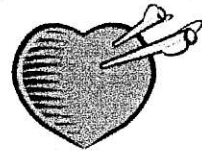




# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2003

Valentines



BY ALICE GRANT

## NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

In this issue:

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## **PARISH MATTERS!**

The new year started well for the Parish Council with a turn out of all members, our district and county Councillors, and five representatives of the public- a record beginning. It was a time to tidy up actions and consider new possibilities.

### **Rugby Airport and Strategic Planning Changes**

Protests about Rugby Airport had been dispatched but as you may know a legal challenge/ decision has insisted the consultation be extended to include Gatwick this time. The White Paper promised for March is now unlikely to appear until Autumn. Mr and Mrs Amos were also able to assist the Chairman explaining to us the implications of changes in the making of the County Structural Plan, which is seeking apparently to diminish the input of the District Councils and by implications Parish Councils, possibly as a prelude to Regional Government. In the document Daventry was seen as very much under the influence of Northampton and Rugby. The Council wished its concern about losing influence in planning to be underlined.

### **Planning Applications**

Planning seemed a rather overwhelming theme to the meeting. Much time was spent discussing the merits of the new planning application to rebuild and greatly extend the now defunct Garden Centre at the Locks. Members were impressed with the detail and landscaping promised in the new plans and generally welcomed the proposals but wished observations to be made about the limited parking and very restricted access. A narrow entrance used by both lorries delivering to this large centre and the general public posed potential hazards. The traffic restrictions of the rail and canal bridges could pose problems at peak times coinciding with carpet, marina, and mill use to which the planners should give thought. The Council confirmed the detailed response written by the clerk after their special meeting and interviews with neighbours on the very retrospective planning application for the raised steps area in front of Apsley Cottage in Buckby Lane. It accepted it had no observations on secondary glazing for the Stone House and authorised the clerk to complete the Best Value Review questionnaire on the local planning department.

### **Village Green and Stiles**

The Clerk could only report very limited headway in registering the village green but he had received his first written submission on how the green had been used over the last twenty years. Although his main hope remained a volunteer to co-ordinate the whole process he was keen to receive other short letters from long term residents or their children who had used the green for recreational purposes, with if possible any dated pictures from albums (copies paid for by the Council). As it was still possible to submit new grant applications to the NCC Area Committee it was hoped to obtain estimates for three stiles in need of replacement before the deadline.

### **Roads, Roads, and Roads**

Highways as often demanded a lot of attention. The clerk reported he had already rung the emergency centre three times about the water and deep pothole at the Railway Bridge at the Locks. They had been out twice to mend it but the pothole just appeared again. The Chairman indicated that the problem of the water came from alterations made to a railway ditch, which would have to be sorted.

Another member reported the havoc caused by water suddenly gushing from the trackway just above Langton Rise and then freezing on the hill. All the salt in the bin had been used. More had been ordered but clearly if surface water from the fields is appearing Highways would need to discuss with the owners.

#### **Highway's Responses**

Meanwhile Highways had replied to concerns raised as a result of Councillors walkabout in September. It is not feasible on policy or money grounds to move the 30mph posts apparently. They consider the perished bricks at the bottom of South View steps not yet dangerous and wire at the top needs to get worse before they replace it. They had tapped back the loose bank retaining slab opposite Two Hoots. It was reported this seems to move when it rains and one is out again. The bad road surface opposite Langton Rise is considered not bad enough to warrant an unscheduled visit by the carriageway patching gang. The warden has been asked to carry out temporary repairs. Dealing with surplus road water around Lower Farmhouse was still the subject of an action plan involving a kerb across the vehicle access. However water at the bend by the Green was a new report and would be monitored.

This same area was also the subject of a separate discussion as a very unsightly heavy vehicle track had scoured the Bank on the bend. It was reported to the meeting that this had been done by a rubbish collection lorry on 16<sup>th</sup> December while negotiating parked cars for a function at the village hall. I was asked to raise this with the DDC.

#### **NCC Budget Strategy**

It was then pertinent to be asked by NCC to comment on their strategy for the coming budget round. This caused some caustic discussion in that the plan appears to require, despite the most favourable settlement for years, a rise in rates of 9.5% to increase money to Education and build up depleted reserves, while further cuts in Social Services and Highway Budgets have been proposed in separate communications to the Clerk. Possibly an accountant could make it add up but Councillors couldn't and asked the clerk to make a response in that vein.

#### **Other Matters**

The usual payments were authorised but in addition there was the renewal of Parish Membership of the Open Spaces Society to help us with the registration of the Green and the last triennial audit fee of £111.04. We were also asked to comment on changes already being suggested to the new audit regulations including the dropping of the requirement to have an independent auditor for small Councils just after NALC had set up its scheme. The need for a little more thought before action was underlined by a recent letter from our new independent improved auditors that they had been overwhelmed by the response of Councils in submitting the required forms and so would take some time to reply!! We also have a new statutory responsibility for crime prevention from a 1998 Crime and Disorder Act.

#### **Better Things**

Finally we moved on to better things. Section 137 permitted Payments, limited for years to £3.50 per elector, has risen to £5 allowing this Council to spend upto £1137 per year from its precept on benefits for the community not specifically required. Horace Clements, one of our oldest residents who died recently, has left a gift of £300 to the Parish Council for the improvement of the village. A gracious gesture, about which the Parish Council was pleased to hear, and is likely to use in the improvement of the Green

### **Parish Council Vacancy**

Finally, finally the Council is seeking nominations for the Council Vacancy caused by the resignation of Lindon Morris as a result of ill health. If there is more than one interested party then there would be an election, failing that the Council will seek to make a co-option for the remainder of the term of office- March 2004. Please consider this and, if at all interested to know more, speak to the Clerk or Chairman Mike Lewis before the end of February. Our next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Continued Allotment Vacancies;** The new growing season approaches. Why not grow your own fresh flowers and vegetables. Please contact me (843319) if interested.

**Tenders Invited:** In the absence of a volunteer the Chairman is inviting tenders from within the Parish for the renovation or replacement of the Village Green Notice Board. This will include both improvements to the visibility of the notices and any suggested separately costed cosmetic changes to the appearance of the board in keeping with its central village location and improvements to the Green.

These are to be submitted to the Clerk by mid day on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003. Any further details can be obtained from the Chairman or clerk if required..



### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

There are a number of regular contributors to Whilton Newsletter who submit their articles together with a supporting PC disk.

It would be very helpful if all contributors could submit a disk together with their paper copy, as quite often we need to put two separate articles on the same page where there is space and this would save time if we have a disk which enables us to resize without retyping.

E-mail addresses of the editors are shown on the last page of the Newsletter if this method is preferred by contributors.

The deadline is really only intended for events that are taking place fairly close to the publication of the newsletter. All other articles may be submitted at any time after the publication of the last newsletter which will take a little pressure off the editors in preparing for the publication of the next issue.



**The front cover of this edition was designed by Alice Grant of Manor Lane aged nine.**

**We are grateful for the interest shown and this contribution to the newsletter**

**Eds.**

## **CLIFFORD AND ANNA ELLISON**

Approximately 18 months ago we received the surprising news from Clifford that he and Anna were moving down to Wiltshire where they had purchased a house. It was expected that the move would have taken place prior to Christmas 2001 but for various reasons they did not eventually move until just before Christmas 2002. Unfortunately it was not possible, prior to their leaving the district, to arrange an informal meeting to thank them personally for their sterling work in the parish and to wish them well for the future.

Clifford and Anna have been very active in our community especially with St Andrew's Whilton.

Anna was a sidesperson for many years and on the Brasses and Flowers Roster.

Clifford was also a sidesperson, reader and a member of the Parochial Church Council in addition to using his artistic skills in many directions.

They were a great asset to St Andrews raising money for the General Fund by way of concerts in the church and by designing Christmas cards, having them printed and also being very involved with their sale. Clifford was also very well known in the Benefice and possibly further afield for his angels and holly balls that were the main part of the Christmas decorations in the church

With Clifford and Anna having moved this year the angels were taken out of store and a little plastic surgery was necessary prior to their being 'put to flight' in the chancel. The persons responsible were not too sure that they would have passed the critical eye of Clifford in the positioning of the angels. These have now gone into store again and hopefully we will be able to make use of them at Christmas time 2003 . Unfortunately our skills were limited and we were only able to make two not four holly balls.

Anna and Clifford were involved in many aspects in the life of Whilton and will be very much missed, leaving a void that is going to be very difficult to fill.

We thank them for their loyal support over the years and through this newsletter (a copy will be sent to them) we wish them every happiness and good health in their new home.

**Parochial Church Council of Whilton Parish**



## **ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY**



Our well laid plan for a working/social party in the spinney on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2002 was cancelled due to torrential rain and the revised date – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 was also cancelled due to adverse weather. However the proposed work of clearing the ditch has since been started and perhaps, weather permitting, we may be able to organise another working party in late February 2003. Please watch village green and spinney noticeboards.

Of the 33 trees recently purchased, five have been planted in the spinney and the remaining need to be planted as soon as conditions are suitable.

Northants County Council have now installed a new footbridge and kissing gate over the ditch on the south east side of the spinney. We are very fortunate in having this work carried out without cost to ourselves as normally it would have been our responsibility.

Most Sunday afternoons there is work being carried out in 'your' spinney, although not always advertised, and everyone is welcome to come along and help with the many tasks

A recent incident in the field leading to the spinney has been brought to our attention and we feel this may be an opportune time to remind everyone of the Countryside Code.

The rules to observe are as follows:-

- 1 Do not forget to close gates behind you and take your litter home.
- 2 Guard against all fire risk.
- 3 Keep dogs under proper control.
- 4 Keep to the paths across farmland.
- 5 Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls
- 6 Safeguard water supplies
- 7 Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- 8 Respect the life of the countryside.

Referring to 3 above we would emphasise that dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in situations where animals are grazing. Sheep in particular are easily frightened and during the period when they may be in lamb it is even more essential for their wellbeing that dogs are kept under control.

Management Committee



## **SPONSOR A TREE IN THE SPINNEY**



As noted above we still have 28 trees to plant. How about sponsoring a tree in your family's name and maybe get involved in the planting ?? The cost of the tree will be £5 and if you would like to take this constructive part in the development of your spinney, please contact either Shirley or Derek Brown on 842968 or Anthea Hiscock on 843319.

The more sponsorship we can obtain the greater the impact on our extremely low funds.



## HOWARD TOOLEY 1925 – 2002

Howard was born at Sudborough, Nr Kettering where his father farmed. On leaving school he joined his father in the family business. He met Grace, who was a nurse at Northampton General Hospital and married her in 1950 at St Andrew's Church, Whilton. Grace lived in Whilton in her earlier years and is related to various families in the area and comes from a farming background too.

When Howard and Grace were first married they came to live in Whilton as the plan was that Grace's father was to locate a farm for them to run in this area.

However with the start of their family, the house in Whilton did not provide the required accommodation. They looked around the area but ended up living in Main Road, Duston. At this stage Howard was working for Grace's father (Alf Cook) who was a farmer and cattle dealer at Kingsthorpe. Some nine years later Glebe Farm was taken over for Howard and until 1977 this was a very active farm with cattle and a large flock of sheep.

On the site of the present bungalow was a large house (circa 1650) owned by one of Grace's aunts and which was eventually left to her. This property was in a very poor structural state and it was decided that it should be demolished and the present bungalow built on the site. This was occupied by Howard and Grace and their daughters Ruth and Elizabeth in 1972.

Grace's father died in 1977 and Howard continued with the farming activity until 1985 when, due to poor health, and the stress of lambing, decided to run down the farming activities. It was at this stage he was able to fulfil his lifelong ambition and that was to keep Highland Cattle and other rare breeds. He also had a great passion for Shire Horses.

We have lost yet another character in our village and although he may have appeared a quiet and unassuming man to many people in the village, he was very much aware of what was going on. He had a dry sense of humour which his family and friends knew well and he was a man for securing a 'bargain'. He would travel miles to obtain a bargain but perhaps did not always weigh up the economics of the journeys involved. He was apparently somewhat of an embarrassment at some sales and if Grace was with him, she would quite often walk away. He was even well known at Ludlow cattle market.

Howard was extremely poorly for several months and died in hospital on 10th December 2002.

His passion for Shire Horses was remembered on his death and his coffin was borne on a carriage drawn by Shire Horses through the village to St Andrew's Church. After the service the carriage made its way through the village to Hill Top Farm and at that point a modern means of transport was used for the journey on to the Crematorium.

With sympathy to Grace and family.

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# WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



## 2003 PROGRAMME

This year we have a full programme of interesting speakers, including:

3<sup>rd</sup> February: 'Bulbs', presented by Mrs Cropley

7<sup>th</sup> April: 'The Beauty of Trees', presented by Brian Webster

2<sup>nd</sup> June: 'Advanced Colour in the Border', presented by John Beckwith

4<sup>th</sup> August: 'Orchids', presented by Mr Larkin

6<sup>th</sup> October: 'The Bog Garden', presented by Mr Billington

1<sup>st</sup> December: Whilton Garden Association Annual General Meeting and Social Evening

All meetings start at 7.30 in Whilton Village Hall.

We are also organising a series of special events, including visits to gardens and social evenings. These will be advertised in a future edition of the Whilton Newsletter.

If you want to get more from your gardening, why not come and join us – there's always more to learn!

### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN**

Just a reminder that the County library van calls in the village every other Tuesday at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough, Main Street.

Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained. Why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The FEBRUARY dates will be 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and the MARCH dates also 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Brington & Whilton Pre-School

The Pre-School is still thriving in our small community, we at present have 13 children and are expecting another two children to join us at half term.

We enjoyed Christmas and celebrated within Whilton Church with Jesus's Birthday Party, all the children joined in with singing and acting to friends, parents and grandparents, then we finished with coffee and mince pies. Thank you to all who helped make this possible, by either opening up the church or playing the organ. Later that week we enjoyed our Christmas party, with plenty of games, food and presents from Father Christmas.

At the back end of last year we were busy learning about how we had grown, our families and celebrations we have, like birthdays. This term we are looking at various nursery rhymes and within these we are learning actions, our colours and how to count.

Back in October, an inspector from OFSTED visited us to inspect our standards; we were very encouraged and pleased to report that the only point that they picked up on was that our Child Protection Policy needed updating in view of events that happened last summer.

We are a small friendly group who take children from 2yrs 6mths and school age and meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and our aims are:

- To provide a safe, friendly and stimulating environment, where children can develop as individuals at their own pace.
- The group aims to introduce the children to a wide range of activities with the emphasis on 'Learning through Play'.
- The children are encouraged to be self-confident, independent and self-expressive.
- The children are given the opportunity to interact with other children of their own age and to develop the necessary social skills in preparation for formal schooling.

If you have young children and would like to know more about us or would like to visit, please call **Jenny Holman on 01604 770083**.



### DAFFODIL RUN 2003



This years Daffodil Run takes place on Sunday, March 2nd at Castle Ashby.

As I look out of the window, the rain is pouring down and I can hardly wait!

The 'Fun Run' is organised to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

I do hope you will sponsor someone entering the run; it's hard work but very rewarding

Thank you

Jo Grant - 844731



## WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

DECEMBER 2002

|           |     |         |     |
|-----------|-----|---------|-----|
| 1st Prize | 152 | C Print | £40 |
| 2nd Prize | 026 | M Kane  | £20 |
| 3rd Prize | 056 | L Tibbs | £10 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS



**The Village Hall Management Committee thank the Collectors for all their hard work in 2002 and are very grateful that they have all agreed to continue in 2003.**

**Approximately 50% of the money raised helps us to keep the Village Hall open as an asset to Whilton Parish and hopefully pay for improvements and repairs. The money raised from rent and hiring is not sufficient for all the expenses, mainly because we are still very generous with our hiring and rent charges which we think we may have to increase this year. We also installed booster heater fans which now warm the hall up to required Social Service standards, not economical.**

**Please support the Village Hall again this year and if either the full £13 or a greater proportion of the year's ticket subscription can be paid to the collector, it would help enormously in the administration and also the work of those involved in the collection.**

**Village Hall Management Committee**



## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



**Philip Waights is now back in circulation and ready to take over his duties. Many thanks to Derek Brown for fielding all the police e-mails etc in the meantime. He of course remains assistant Watch Co-ordinator.**

**I am happy to say that no incidents have been reported in the village since the last report but an attempt was made to remove a trailer from Whilton Mill.**

**Burglaries of tack continue, as does distraction burglaries. A new innovation is the theft of cars left running in a drive whilst the windows demist. If your credit card is eaten by the machine do not take notice of the kind gentlemen who suggests you type in your pin again, they just want to get your number.**

**Best wishes for a trouble free 2003.**

**Philip Waights. – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.**

## **BRINGTON BONFIRE NIGHT 2002**

The damp squib is something of a cliché usually referring to an event which promises much but fails to live up to expectations. This year our squibs were very damp indeed but thanks to some fine pyrotechnic work they still banged, whizzed and sparkled just as well as ever.

For the event itself we had spent just about as much this year as last year -in fact about 10% more on the fireworks and slightly less on other things. But the persistent rain during the day -which happily did not dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the many local people who helped with the set-up -discouraged a lot of villagers from turning out in the evening. Although prices have been held for at least three years, numbers through the gate were about 40% down with the result was that income fell proportionately on the barbecue, hot drinks etc.

Even so, after accounting for some generous sponsorships from local businesspeople, we still made a small surplus on the night and I hope that the brave ones who did come had as entertaining a time as ever. Is it not an advertising slogan currently that there is no such thing as bad weather, only the 'wrong clothes'? And anyway, it did stop raining for a twenty minute spell when we were watching the display!

One of my organiser-colleagues mentioned in a recent Brington Newsletter that sadly this is not the complete tale about the Committee's finances. We have been lucky enough to tuck some cash away over the last few years (literally...) for a rainy day. And we did have something spare to cover any reasonable shortfall. As noted above despite everything we still did not incur one in 2002 but what we did face was a massive hike in our insurance premium which came up for renewal in July and is not included as a cost of the event.



Various national news items show that every organisation such as ours has been hit the same and in spite of research by brokers we could not get the premium down below £1050, in part because of the obvious risks where events including fire and explosives. If we had ever had a claim in the past no doubt we would have had to pay more! As it is, the result is that in round terms, committee funds are now about £1000 less than we had at the start of the summer. Moreover -and this is the key point -we do not have enough left to run the bonfire event next year on the same basis.

Our soundings around the villages tell us that many people, particularly those with children, would be very disappointed if the annual traipse to the fireworks at Bodfish were not to happen again. There are lots of ideas being pulled together by Phil Coupland and David Risbridger (both of Great Brington) about options for funding the bonfire event -and possibly others -in 2003. In the New Year they plan to communicate widely on the subject and will be pleased to receive any constructive ideas and comments then. They need lots of help to preserve this long-standing local village event.

For instance, do we want to be like a village in Wiltshire this year that could not afford the insurance to allow them to have a bonfire. They celebrated 5 November by hiding flashing lights behind red and orange crepe paper inside a pile of sticks. And then hired a smoke-machine to complete the bonfire effect. Not for us?? Well, anyone that it matters to needs to let their voice be heard when some decisions are made in the New Year.

*Richard Bunce*

Hon Treasurer, The Villages Committee



# CHURCH MATTERS

## ASSISTANT PRIEST

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December we hosted the Benefice Sung Eucharist Service – a special occasion in that we also welcomed Bishop Frank and the Revd. Derek Williams on their first ever visit to Whilton. It was during the service that Derek was licensed by Bishop Frank as the Assistant Priest to the Benefice.

We welcome both Derek and his wife Susan and their family to the parishes and their new home at The Rectory Church, Brampton.

On Christmas morning Derek conducted his first service (Family Eucharist) at St Andrew's Whilton.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** - held in church on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December was a colourful affair and raised £442 for the Designated Kitchen Fund.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** - The proceeds from this quiz amounted to £61 which has been allocated to the General Fund

The PCC would like to thank all those who helped and support the events.

**CHRISTINGLE** - Following the Market, the next day, Sunday, saw a group of mums and juniors busy making the Orange Christingles for the afternoon service. The collection from this service is sent to The Children's Society – a really worthwhile charity helping needy children and young adults.

## VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

This is planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for this year's flower arrangements is 'Nursery Rhymes' plus 'Teddy Bears Picnic' display in the ringing chamber. If you can help in any way, open your garden, arrange flowers etc., please contact Janet on 842851.

In conjunction with the Festival there will be a Scarecrow Trail as last year so start planning now. Last year's was really successful and imaginative.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Car Boot Sale
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September Car Boot Sale
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Christmas Market

More details in the next Newsletter but if you can help do contact one of the Fundraising / Social Committee members – Joanne Grant, Mary Emery, Susan Townley, Eileen Finnemore (Whilton Locks), Linda Treacy or Janet Bowers.

## FLOODLIGHTS

**This facility is available for all celebrations or to remember a loved one or if you would just like to see the church floodlit. At a small cost of £5 the church can be floodlit for the evening making any occasion very special for you.**

**Contact Janet Bowers on 842851**

Janet Bowers, Churchwarden

**ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ RELATING TO PARISHES IN  
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE**

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Byfield            | 10. Barby      | 19 Eydon        |
| 2. Badby              | 11. Isham      | 20 Rockingham   |
| 3. Farthinghoe        | 12. Crick      | 21 Lamport      |
| 4. Haselbeach         | 13. Clipston   | 22 Maidwell     |
| 5. Ringstead          | 14. Gayton     | 23 Upton        |
| 6. Oxendon            | 15. Islip      | 24 Courteenhall |
| 7. Whilton            | 16. Towcester  | 25 Long Buckby  |
| 8. Whiston            | 17. Aldwinckle |                 |
| 9. Chipping<br>Warden | 18. Brockhall  |                 |

**SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON**

**FEBRUARY 2003**

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| <b><u>2ND</u></b> | <b><u>10.00 AM</u></b> | <b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT<br/>HARLESTONE</u></b> |
| <b>9TH</b>        | <b>11.00 AM</b>        | <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>                                   |
| <b>16TH</b>       | <b>11.00 AM</b>        | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>                                   |
| <b>23RD</b>       | <b>11.00 AM</b>        | <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>                                   |

**MARCH 2003**

|                   |                             |   |
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| <b><u>2ND</u></b> | <b><u>10.00 AM</u></b>      | <b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT<br/>NORTON</u></b> |
| <b>5TH</b>        | <b>7.30 PM</b>              | <b>HOLY COMMUNION -<br/>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>           |
| <b>9TH</b>        | <b>11.00 AM</b>             | <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>                               |
| <b>16TH</b>       | <b>6.00 PM</b>              | <b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>                               |
| <b>23RD</b>       | <b>11.00 AM</b>             | <b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>                               |
| <b>30TH</b>       | <b>11.00 AM<br/>6.00 PM</b> | <b>FAMILY SERVICE<br/>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST</b>   |

## CHRISTMAS CAROL AND SONG QUIZ

A big thank-you to everyone who purchased a Christmas Quiz Sheet. I understand from feedback that most people thoroughly enjoyed the challenge but some had to have 'counselling'. Well done to the 20 entries returned (out of 98 sold)

However there was one resounding winner with a score of 47 correct answers. £25 was presented to Jon & Helen Brierley by the Revd. Chris Goble on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2002.

Below are the answers:-

| No. | Initials    | First line & name of song/hymn   |
|-----|-------------|--|
| 1   | ICT         | It's Christmas time  |
| 2   | SNHN        | Silent Night Holy Night  |
| 3   | IDOAWC      | I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas  |
| 4   | WCIT        | What Child is this   |
| 5   | WSWTFBN     | While Shepherds watch their flocks by night  |
| 6   | GCNRWHASAV  | Good Christian men rejoice with heart and song and voice   |
| 7   | GRYMG       | God rest you merry gentlemen   |
| 8   | AIWFCAITFT  | All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth   |
| 9   | OBTSMCAC    | Oh Beneath this snowy mantle cold and clean (Snowbird)   |
| 10  | OTFDOC      | On the First day of Christmas  |
| 11  | WTKOOA      | We three Kings of Orient are   |
| 12  | TCLAK       | The Child is a King (Mistletoe and Wine)   |
| 13  | DTHWBOH     | Decks the Halls with boughs of Holly   |
| 14  | LCSYNH      | Last Christmas I gave you my heart (Last Christmas)  |
| 15  | OCTOCT      | Oh Christmas tree Oh Christmas Tree  |
| 16  | DDMOH       | Ding Dong Merrily on High  |
| 17  | WSGSUTC     | When Santa got stuck up the Chimney  |
| 18  | TFNTADS     | The first Noel the Angel did say   |
| 19  | FTS         | Frostie the Snowman  |
| 20  | WWITA       | We're Walking in the Air   |
| 21  | BCYH        | Bambino can you hear (Napoli Lullaby)  |
| 22  | OLTOB       | Oh Little Town of Bethlehem<br>Christmas comes but once a year for every girl & boy (The Little Boy that Santa Claus forget) |
| 23  | CCBOAYFEGAB |  |

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|----|------------|---|
| 24 | ICUTMC     | It cam upon the Midnight clear  |
| 25 | CTAOTP     | Christmas Toys all over the place (I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus)       |
| 26 | ISTSCSI    | I saw three ships come sailing in   |
| 27 | GKWLO      | Good 'Ong Wenceslas Looked out  |
| 28 | JBJBJBR    | Jingle Bell Jingle Bell Jingle Bell Rock                                  |
| 29 | STICAWHYD  | So this is Christmas and what have you done (War is Over)                 |
| 30 | OIRDC      | Once in Royal David's City  |
| 31 | THATI      | The Holly and the Ivy   |
| 32 | LDLD       | Little Donkey Little Donkey   |
| 33 | CMYFE      | Christmas makes you feel emotional (Silver Bells)                         |
| 34 | HWCAW      | Here we come a-wassailing   |
| 35 | AIAM       | Away in a Manger  |
| 36 | RATCT      | Rockin around the Christmas Tree  |
| 37 | IHTBOCD    | I heard the Bells on Christmas Day  |
| 38 | LTAIB      | Long Time ago in Bethlehem (Mary's Boychild)                              |
| 39 | SHAOBOS    | See him aying on a bed of straw (Calypso Carol)                           |
| 40 | ITBMW      | In the Bleak Midwinter  |
| 41 | HTHAS      | Mark the Herald Angels Say  |
| 42 | WYIYAMC    | We Wish you a Merry Christmas   |
| 43 | TSTBSAC    | They said there'll be snow at Christmas (I Believe in Father Xmas)        |
| 44 | YKDADAPAV  | You Know Dasher & Dancer & Prancer & Vixen (Rudolph the R/N/R)            |
| 45 | OTGLAMOW   | Over the ground lies a mantle of White (Winter Wonderland)                |
| 46 | CIFTCTATCT | C if for the Candy trimmed around the Christmas Tree (Christmas Alphabet) |
| 47 | DTTSAOHOS  | Dashing thru the snow on a one horse open sleigh (Jingle Bells)           |
| 48 | OTWOLF     | Oh the weather outside is frightful (Let it Snow)                         |
| 49 | NWHBTTH    | Now we have been thru the Harvest (Saviour's Day)                         |
| 50 | SAABFANBTH | Auld Lang Syne  |

Watch out for the 2003 Christmas Quiz !!!

## COPPER MILE UPDATE

Looking back at my records on the copper mile it seems to have been a while since the last report. However donations have still been forthcoming and the mile is meandering, rather than galloping, towards the half-mile point, no doubt assisted by a little downhill gradient at this stage in its journey. The half-mile marker being at the village hall and the leading coin of the mile being at present, a little past the church. The donations for the year 2002 had dwindled a little from the initial enthusiastic start so if anyone has not donated so far, but has a dish or jar of dusty coppers lurking at the back of the cupboard and would like to give them to the St Andrew's church copper mile please hand them in at church or to Janet Bowers or Gill Denbigh at any time. **A very big thank you** to everyone who has collected and donated their coppers so far, your efforts are much appreciated. Please keep the donations coming in.

Gill Denbigh



## Winter Warmers for Whilton WI



The January meeting of the WI is often a “do-it-yourself” affair, as we are rather reluctant to drag a speaker out to Whilton on what has often been an inhospitable night. January 8<sup>th</sup> 2003 was no exception. Members braved the snow covered pavements to gather in the Village Hall, carrying their recipes and samples for keeping warm on such evenings.

We soon forgot about the cold outside as we drank ginger wine and warm fruit punch, and tasted each other’s favourite winter foods. These included two soups, *potage bonne femme* and a winter vegetable soup with apple, and a delicious cheese bake. Then followed the sweets! It was too tempting not to try them all and so we tucked in to Norfolk treacle tart with custard, lemon and mango surprise pudding (made according to the Waitrose recipe leaflet), warm winter fruit salad and warmed grapefruit with ginger wine and spices. After this we just managed to round it all off with a cup of tea, and to read the recipes for chicken with orange and ginger sauce and for maple syrup and pecan nut pudding. Perhaps it was hardly surprising that the members felt the weather had improved considerably by the time we wended our way home through the village!

Next month we hope for better weather, and we shall be having a speaker, Mrs Blyth. Her subject will be “The Incas of Peru.” This will be an open meeting for men, women and children on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The talk will begin at about 8 p.m. If you would like to join us, the charge for non members will be £1, and you will be very welcome.

Meanwhile you may like to try some of our recipes for yourself, especially if the weather gets cold again. You will see that most of us still think in imperial measures, and some recipes require your own judgement of amounts. Happy cooking!

Anthea Hiscock

### **Maple syrup and pecan nut pudding**

6 oz SR flour  
3 oz Atora light suet  
3 oz caster sugar  
1 ½ oz chopped pecan nuts

1 medium egg, beaten  
5 tablespoons maple syrup  
Milk to mix  
1 oz whole pecan nuts

- Grease a 2 pint pudding basin.
- Mix together the flour, suet, sugar and chopped nuts.
- Stir in the egg, 2 tablespoons maple syrup and sufficient milk to make a dropping consistency.
- Place the remaining syrup and nuts into the bottom of the basin and spoon the pudding mixture on top.
- Cover with pleated greaseproof paper and foil, secure tightly and steam for 1 ½ to 2 hours.
- Turn out and serve hot.

### **Norfolk treacle tart**

6 oz shortcrust pastry  
12 oz golden syrup  
½ oz margarine  
Grated rind of ½ a lemon  
1 beaten egg  
2 tablespoons of top of the milk or single cream

- Put syrup in saucepan.
- Add margarine and stir over a gentle heat.
- When melted, add lemon rind and cream.
- Cool mixture slightly and stir in beaten egg thoroughly.
- Line a 7 inch flan or tart tin with the pastry and pour in syrup mixture.
- Cook until set (approximately 30 minutes at 160°).
- Serve when cold.

### **Warm spiced grapefruit**

- Cut grapefruit in half and divide and loosen flesh.
- Spoon a dessertspoon of ginger wine over each half.
- Mix a little ground ginger and cinnamon with demerara sugar and sprinkle over the cut fruit.
- Warm in the oven or under a grill.



### **Potage Bonne Femme**

8 oz each of leeks, potatoes, carrots and onions      1 oz butter  
1 - 1 ½ pints stock      Salt and pepper

- Cut vegetables into 1 inch chunks.
- Melt butter in large pan, add vegetables and fry on a fairly high heat until brown and sizzling.
- Add salt and pepper at this stage and then the stock.
- Simmer for 15 minutes and liquidise.

### **Chicken with orange and ginger sauce**

- Brown chicken portions, then place in oven-proof casserole dish.
- Add to the frying pan with the chicken juices:
  - ⇒ juice of 2 oranges
  - ⇒ rind of 1 orange
  - ⇒ 2 dessertspoons honey
  - ⇒ 1 dessertspoon soy sauce
  - ⇒ chopped root ginger
  - ⇒ 3-4 spring onions
  - ⇒ chicken stock cube
  - ⇒ ½ pint water
- Pour over chicken pieces and cook in oven for approximately 1 hour at 350° (180°).
- Adjust flavouring. Ground ginger may be added if required.
- Thicken with cornflour.

### **Cheese pie**

1. Chop 1 onion and crush 2 garlic cubes and fry in olive oil
2. Stir in the following:
  - ⇒ several spoonfuls grated Red Leicester cheese
  - ⇒ several spoonfuls Cheddar cheese
  - ⇒ bread crumbs from 2 slices of wholemeal bread
  - ⇒ 2 beaten eggs
  - ⇒ mixed herbs and tomato puree to taste
3. Put into an oven-proof dish and bake in the oven.

### **Warm fruit punch (Non alcoholic)**

- Mix cranberry, orange and lemon juices in a saucepan.
- Add brown sugar to taste and a sachet of mulled wine spices.
- Heat, but do not boil.
- Pour and serve on a cold evening.

## Summary of Events

|       |      |   |          |   |
|-------|------|---|----------|---|
| Mon   | 3rd  | Feb   | 7.30 pm  | WGA Annual Meeting. - 'Bulbs' by Mrs Copley                 |
| Tues  | 11th | Feb   | 9.10 am  | Library van in village                                      |
| Wed   | 12th | Feb   | 7.30 pm  | WI Meeting in Village Hall – 'Incas of Peru' by Mrs C Blyth |
| Tues  | 25th | Feb   | 9.10 am  | Library van in village                                      |
| Sun   | 2nd  | Mar   | am       | Marie Curie Daffodil Run – Castle Ashby                     |
| Mon   | 3rd  | Mar   | 8.00 pm  | Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall                      |
| Tues  | 11th | Mar   | 9.10 am  | Library van in village                                      |
| Wed   | 12th | Mar   | 7.30 pm  | WI Meeting in village Hall – 'Brock Watch' by Mr S Jackson  |
| Thurs | 20th | <b><u>Newsletter Deadline</u> - Please hand in your contributions by this date or otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition</b> |          |   |
| Tues  | 25th | Mar   | 9.10 am  | Library van in village                                      |
| Sun   | 30th | Mar   | 11.00 am | Mothering Sunday Family Service – St Andrew's Church        |

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