A cartoon appeared in one of the church newspapers which depicted a bishop talking to the prime minister, the caption read "But we already have a period of severe restraint, we call it Lent!" This is the traditional view of Lent - a time of giving up things.

I have always held the view that Lent is a time of re-assessment. A time to look again at our Christian life - if you like, a time to look at the quality of our following Christ. Is our witness for Christ in the world all that it should be? Does our behaviour and attitude towards others reflect the love of Christ? Does our prayer life have the priority it should in our daily lives? Are we regular readers of the bible? These are questions that I shall be asking myself this Lent. What questions will you be asking yourself in your annual review of your Christian life?

*David MacPherson*



**Marie Curie  
Cancer Care**



## **The Daffodil Run - Here it comes again!**

Marie Curie Cancer Care is the UK's largest cancer care charity, providing a comprehensive range of services to people suffering from cancer. With 11 hospice centres Marie Curie provides more terminal care beds than anyone else outside the NHS. The internationally acclaimed Research Institute at Oxted in Surrey is at the forefront of molecular and biological research in to the causes and treatment of cancer. Marie Curie's Education Service provides programmes of education for healthcare professionals which contributes to a better understanding of cancer, its prevention and treatment. The Marie Curie Nursing service provides practical nursing care, at home, for people seriously ill with cancer - the service is free of charge and is available through District Nurse referral 365 days a year, through out the day and overnight, to anyone that needs it. These care services are provided over the whole of the British Isles but they are administered and funded at local level.

In the year 1997/8 **62** nurses in Northamptonshire provided **9,685** hours of nursing care to late-stage cancer patients in the comfortable and familiar surroundings of their own home. Caring for someone at home can put a great strain on the family who, much as they want their loved one to stay at home, may find the situation difficult to cope with. Marie Curie Nurses provide much needed physical and emotional support to the whole family to help them through this difficult time.

Each year in Northamptonshire we are targeted to raise over £120,000 to fund the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care in the county, in particular the Nursing Service. The Daffodil Run, held at Althorp Park, which was so generously sponsored by Barclaycard last March, raised **£42,000** towards that target which was an amazing achievement on the part of the runners. We are repeating the event this year on **Sunday, March 7th** and, although we dare not hope to reach the same magnificent sum as last year, we hope that it will raise a substantial contribution towards funding the nursing service in the county.

**Press Release**

The Daffodil Run is actually two races, run concurrently. One is a half marathon and the other - the more suitable choice for first time runners - is 10Km which in old speke is 6 miles. Many local villagers, both runners and non-runners, took part in last year's Run and I would like to encourage anyone that can to enter again this year. The Run was also magnificently supported at local level by people volunteering to be Marshals.

Unfortunately an event of this size inevitably causes some disruption to normal life on the day and I am writing to ask for your patience and tolerance for any upset that it might cause to you as a villager. The Run starts at 10.30am at West Lodge and the runners go up towards Nobottle and then left towards Harlestone. They move out onto the Harlestone Road (about 10 45am) left, past the front gates of Althorp and left, up Station road. The 10k runners then return to West Lodge to finish and the half marathoners proceed along the Moors Road to Whilton. **This road will be closed to traffic from 11.15am til 12.15pm.** The route then goes through Whilton to the Top Road and left towards Little Brington. Left at the Flore crossroads, through Little Brington, along to Great Brington and back down to the West Lodge to finish. The mass of the runners for the 10 k will take aound an hour to complete their course and the Half Marathon runners about 2 hours. This means that local roads will be difficult to travel on between 10.30 and 12.30 on Sunday March 7th. Chinkwell Lane between Nobottle and Great Brington will be closed to traffic from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please bear with us and know that it is all for an excellent cause.

The stark facts are that 1 person in 4 will die of cancer which means that no-one can afford to say "Cancer? That's not my problem!" It is the responsibility of each and every one of us that the best possible cancer care facilities are available for anyone that needs them. Marie Curie Cancer Care are working hard to provide those services, but we can't do it without your support. Please support the Daffodil Run in whichever way is best for you - Running, Marshaling or just being tolerant.

**For further information contact Jane Mahood 01604 717070**



**31st DECEMBER 1999**



**WHAT PLANS HAVE YOU MADE TO CELEBRATE THE MILLENNIUM??**

**MANY PUBS AND RESTAURANTS WILL BE CHARGING HIGH PRICES OR WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE IS ALWAYS THE PROBLEM OF DRINKING AND DRIVING. OF COURSE, YOU COULD ALWAYS GO TO BED AT 10.30 PM AND SLEEP THROUGH THE WHOLE THING AND HOPE THAT YOUR DIGITAL ALARM CLOCK STILL WORKS IN THE MORNING!!**



**WHY NOT CONSIDER CELEBRATING WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN WHILTON??**

**WE ARE TRYING TO SEE IF THERE WILL BE ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR A VILLAGE EVENT; NOTHING FANCY BUT A CHANCE FOR FUN AND GAMES WITH A MODEST AMOUNT OF ALCOHOLIC REFRESHMENT.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT  
JON BRIERLEY (843380) OR TOM TREACY (842034)**

**BETTER STILL, COME ALONG TO A MEETING**

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 1999.**

## Summary of Events

- Mon 1 Feb 7.30pm Gardeners' Association - Winter Colour Indoors  
Plant Surgery - Mrs Ann Martin
- Sun 7 Feb 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Whilton Spinney Project
- Wed 10 Feb 7.30pm Women's Institute - Recycling
- Thur 11 Feb 7.30pm Millennium Celebration meeting - Village Hall
- Fri 12 Feb 7.00pm Beetle Drive - Village Hall
- Fri 26 Feb Millennium Map meeting - Village Hall
- Mon 1 Mar 8.00pm Parish Council meeting
- Sun 7 Mar 10.30am Daffodil Run
- Wed 10 Mar 7.30pm Women's Institute meeting - Talk - 'Associated Country  
Women of the World'
- Wed 24 Mar 10.00am Pre-School Group - Coffee Morning - Stonecroft - Lt. Brington
- Fri 19 Mar Newsletter Deadline for April Issue**
- Mon 29 Mar 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church meeting

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