



WHILTON NEWSLETTER

JULY 1988

Ed's Notes

It's the Summertime issue! So go on - leave the weeding, the jam making and fruit picking - sit down and enjoy the sun and the 6th Whilton Newsletter.

Many thanks to Clifford Ellison for his drawing on the front page, and another word of thanks to all the secretaries of the various organisations in the village who send in their reports so regularly. These are really appreciated by those who have missed out on a meeting or outing.

A few more articles from the younger generation would be most acceptable. Perhaps the summer holidays may produce some hidden literary talent.

There are still many interesting dates for your diaries, so please refer to back page.

Last date for contributions for the next newsletter is Friday 16th September. Keep those articles coming.

Ed's

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Parish Church

Sunday Services: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th at 6.00pm
4th at 9.30am

A the last PCC meeting it was decided to continue with the 9.30am Family Service on the 4th Sunday, in the hope that it will receive support.

Norton Fete Saturday 9th July at 2.00pm
Standing committee Wednesday 3rd August.
P.C.C. Wednesday 17th August.

An Auction in aid of Brington Church is being arranged for Saturday 24th September at Mr. David Rogers' Barn in Little Brington.

Whilton Harvest Service will be on Sunday 25th September at 6.00pm
Whilton Harvest Supper will be on Monday 26th September, at 7.30pm.

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Whilton Outing

An outing to Waddesdon Manor and Stowe IX Churches organised by Diana Scott was a great success, the weather was perfect and the Manor House so full of treasures it was not possible to see them all. We had a marvellous lunch, the strawberries and cream were delicious, we left there to see Antiques and other crafts at Helen Brodie's. We arrived back at Whilton around 6 o'clock after having scones, jam and more cream at Stowe.

Thanks to Diana I feel sure a very enjoyable outing was had by all.

Jean Lockhart

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HELP If anybody in the village would be prepared to lend a hand in the redecoration of the village hall or would be happy to help out with the general maintenance work from time to time, Mary Kane, "Fallowfield" (Tel. 842618) would be delighted to hear from you.

W. I. Report

The W.I. Open Meeting in June was a talk by Mr. Dusty Roades on the subject of Country Crafts. Mr. Roades brought along part of his collection of old country craft tools. These ranged from tiny planes used for shaping violins, lead beating tools, a chisel used by a stonemason at Liverpool Cathedral and many more. Among many tales of the lives of Old English Craftsmen was the description of a week in the life of a Cooper (barrel maker), and we all sympathized with the plight of the poor apprentice who after a 12 year apprenticeship was given the "Final Test". He was placed in a barrel which he had made, it was half filled with beer, sealed up and rolled down the street. If the barrel leaked, he failed and had to continue his apprenticeship until he passed the test.

The next W.I. meeting is on July 13th and the subject is "Unusual things to see in Northamptonshire".

The September meeting will be on the 14th and is entitled "Desert Island Discs".

Angela Hall

On the 25th May the W.I. held their "Have a Go" evening. Seventeen ladies tried their hand at patchwork under the tuition of Mrs. Jean Davies and Calligraphy with Mrs. Barbara Lewis. After a break for coffee and biscuits Mrs. Bowers gave a demonstration on how to make cake decorations out of different types of icing - everyone was amazed at the results, and how to generally ice a cake - doing it all on Christmas Eve is definitely not the right way! It was a very successful and enjoyable evening and thanks are extended to the three ladies who endeavoured to get us to "Have a Go".

Another evening has been arranged for Wednesday 21st September when Mrs. Billsborough is going to show us how to make small festoon-type blinds, table mats and lined baskets out of oddments of material. Look out for notices around the village later, but book the date in your diary now.

Gill Houghton

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Refreshing "Cuppas" for Summer days

PEPPERMINT FIZZ

Infuse two Peppermint teabags with 3/4 pint of boiling water for five minutes. Remove the bags and allow to cool. Pour into a tumbler and top up with ice cubes and sparkling mineral water. Decorate with a sprig of fresh mint.

CITRUS COOLER

Put a lemon teabag into a jug and pour on 1/4 pint of boiling water. Infuse for 10 minutes, remove the teabag, add two slices of fresh lime and top up with mineral water.

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Whilton Gardeners' Association

At the Gardeners' Association meeting in June, members were entertained by a talk given by Mr. Lanser of the "Garden Machine" shop in Kingsthorpe. He brought along 3 lawnmowers, a Flymo, an Atco and a Mountfield and far from being a sales talk (though he did make one sale!), he gave us an informative, unbiased description of the advantages and disadvantages of each machine. Members quizzed him as to the merits of other garden machines and came away if slightly depressed by the cost of replacing their machines and that 5 years is the expected life of the machine, certainly determined to clean, oil and wrap in cotton wool the machines we already own.

The Next meeting of the Gardeners' Association is on August 1st and we are hosts to Harpole Gardeners' Association for a joint Gardeners' Question Time.

Angela Hall

Garden Visit

Whenever we visit members' gardens we have an evening of unexpected discoveries. Previously unknown vistas are opened up and hidden skills revealed. The visits on Friday July 1st were no exception. Despite uncertainties about the weather 18 members assembled. As usual we first visited the allotments and as always we were amazed at the quality and size of the vegetables and the productivity of the plots. How had they managed to get such forward plants of onions, peas, parsnips, turnips, beetroot, leeks and unusual crops like kohlrabi and sweet corn? The answer lies hidden behind the very pretty bank of flowers on the verge at the top of the village. We then proceeded to the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Haynes in a spatter of raindrops and a view of a rainbow. We were greeted with a mass of colour and well able to appreciate the careful tending of flowers and vegetables. The Alstroemerias grown from seed and the dahlia bed promising things to come. The Misses Pride very kindly invited us into their garden which has such a peaceful and settled atmosphere and we were very impressed by the beautiful delphinium bed, the flourishing tree peony and the mixture of fruit, flowers and vegetables in a true cottage garden. We next called on Mr. & Mrs. Hall who have achieved a feeling of spaciousness with the careful planning of sweeps of lawn, flower beds and views. How pleasant to be able to watch the sheep as you tend your plants and also enjoy views of shrubs and clematis. Mr. & Mrs. Heeley had achieved a feeling of great seclusion and privacy in their garden with screening of trees and shrubs and the division of the lawn into discreet areas. A big surprise here was the vegetable garden, newly made, large and very prolific, with fruit trees, soft fruit bushes and lovely views.

Unexpectedly we made a quick visit to Mr. & Mrs. Bowers' garden which was as always in immaculate order, filled with colour, with many beautiful shrubs and trees and flourishing vegetables. Lastly we went to Mr. & Mrs. Waites who have a rather smaller garden which contains everything you need and is very pretty; summerhouse, pool, flower borders, a view, a lawn, conservatory, chairs and coffee and biscuits, just what we needed to complete a very pleasurable tour of some the village gardens.

Our thanks are due to all those who generously shared their creative efforts with us.

Frances Drake

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Whilton Village Fete

Saturday September 3rd at 2.00pm and the sound of a fanfare from the Daventry & District Silver Band will mean the 1988 village fete has started. During the afternoon the band, together with displays by the dancers of the Northampton Square Dance Club and the boys and girls of the Duston Gymnastics Team, a children's decorated cycle parade, and competitions among the members of the Northampton Fencing Club will provide the entertainment.

Inside the marquee, the horticultural show will display the talents of the village gardeners, cooks, flower arrangers, and handicraft workers. There are classes for both adults and children and the schedules will soon be distributed to each household.

When one begins to weary the refreshment tent will offer welcome cups of tea and refreshments, all at a small cost.

Profits from the Fete will go to village amenities.

Donations to the following stalls will be greatly appreciated:

BOOKS	Mr. & Mrs. Fallows	"Foxhill"
BOTTLE GAME	Mr. & Mrs. Rogers	"Two Hoots"
CAKES	Mrs. Hiscock	"Langton House"
HANDICRAFTS	Mrs. J. Davies	3 Langton Rise
PLANTS	Mr. Haynes	"The Old Plough"
TOMBOLA	Mrs. Newborough	"Wychwood"
WHITE ELEPHANT	Mrs. Dunkley	"Dunbar"
GRAND DRAW	Mr. & Mrs. Kane	"Fallowfield"
REFRESHMENTS	Mrs. Bowers	"Heritage"

We still need stall holders for the following stalls PRODUCE and TOYS, if you can help or have other ideas for stalls or sideshows please contact the secretary Janet Bowers at Heritage or phone 842851 as soon as possible.

From 8.00 - 11.00pm there will be a barn dance and barbecue for all age groups to enjoy. Tickets for this will be on sale nearer the day.

Janet Bowers

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Whilton Church Organ Fund

Despite a week of poor weather the rain held off for the afternoon of July 2nd and the Strawberry Fayre at Home Farm. Whilst strawberry teas were enjoyed young pedlar girls in long dresses, shawls and with flowers in their hair sold their wares of cherries, sweets and flower posies. Meanwhile two boys with sandwich boards and handbells toured the village announcing the event.

£162.00 was donated to the organ fund and many thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Townley for their hospitality and organisation of the afternoon.

We have now raised £1,662.00 towards the approx cost of £2,576.

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1940's Evening

To be held at "INGLENOOK" by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Baker.

DON'T MISS this evening set in the style of the 1940's. Come dressed in the fashion of that time if possible. don't worry if you cannot, just come and enjoy an evening with a difference.

Atmosphere, music, food and other attractions will all be of that time in our history. Win a raffle prize of an item hard to obtain in the 40's. Listen to the music of Glen Miller and others of that time. Watch a cabaret by some dancers from the Yardley Hastings school of Dance and listen to a musical trio.

The price of a ticket is £2.50 and will include a meal of bangers and mash with baked beans, drinks will be available. Admission will be by TICKET ONLY. These will be limited in number and will be on sale prior to the event from Richard & Melody Baker and Janet Bowers.

If you have any records of 1940's music or display items of that period and would be willing to loan them please contact Richard or Janet.

NOTE THE DATE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST

7.30PM

Janet Bowers
Organ Fund Co-ordinator

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Evening Ramble

The W.I. are hoping to organise an evening ramble on 10th August at 6.30pm. Starting from the village hall, a choice of two footpaths may be walked with various questions to be answered en-route. This event will be suitable for the whole family and will be rounded off with some well earned refreshments and prizes. Adults 50p Children 25p.

Ros Gardner

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Whilton Relief in Need Charities

The Trustees felt it was again time to remind parishioners of the existence of Parish Charities and also thought it might be of interest to provide a little of the historical background to these Charities.

In 1976 a Scheme was drawn up by the Charity Commissioners, under the Charities Act of 1960, to amalgamate the three existing Charities into one, to be administered and managed under the title of the Whilton Relief in Need Charities.

Three Trustees were to be appointed, as follows:

1. Ex-officio Trustee - to be the Rector of the Parish
2. Nominative Trustee - to be appointed by the Parish Council (at present Mr. Harold Haynes holds this office)
3. Co-optative Trustee - Miss Frances Drake currently holds this office

The clear income from the Charities to be applied by the Trustees for the relief of poor persons resident in the Parish of Whilton, either in gifts of kind or grants of money. Preference to be given to girls between the ages of six and sixteen in applying the income of the third of the amalgamated Charities.

The three Charities concerned were as follows:-

1. The Charity of the Reverend Langton Freeman, founded by will dated the 16th September 1783.
2. The Charity known as Murcott's Charity, founded by the will of John Murcott, dated the 28th August 1829.
3. The Charity of Ann Rose, comprised in an indenture dated the 15th December, 1823.

At the time of the amalgamation the value of the Charities was:-

1.	£21.34	2 1/2%	Consolidated Stock.
2.	£104.98	2 1/2%	Consolidated Stock.
3.	£480.26	2 1/2%	Consolidated Stock.

On the advice of the Official Custodian for Charities it was decided to choose a different form of investment for the existing holding of 2 1/2% Consols so the yield from these, together with £400 accrued interest, was invested in the Charities Official Investment Fund.

The Ann Rose Charity was the largest of the three to be amalgamated and its terms the most interesting. Ann Rose was the wife of the Revd. William Lucas Rose, Rector of Whilton from 1776 until his death in 1814. (He it was who had the upper part of the church tower built and gave the present ring of six bells). Mrs. Ann Rose had obviously been in the habit of providing poor girls of the Parish with various articles of clothing and wished to make provision for this to go on after her death. She could not, of course, have foreseen the effects of inflation and how her bequest would be devalued over the years! The Trustees she caused to be appointed, and their successors, were to use the dividends:

"to purchase once in every year for ever twelve pairs of shoes and twelve pairs of stockings and once in every two years for ever the several articles of clothing hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, twelve bonnets, twelve tippetts, twelve pairs of mittens and twelve gowns AND DO and shall give and distribute once in every year for ever the said shoes and stockings and once in every two years for ever all the said other articles of clothing to be so from time to time respectively provided or purchased as aforesaid to and amongst such twelve poor girls who shall be for the time being resident and legally settled in the Parish of Whilton aforesaid and who shall be above the age of six and under the age of fourteen years....."

It is probable that the income allowed the terms of the Charity to be met up to the time of the war of 1914-18 and, to a lesser extent, up to the start of the war in 1939 but since then, as the price of clothing increased and the income from the investments declined, it would have been increasingly difficult to provide even one complete outfit per year, never mind twelve!

The present income is not large but has shown a steady increase since the change of investment to COIF. The net income for 1987-88 was £71.40.

The Trustees have found it very difficult to decide how this income might be used and no grants have been made since 1985. Applications from persons who think they might be eligible for some benefit should be made, in writing, to the Trustees!

Harold Haynes

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DANGER - CHILDREN

Whilton is growing again. Building has started opposite the Old Plough and could start soon at Holly House and Home Farm. The increase in heavy lorries going through the village means greater danger to parked vehicles and particularly to children. Damaged vehicles can be repaired and in a short while will not show signs of the accident. Children, however, are more fragile and the effect of an accident can be everlasting and traumatic for both parents and children. So, Parents, if you want your children to grow with Whilton please ensure that they play in a safe place away from the roads.

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Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 4th July.

Tree Planting It was reported that a representative from the County Council is to meet members of the Gardeners' Association on 7th July to look at possible sites for new trees.

Children Playing A member of the parish had expressed concern for the village children's safety, whilst playing, in view of the amount of through traffic and also construction vehicles associated with development in the village. After discussion it was felt that a note should appear in the Newsletter bringing this to parent's attention. The Clerk was also asked to enquire of the County Council as to the possibility of erecting "Children Playing" signs at either end of the village.

Planning Matters Permission had been granted for the erection of a house on the land adjacent to the allotments. A condition was that the ridge height did not exceed the height of the adjacent property.

Appeal - Stone House building plot - a copy of the D.D.C. submission regarding the above was read out. It was agreed that the parish council would write to the inspector supporting this submission.

Grass Cutting A letter was to be sent to the Area Surveyor asking for the grass verges to be cut along the Brington road and also at the A5 crossroads as both were felt to be hazardous.

Telephone Kiosk The Clerk was asked to contact British Telecom with regard to the application made several years ago to keep the existing kiosk and not to have a new modern replacement. To date no reply to this application had been received.

Jim Gardner

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For Sale

Battery powered Lego mini railway set.
Track approx 2 mtrs x 1 mtr. £6
Lynn Heeley Springbank, Tel. 843270.

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Summary of Events

Weds. 13th July 7.30 W.I. in village hall
Mon. 1st Aug. 7.30 Gardeners Assoc. in village hall
Wed. 10th Aug. 6.30 W.I. and friends Evening Ramble
Sat. 3rd Sept. 2.00 Whilton fete
Weds. 14th Sept. 7.30 W.I. in village hall
Fri. 16th Sept. Last date for items to be included
in next Newsletter
Wed. 21st Sept. 7.30 "Have a go" craft evening
Sat. 24th Sept. Auction in aid of Brington Church
David Rogers' Barn, Little Brington
Sun. 25th Sept. 6.00 Harvest Service
Mon. 26th Sept. 7.30 Harvest Supper
Sat. 1st Oct. 7.30 1940's Evening

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