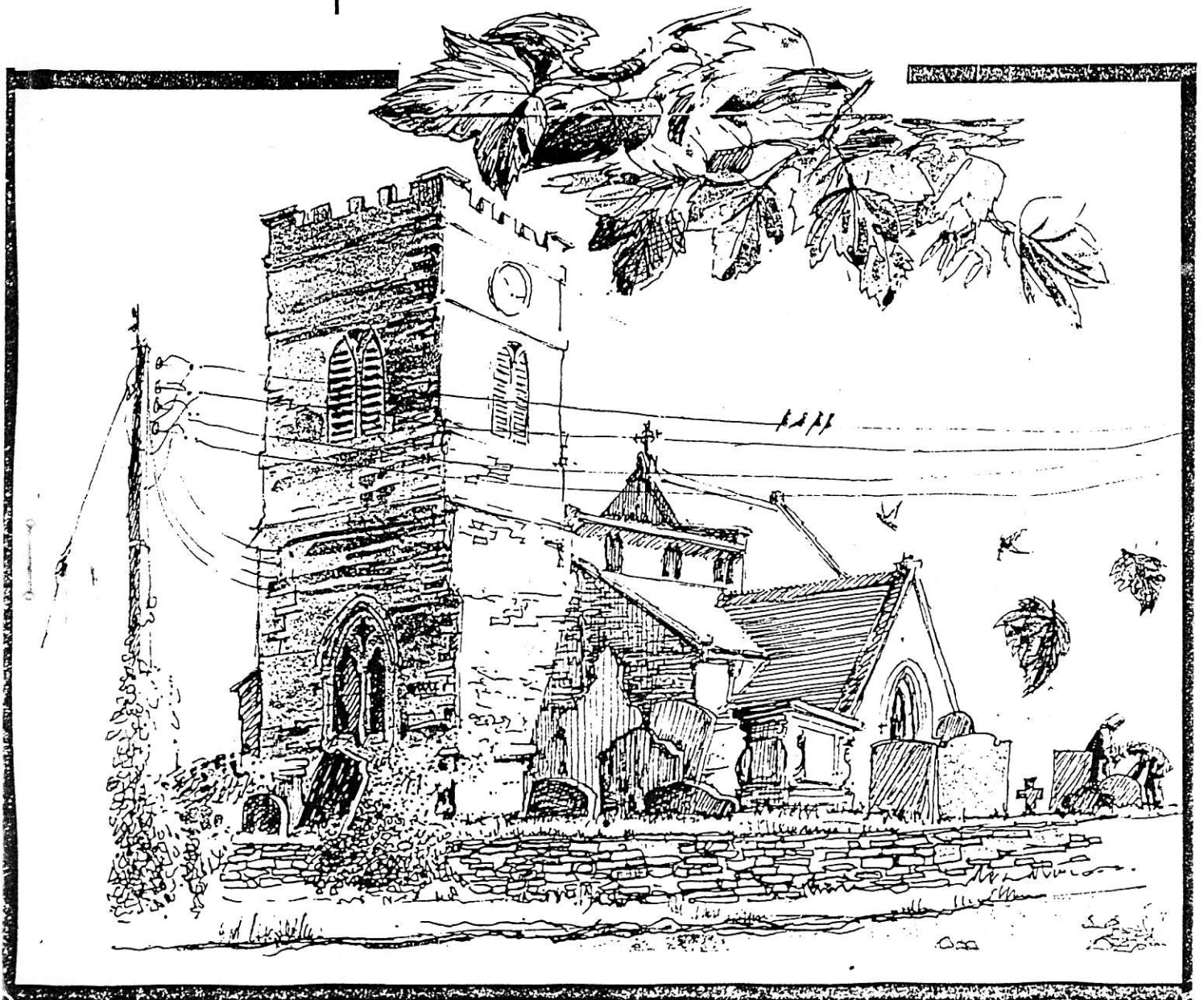


# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY  
2000



## **PARISH MATTERS!**

The Parish Council met on 10<sup>th</sup> January in the presence of its District Councillor and two very welcome members of the Public. I think it is important that residents see the variety of business attended to on their behalf and the sort of issues you the reader should consider bringing to the attention of Councillors. As a result I have taken the liberty this time of presenting to you the Draft Minutes as the Council will review them in their March Meeting for approval or alteration. Hopefully this may also encourage some of you to consider standing for election in May.

You will see in them that I am particularly asked to mention to you two issues. There is now an appointment system for the registration of Births and Deaths in Daventry. Details can be gained by ringing their office on 302209 at the Daventry Council Offices in Daventry. At the start of the millennium we continue to need to consider the needs of our neighbours especially on this occasion their access to their drives when we park. Parking is very difficult in the village, as we all know, as many houses were built without garages or with steep access drives. These can be very tricky in icy weather. Equally if we have drives, using places needed by those without them can lead to difficulties for them. Although I have been asked to check out our powers I am sure being considerate neighbours is the answer.

Finally it seems to me important to note that, at this first meeting of the new millennium, the Council was able to conclude one of the most exciting events of last year in receiving a copy of the deeds that transferred the Spinney to the village, and to view the carefully crafted design for the plaque on the village green commemorating our recent successes in village competitions. Thanks were also able to be expressed to all those that made the actual millennium celebrations a success despite the badly timed rain. None of these would have been possible without the effort of many people in the village and such involvement augurs well for Whilton at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century A.D.

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**MINUTES OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
on MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Those present:** Mr Lewis, Mr Barnes, Mr Bowers, Mr Brown, Miss Swinford, Cllr Mrs Amos and two members of the Public

**1. Apologies:** Mrs Williams, Mr Price, and Cllr. Mr Amos

**2. Approval of minutes** of the meeting held on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1999

These were approved subject to an amendment of 5i. The village hall committee were to provide the refreshments not the Parish Council. Minute amended to 'a toast and nibbles would be provided by the village hall committee.'

**3. Matters Arising:**

- i) Highways Concerns- Signpost, drains, wire, steps, and road edges.  
The clerk had inspected the steps which were poorly finished but not loose. The danger in writing after every meeting was accepted by the Council but it was now necessary to register the still missing signpost, the wire still in poor condition, and the need to have this end of the Brington road seen to as a priority when the weather improved as the edges were dangerously worn away on the entrance to the village and there were pot holes in many places on the road. The clerk to write to express the Council's concern.
- ii) Allotment vacancy had been let to Mr Egginton
- iii) There had still been no response to Childrens playground proposal from the parish and given what had been discovered about what was involved the last time this had been explored it was agreed not to pursue the idea.
- iv) The cheques signed at the close of the last meeting were confirmed.
- v) Mr Barnes produced for the meeting his design for the village green plaque. This was very well received and he was asked to obtain costs for the finished article.
- vi) Mr Lewis was thanked for his work with the fireworks and getting the Millennium celebration organised. Despite the rainy start it had been rated a great success. The meeting agreed that the firework bill for £190 rather than £150 should be paid as soon as the supplier presented it by the clerk obtaining the two other signatures.

**4. Planning Matters:**

- i) Approval for repairs at Dormer Cottage had been received from DDC
- ii) Refusal of Planning Permission for Office/ reception building at Whilton Marina had also been received. Cllr. Mrs Amos clarified that the matter was to go to a paper submission appeal. The compromise siting apparently agreed on the site meeting of a move to the caravans selling area immediately behind the Whilton Carpet shop had not been pursued. The Parish Council would be invited to put its views forward in this process.

**5. Financial Matters:**

The Current Balances were noted: £84.46 Current Account. £4980.99 Reserve

The following expenditure was agreed

Trinity School for Nov. Mag	£39.00 (cheque no.000366)
EMEplc Street light maintenance	£36.85 (cheque no 000367)
Powergen supply of electricity	£87.97 (cheque no 000368)
Clerks Salary and Expenses	£143.76 (cheque no.000369)
Salary to 31.12	£137.5
Expenses to 24.10.	£ 6.26

Part payment of Millennium Map Grant £50. (cheque no.000370)

The cheques for these payments were signed at the close of the meeting  
Precept Payment slips for DDC for 2000/1 were signed for lodging with them.

**5. DDC Consultation on WASP Expenditure for Flore Ward.**

The outcome proposals from this had been received but all but a new parish board in Norton concerned awards to Flore. The Parish Council instructed the clerk to make representations again to DDC on the two items- the extra light and path to the Spinney. Cllr Mrs Amos asked to be sent a copy as she too could not understand why these requests had been overlooked.

**6. Correspondence:** These items were discussed and decisions made.

- i) There were no volunteers to go this year to the Planning Department Open Evening 19<sup>th</sup> January.
- ii) It was agreed the NCC Consultation on Budget at DDC Offices 25<sup>th</sup> January 7pm should be put on the notice board.
- iii) The Registration of Births and Deaths in Daventry new appointment system should be mentioned in the magazine.
- iv) Change of NALC phone no. to 01604 70633 was noted
- v) The Council were pleased to note that its choice of options had been accepted in the Daventry town parking: Further Consultation on the way ahead
- vi) Use of Daventry Calling Survey was completed but it was clear its distribution in the village was haphazard and its recent news coverage deficient.
- vii) Receipt of the DDC Economic Strategy was noted and circulated in the information.
- viii) Potential Collection of Christmas Trees by DDC was seen as unnecessary.
- ix) Leaflet on Highways Winter Arrangements had already been distributed.
- x) Appointment of Penny Crowder as new Local Information Advice and Guidance Officer for Life Long Learning based at the Community College was noted.

7. **The following Information** was circulated in the folder: :

- i) ACRE Quarterley Crier
- ii) Village Viewpoint Winter 99
- iii) Biodiversity Training Workshops
- iv) Update November
- v) Northamptonshire Times(NCC)
- vi) Daventry Calling Special and DEC/JAN
- vii) By ways road safety newsletter
- viii) Receipt of Daventry Local plan for reference
- ix) latest Daventry Calling
- x) Nalc Local Council Review.

8. **AOB**

i) **Roadside Parking**

There was concerns expressed about car parking in the village which obstructed other residents entrance to their property. This was especially an issue when exit was required from steep drives on frosty mornings. Although a civil matter and requiring a request first to avoid this it was decided to seek views of options from the Community policeman and NALC about what actions by the Council or resident might be feasible. The issue of poor neighbourly behaviour and the need to regard the rights of others should be mentioned in the magazine.

ii) **Broken Footpath Signs**

The broken one on Brington Lane had been replaced.

iii) **Rubbish tipping on verges**

The DDC should be asked by the Clerk to remove the fly tip of builders rubble at the entrance to the trackway through to the Brington-Long Buckby Road.

iv) **Organisation of May Elections**

This is organised by the DDC but nomination forms will be made available from the clerk in March. It is already known there will be vacancies for both the village and Locks.

v) Concern at the **possible increase in noise nuisance at the locks** was raised now the new track is open and the possibility of more helicopter days/landings. It was agreed this should be carefully monitored by members and reported to DDC if it intensified.

vi) Mr Brown reported that **the legal transfer of the land of the Spinney** had now been completed and a booklet incorporating copy of the Deeds and other documents were given over to the Clerk for safe keeping. The deeds are left with the solicitors Howes Percival.

9 **Dates proposed for this years Meetings** were accepted and confirmed as Mondays

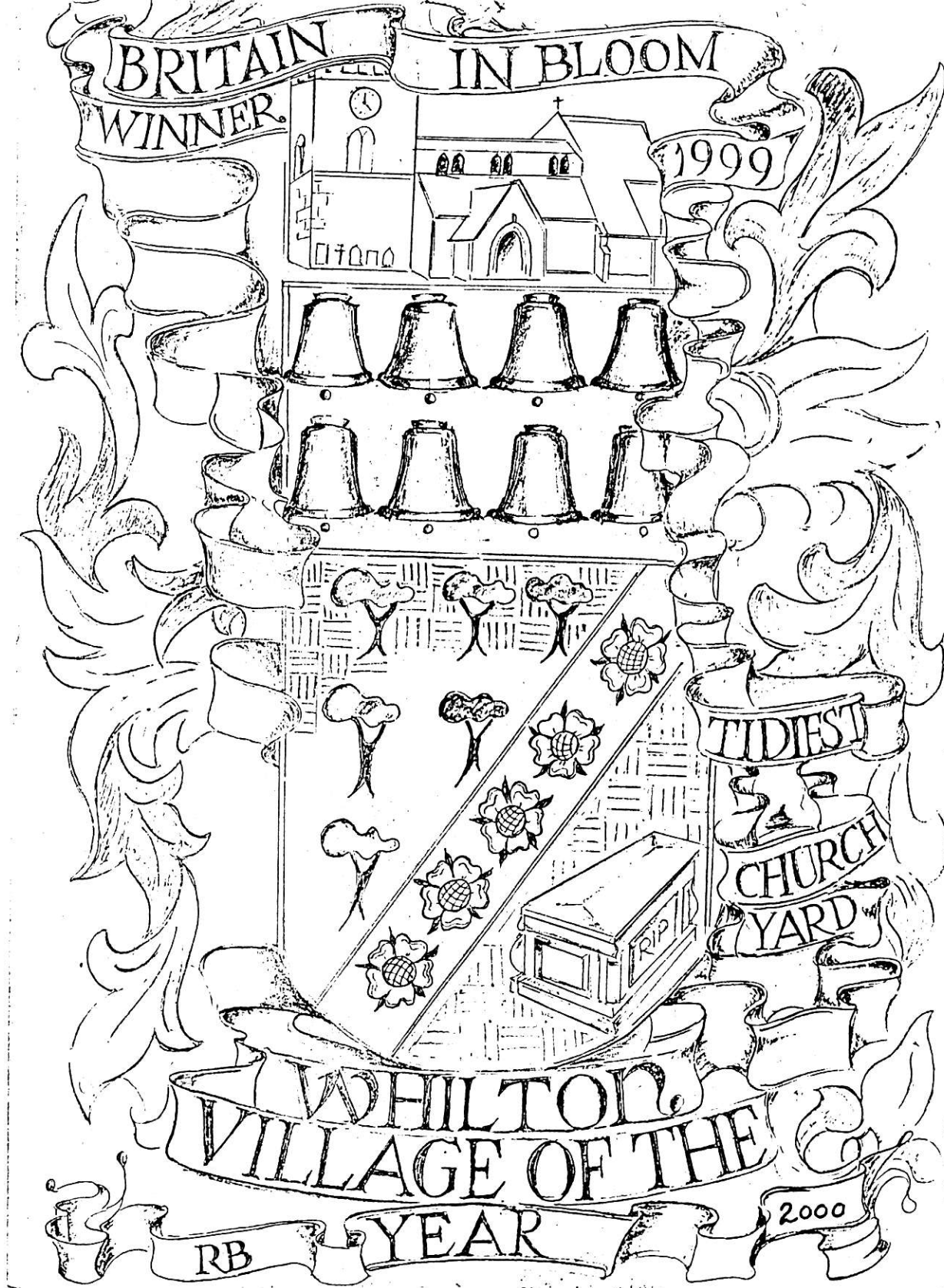
March 6<sup>th</sup>

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** (allows for the results of the election of a new Council)

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sept.4<sup>th</sup>

Nov.



**WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MILLENNIUM PROJECT**

A recent discussion took place about either a flagpole or plaque to mark the Millennium. It was suggested that perhaps combining our achievements in the "Tidy Village of the Year and Best Kept Churchyard with the "East Midlands in Bloom" competitions would be a good idea. Councillor Ray Barnes agreed to put forward a design for a shield which is shown above and this would be sited, subject to approval, on the village green

We appreciate that the description of the competitions is not correct in the above but this will be adjusted.

The Council would appreciate any comments from the residents of Whilton Parish.

Derek Brown, Whilton Parish Council (842968)

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## Yearly Crime Review

During 1999 there were no recorded crimes in Whilton village.

In fact, there has been no reported house burglary since November 1996. The last report of car crime was in December 1997

### This is an excellent record

It has not been necessary to use the Early Warning Cascade Telephone System for two years but in the past it has proved to be an efficient way of passing police messages around the village.

Updated telephone lists were delivered to every household last September and the system will be put into operation when required.

Between 1997 and 1999 there were several recorded crimes at Whilton Locks. These mostly involved caravans, parked cars and forced entry to commercial property.

### The threat of crime is never very far away

Daventry Police has recently issued warnings of a considerable increase in the number of daylight burglaries committed. Several local villages have been targeted.

### **A reminder to check house security and to close front gates before leaving home.**

Since 1995 the total number of crimes recorded in Whilton and Whilton Locks has fallen and it is now well below the national average.

With vigilance and with continuing high levels of home and car security, it is hoped that Whilton's low crime rate will continue throughout the year 2000

Christine Billsborough  
Co-ordinator.

## **STOP PRESS**

**On 18th January Daventry Police issued a warning regarding Antique Dealers in this area travelling in a White Ford Transit Van - H193 FBC**

**If you see this vehicle or if anyone calls on you trying to buy or sell "antiques" notify Daventry Police immediately.**

**Remember: do not buy or sell at the door  
do not allow callers into your house.**

**DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300**

Whilton Women's Institute  
Members' Night  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1999

Members' Night this year saw a change in format in the catering arrangements, reflecting the relaxed culture of this small group. Traditionally this is our pre-Christmas social so we were greeted at the door with a glass of mulled wine and, not surprisingly, the business was despatched quite quickly.

We helped ourselves to a buffet to which each member had contributed a dish - there were jacket potatoes (fresh from the oven) quiches, turkey and sweetcorn in a white sauce, prawn salad, waldorf salad, coleslaw - all home made and all delicious. We washed this down with a choice of red or white wine and everyone paid a return visit to the buffet table for seconds - the diet can wait until January!

In order to distract us from third helpings (we had to save room for dessert after all) Ros handed out a quiz on "Villages and Towns of Northamptonshire" which is reproduced below for you to try at home. Although trying to complete it individually many clues were offered across the table. Whether one clue was misheard we're not sure but we were all amused to hear that one member (who has asked to remain anonymous) thought "Why the candle has gone out" (no. 13 below) must be the village of Weedon! The quiz was jointly won by Theresa Egginton and me with 12 points each and considerably less entertaining answers.

The desserts were splendid too - warm pecan pie with custard, a beautifully presented fruit salad, a traditional trifle and cheese and biscuits. It was a shame that we could only manage to

sample one or two of these as they were all extremely tempting. We rounded off the meal with coffee and chocolates and drew the raffle. Prizes were won by Diana Scott, Dorothy Sawford, Kath Wright and Theresa Egginton and the proceeds of £15.00 have been donated to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Ros Gardner thanked everyone for contributing to our special evening and Frances Drake spoke for everyone in expressing our appreciation of the hard work that Ros had put into organising the event.

Whilton WI is a small and informal organisation. We meet once a month for a presentation on a variety of subjects and to enjoy each other's company. We would welcome any new members - why not come to a meeting in 2000 and see for yourself before deciding whether to join. Details of meetings are posted on the village notice board and included in the diary at the back of this newsletter.

Teresa Leadbetter

Quiz on Villages and Towns of  
Northamptonshire

1. Notice - going back without one.
2. Man's name - comes in.
3. Not old'n cured ham.
4. Stale shellfish.
5. Fluted wheel with garden tool.
6. Sounds like an old fashioned dance with no c.
7. Where the cleric puts his coat.
8. You'll find people hobbling.
9. One of five - overweight.
10. Pain in the neck.
11. Useful for breakfast.
12. Sounds like a famous racing venue.
13. Why the candle has gone out.
14. Expertly created.
15. More than 14lbs.

Answers over the page.



## Whilton Gardeners' Association

The A.G.M. and Christmas Social of the Gardeners' Association , held in the village hall in December was certainly an evening to remember.

28 members enjoyed a buffet supper (each member bringing a plate of goodies) including mouth-watering desserts. Mulled wine and hot punch completed the evening.

The raffle of a large box of Quality St chocolates was won by Vanessa Lowery, who generously shared them among the members.

The meeting prior saw the election of Ian Woods as chairman, Janet Bowers, secretary, Derek Brown, treasurer and Gill Denbigh, Kim Wheeler and Philip Grant, committee.

In the report of the Association's year it was stated that 1999 had been a successful and enjoyable year, with a variety of subjects covered and an excellent outing to Barnsdale.

The Association meets on the first Monday, bi-monthly - February, April, etc in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Again a variety of subjects will be covered and outings are being planned. Why not come and join a friendly society?

Janet Bowers

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### USED STAMPS

I have only a small bag of stamps , collected since Christmas. The response from the village has been very disappointing but many thanks to the few who took the trouble to save their stamps. I had several contributions from outside the village which was pleasing.

Trudy Haynes

### Quiz on Villages and Towns of Northamptonshire

#### Answers

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Ecton       | 9. Quinton    |
| 2. Daventry    | 10. Crick     |
| 3. Newnham     | 11. Towcester |
| 4. Aldwincle   | 12. Astcote   |
| 5. Cogenhoe    | 13. Lowick    |
| 6. Harlestone  | 14. Maidwell  |
| 7. Deanshanger | 15. Overstone |
| 8. Holcot      |               |

## Whilton Women's Institute

January \meeting 12.01.00

Members heard a very interesting talk from Mrs Gabbitas, the curator of Daventry Museum.

The museum is very young and has only been functioning for 10 years.

It is housed in the old Moot Hall and former council building and , although it has a beautiful facade, it suffers from many defects.

Mrs. Gabbitas made her struggles to develop the scope and contents of the museum not only very interesting but also very amusing. Originally it had only 100 exhibits and no opening times. Visitors had to get the key from the council offices and then lock up when they left and return th key. Naturally, there were very few visitors. Now there are far more exhibits than can be shown and so storage space is becoming a problem.

A very interesting programme of exhibitions is arranged,, covering paintings, textiles, photography, ceramics and enamels. A group called the "Friends of the Museum" hs been formed and now has over 100 members. They have a varied programme of lectures and outings and contribute to the working of the museum. Mrs, Gabbitas has applied for a Millennium Grant and if successful this would make it possible to expand the work of the museum, both for educational purposes for children and wider coverage of rural interests.

Other subjects discussed at the meeting were: our little orphaned elephant, the annual dinner, the county quiz, raising money and the thanks to the WI received for the Christmas gifts arranged by Janet Bowers.

Frances Drake

**The Editors** apologise for the incorrect spelling of Mrs. Gabbitas' name in the December issue of the *Newsletter*

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The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, Northants NN11 4BH

13th January 2000

Mr & Mrs H Haynes  
The Old Plough  
Main Street  
WHILTON  
Northants  
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Dear Mr & Mrs Haynes

**RE: VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

DACT is a voluntary organisation serving Daventry and the surrounding district. We provide volunteer drivers, using their own cars, to take people to medical appointments. Our priority clients are those who cannot access public transport either through disability or infirmity, or those who live where there is no public transport available. (Please see information leaflet enclosed).

Many Daventry based organisations are accused of being "Daventry-centric". Although we are based in Daventry, our remit also includes the surrounding district. We would like to develop stronger links with the villages and feel that the most appropriate way to do this is through the village newsletter. We would like to start up a library of village newsletters, to help us "tap in" to village activities where we might be able to promote our services, and to enable us to recruit new drivers. We hope that placing news items and articles in your newsletter on a fairly regular basis will be of benefit to the residents of your village. Plus DACT is always in need of extra volunteer drivers, *especially in the villages!*

My purpose in writing to you today is to ask if you would kindly complete, and post back, the enclosed newsletter response form and verify the information contained. We would be grateful if you could include DACT in your newsletter mailing list and inform us of any costs incurred in the way of postage etc.

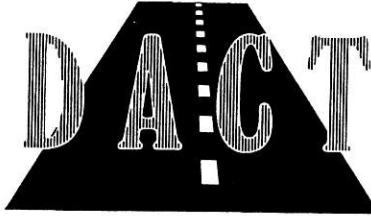
Many thanks,  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Page".

Maria Page  
**Office Administrator**

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**COMMUNITY MINIBUS SCHEME**

Telephone: 01327-701665 Fax: 01327-701667

DACT Minibuses are all 17-seater vehicle (i.e. 16 passenger seats + driver) available to any voluntary, caring, charitable groups throughout the Daventry District area. We have groups of all ages and sizes affiliated, from Mums & Tots through to Senior Citizens Groups. The Minibuses can safely carry wheelchairs and their occupants giving those with physical restrictions the opportunity to participate in their group's activities.

**WHO CAN HIRE A MINIBUS ?** *All groups who have affiliated with DACT. Affiliation costs £15 in the first year\* and £10 in subsequent years. (\*included in your first year's affiliation fee is your necessary Section 19 Minibus Permit which would normally cost you a one-off fee of £7)*

**WHO CAN DRIVE THE MINIBUS ?** Groups are encouraged to supply their own drivers all of whom must first successfully undertake the MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) Assessment. This is a nationally accepted standard adopted by the Community Transport Association and by many County Councils. The first driver for a Group will be assessed free of charge, additional driver assessment @ £10 per driver. Additional training is required if you wish to carry wheelchairs or use the passenger lift. This is a half-day Course costing £35 per driver.

**WHAT IS THE COST ?** *The charge is £16.50 per session (sessions 0600 - 1200 hrs, 1200 - 1800 hrs, 1800 - 0600 hrs). An optional accident damage waiver fee is available to waive the excess liability, @ £2.50 per session*

*Special rates for longer periods - please ask.*

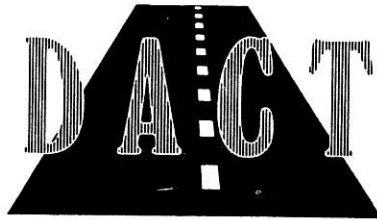
*Fuel costs are not included - the vehicle is full on collection and must be filled on return.*

**NATIONAL TRANSPORT TOKENS CAN BE USED TO PAY OR PART-PAY THE HIRE COSTS**

*An Information Pack giving full details of the scheme is available on application  
DACT are grateful to N.C.C. Planning & Transportation Dept., for advice & financial support.*

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO EXTEND OUR SERVICES IN ALL PARTS OF  
DAVENTRY DISTRICT. PLEASE TELEPHONE US IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY.**

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## **VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME**

Telephone: 01327-701666

*Are you elderly, disabled or otherwise unable to use the local bus service? Do you live in a village which has no bus service? If so, we may be able to solve your problems with transport to medical and other essential appointments.*

*DACT can call upon the services of volunteer drivers who will take you to your appointment. If required, they will accompany you into the establishment and give any help needed. In any event, they will wait (for up to two hours) and return you to your home afterwards.*

*What will it cost? There is no charge for the drivers' services, or for any waiting time. All you pay is a contribution towards the petrol costs, currently 35p per mile for the return journey. Partial subsidies may be available for longer journeys - please enquire. Our drivers will accept National Transport Travel Tokens.*

*Can I get help with the costs? If you receive certain State Benefits, and have a hospital appointment, you can normally reclaim your expenses. Please enquire when you make your booking. Please note that you are not entitled to use DACT just because you receive a benefit: if you are able to use public transport, you are expected to do so.*

*Do DACT only do medical journeys? We are not a taxi service, and cannot take you to work, shopping or on a pleasure trip. However, if an organisation such as Age Concern or Citizens Advice Bureau were to make a request on your behalf for a journey which was non-medical, but which they considered essential, we could normally help.*

*How do I book? Please ring 01327 701666 at least two working days before your appointment. Please tell us if you have any special needs, or if you need to take a wheelchair, walking frame, etc.*

DACT are grateful to Northamptonshire Health Authority, D.D.C & N.C.C. Planning & Transportation Dept., for advice & financial support.

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Dormer Cottage  
Whilton  
Daventry  
Northants NN11 5NN

6 January 1994

Dear Mr Haynes (Editor of Whilton Newsletter)

Would it be possible for you to include some publicity aimed at attracting would be footballers seeking to improve their fitness and overcoming the effects of the Christmas / millennium holiday excesses by joining our 5-a-side football group?

If so I would appreciate the following to appear in the next issue of the Whilton Newsletter.

Do you -

Need to work off all the excesses of the Christmas / Millennium break ?

Need regular exercise to help keep fit?

Enjoy playing football?

Then come and play 5-a-side football with us on the outside pitch at Daventry. Age and ability no barrier (well it hasn't been so far).

Contact Steve Martin on 01327 842333

Thanks Steve Martin.



## ...Run The Daffodil Run The Daffodil Run The Daffodil Run...

### It's that time of year again.

For the last two years, as I am sure you are aware, Marie Curie Cancer Care has held The Daffodil Run in this area. This 10km and half marathon road race, circuiting Althorp Park and passing through Little and Great Brington, Upper and Lower Harlestone and Whilton, has raised £82,000 to date which has been an amazing achievement on the part of the runners. We are repeating the event this year on **Sunday, March 5th** and, although we dare not hope to sustain the magnificent sums raised at each of the two previous Daffodil Runs, we hope that it will raise a substantial contribution towards funding the Marie Curie nursing service in the county.

Many local villagers, both committed runners and first-timers, have taken part in The Daffodil Run and I would like to encourage anyone that can to enter this year. The Run has also been magnificently supported at local level by people volunteering to be Marshals and I would welcome any offers of help again.

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 resident. 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 cross-roads, through Little Brington, along to Great Brington and back down to the West Lodge to finish. The mass of the runners for the 10k will take around 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, Marshalling or just being tolerant for one Sunday morning in March.

**For further information, or an entry form contact Jane Mahood 01604 717070 (Office hours) or 01604 770091 (evenings)**

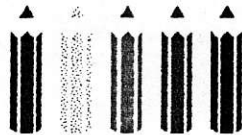
## WHILTON MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

**Unfortunately at the time the firework display was due to commence it became rather damp due to the very heavy rain which started just before 11.00 pm. However, Mike Lewis, Chairman of the Parish Council and his wife Barbara were not to be beaten and carried on under very difficult conditions to complete the display. Well over 60 residents of the parish also braved the elements before adjourning to the comfort of the village hall. Here they were served with mulled wine, nibbles and a celebratory drink at midnight.**

**This was a very successful evening to mark the special occasion and our thanks go to those people who were involved in the preparation of the event.**

**This event was financed by the Parish Council and Village Hall Fund.**

WPC & WVH



# **Brington & Whilton Pre-school**

A Registered Nursery Education Provider and a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

**We are delighted to announce that the group has received a very successful Ofsted report. This is a wonderful beginning to the new year and shows that we have a thriving, well run group, which is achieving good results, within the village and serving the local area. Our numbers are currently healthy and we look forward to a successful year.**

**Christmas seems to have been a long time ago now, but the children did perform very well in their nativity at St Andrews Church and our thanks go to Mrs Janet Bowers for leading our Christmas celebration and to Mr John Townley for accompanying us on the organ. Following the service a raffle was held in the village hall whilst we enjoyed coffee and mince pies and a grand total of £85 was raised. Our thanks to everyone who contributed.**

**Our topic for this term is winter, where we will be looking at snow and ice, winter clothes, animals and birds in winter. We shall be making various items associated to this topic, using a variety of materials, including snowstorms and seed cakes for wild birds.**

**Should you require any further information regarding the Pre-school group, please contact me on 01327 843543.**

**Sara Mitchell**





## THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



During this very wet weather, progress in the spinney has been curtailed. When the weather improves we hope to use some felled trees to upgrade the paths.

In December, Daventry Express took a photograph of the handover of the deeds to the spinney by the donors (Mr & Mrs Davies) to Derek Brown, Chairman of the Whilton Spinney Project Management Group as seen below with some members of the Group and Working Party.



In the early Spring there should be many plants appearing on the woodland floor and hopefully around the pond and in the banks and our next Spinney Report (3) will reflect this exciting new growth.

We have been pleased to note that even during the heavy rain of the last few weeks, the pond has been able to maintain the same level, so the overflow must be adequate.

**The next Working Party will be on Sunday 13th February 2000, 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm, weather permitting. Please watch noticeboard.**

D.F.B.

# SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

## FEBRUARY 2000

<b>6TH</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b>UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT WHILTON</b>
<b>13TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>20TH</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>27TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>

## MARCH 2000

<b>5TH</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b>UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HARLESTONE</b>
<b>12TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>BENEFICE CHORAL EVENSONG</b>
<b>19TH</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>26TH</b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST AT <u>NORTON</u></b>



## WHILTON CAROL SINGERS

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously on Wednesday 22nd December: a total of £174.03 was collected.

This year the money was donated to the Allibone Ward of Northampton General Hospital, where Gareth Morris was cared for after his car accident.

Sister Sweeney gratefully accepted the money which will purchase two portable televisions. A plaque will be placed on each one stating "Kindly donated by Whilton Carol Singers 1999".

Many thanks,  
Barbara Morris

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sam and Stuart Fitzhugh on the birth of their daughter Scarlett May, a sister for Joshua, on 1st December 1999.

*I would like to thank everyone who kindly gave their time and help in my long-standing ambition to install a seat in the memory of my parents in Whilton Churchyard.*

*Thanks especially to Mike Lewis, Janet & Ken Bowers and Whilton Parochial Church Council; also David Joseph of Milton Crematorium.*

*Thanks to you all  
Nora Swinford*

## **WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB**

### **December 1999**

1st Prize	006	I.Walton	£40 + £10
2nd Prize	155	D Scott	£20 + £10
3rd Prize	141	K Wright	£10 + £10

A special £10 bonus was added to each prize for December. The draw took place on New Year's Eve at the Village Hall in front of a large crowd of parishioners, gathered to welcome in the new Millennium.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS**



## **WHILTON MILLENNIUM MUGS**

The initial order for 70 mugs was completed just before Christmas and all have now been distributed. Mr Peter Ilsley is prepared to produce further mugs but the minimum order must be at least 12.

These mugs, which were individually made, are very attractive now bearing an emblem incorporating the church in Whilton and a narrow boat on the canal for Whilton Locks. A number of people who have seen the mug are keen to purchase one for posterity and further orders are now being taken. I have already received instructions for eight mugs.

The cost of a mug is £6, payable at the time of placing an order. Your order can be given to Derek Brown, Cherry Orton, Main Street. (842968) by 19th February at the latest.

Derek Brown  
Whilton Parish Council

## CAR BOOT SALE

**Sunday, 21st May, 12 noon - 3.00 pm** in Wadd Close by kind permission of the Emery family. Sell those unwanted items and MAKE MONEY. Book your site - £5 per car - phone 842851

If you do not have sufficient items for a car boot, maybe you would like to donate them to the Church stall, if so, please phone Linda Treacy on 842034.

## CONCERT

**Saturday 23rd June** prior to the FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS on **Sunday 24th June**

**MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT ISSUE**

## MISSING

Two copies of the words edition of "Hymns Old and New" are missing from St Andrew's. Please could you see if you have mistakenly taken one home with you. It is so easy to do so when leaving a service, chatting to a fellow member of the congregation.

Thank you  
Janet Bowers

## COPPER MILE UPDATE

Once again we are moving forward and I am pleased to report that we now have enough copper coins to reach 1/7<sup>th</sup> of a mile if they were placed in a line on the ground. Sincere thanks go to all who have donated so far and also a reminder that all funds raised through the copper mile are going to the church designated fund for St Andrews here in Whilton. Hopefully we can keep the mile progressing at it's present rate and maybe reach the quarter mile mark by the flower festival. So now's the time to spring clean those drawers and dark corners and perhaps discover a few coppers lurking at the bottom. Both Janet Bowers and Gill Denbigh are happy to receive donations at any time or they can be left at the collection point in church.

Gill Denbigh

## Summary of Events

Sun 6 Feb 10.00am Benefice Sung Eucharist - **WHILTON**

Mon 7 Feb 7.30pm Whilton Gardeners' Association

Wed 9 Feb 7.30pm Women's Institute - Photography (Ken Bowers)

Sun 13 Feb 2.00pm Spinney Project Working Party

Sun 12 Dec 4.00pm Whilton Church - Christingle Service

Sat 19 Feb Deadline for ordering Millennium Map

Mon 6 March Parish Council Meeting

Wed 8 Mar 7.30pm W.I. - Subject -Wild Flowers of Great Britain  
(Film)- G.D. Larkin

Fri 17 Mar **Newsletter deadline for April issue**

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