



# WHILTON NEWSLETTER

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## Ed's Notes

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### Think yellow!

Yes, we have decided that it is still Springtime inspite of the wonderful heatwave we have just enjoyed, but it must still be pring because everything around is yellow - buttercups, cowslips, dandelions and fields of rape galore!, and the cuckoo has been going well since the last week of April.

Enjoyable features ahead so rest awhile from the garden chores - brew a cup of fresh spring nettle tea and read on .....

Ed's

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## Village Outing

Miss Scott's first outing of the year was to the Earl of Lichfield's Shugborough Hall. We all met at 9.30am on the village green and we arrived at Shugborough Farm at about 11.00am, where we had a nice cup of tea before walking round to see the farm animals. There were various rare breeds and also a working flour mill. We then went up to the house to have a meal.

At 2.00pm we went round the house. It was very interesting, with plenty to see, and the gardens, too, were very pleasant with the river Sow running nearby.

We then went into the outside museums and these proved very interesting as there were women working, making cheese and butter. (We had a taste of the cheese!) There was also a working laundry and some women sewing, as well as a display of horse-drawn carriages.

A very interesting day out and well organised by Miss Scott and the weather was perfect.

I am now looking forward to the next outing. Anyone interested should keep an eye on the village notice board.

Jean Lockhart

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## Age Concern

I have recently received the latest Age Concern Information Bulletin and with it Age Concern's Welfare Rights book, entitled "Your Rights 1990-91."

The main headings are:

"Pensions, Widows' Benefits and Retirement.  
Income-Related (means tested) Benefits  
Benefits for Disabled People and their carers  
Other Financial Benefits."

I am putting this book into the W.I. library, which is kept at the Village Hall. If anyone would like to borrow it, please do ask me or any member of the W.I.

Anthea Hiscock - W.I. Secretary

## Parish Church

Sunday Services: 1st Sunday of month: Benefice Eucharist 10.00am  
June at Whilton, July at Norton, August at Brington

Other Sundays at 6.00pm

Mothers and Toddlers meet at Brington Church on Tuesdays at 2.15pm, afterwards at the Rectory.

Bible Day at Peterborough Cathedral on 23rd June. 10.15am to 4.30pm. Take a picnic lunch to eat in Cathedral Precincts. Separate activities for children so family groups are strongly encouraged. The theme of the day is "Praying with the Bible".

Saturday 7th July

- Wedding service at 2.00pm Daniel Sandever and Michelle Roy.

There is to be a Missionary Festival - a "Celebration of Creation" at Lamport Hall on Saturday 14th July.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings - 16th March 1990.

Seven people were present plus the Incumbent. Electoral Roll: 25.

The following elections and appointments were made.

Churchwardens: Mr. W. Adams Mr. H. Haynes (also Vice-Chairman and Treasurer)

Rep. to the Deanery Synod: Mrs. J. Coles (also Secretary)

P.C.C. (in addition to the above ex officio)

Mrs. J. Bowers (also, Church Electoral Roll Officer)

Mr. C. Ellison Mrs. G. Haynes

Mrs. S. Townley Mrs. K. Wright

Rep. to Village Hall Comm. Mrs. K. Wright

Hon. Auditor: Mr. D. Heeley

Thanks were recorded to all who contribute to the ongoing life of the Church at Whilton, whether in official capacities as the above officers, or in terms of organist, cleaning, flowers, care of churchyard, fund-raising, all the many facets of church life in which we are indebted to the few. Thanks were recorded for the kind services of our Auditor.

Churchyard We regret having to mention a seemingly growing problem of the effects of children's activities in the Churchyard. It has not been a problem for very many years and we really do hope that parents will instruct their children not to use the Churchyard as a playground, and certainly not for cycling which could prove to be a dangerous undertaking in such a place.

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Tops, foil and stamps - We have two sacks of foil etc., and lots of stamps ready to be taken to Lyncrest. Many thanks to all "savers".

Trudy Haynes

## W.I. Report

Since the last newsletter, the W.I. have had two meetings. In April we had a Beauty Talk by Mrs. Nicki Thompkins of Brington who is a trained Beautician. She discussed care of the skin and brought samples or aromatherapy oils. These ranged from delicate perfumes of rose, sandalwood and many more. They can be used in the bath and help you relax, or can be massaged into the body, for the relief of various complaints. Mrs. Jean Waights was the brave volunteer who agreed to have a facial treatment. This included a mud pack - much to the amusement of the youngsters who had joined us. However, Jean emerged non the worse for her experience and felt her skin was feeling much fresher and really deeply cleansed.

The May meeting was in important one, as each year at this time we have to vote on the Resolutions which are discussed at the A.G.M. in the Albert Hall. This year is a very special occasion as the Queen will be in attendance.

The resolutions this year are:

1. A revision of the constitution of the National W.I. The original has been in existence for 75 years, since the W.I. was founded.
2. The banning of B.S.T. (Bovine Sonatotropin) This is a chemical which has been artificially produced and is given to cows to increase their milk yield. The cow produces it naturally itself.
3. The last resolution is to urge the Government to do everything in its power to persuade all countries that Antartica be declared a Wilderness Park within which the extraction of oil and minerals and other commercial, military and polluting activities should not be permitted.

Voting was unanimous in favour of the resolutions, though several members were doubtful of the wording "Wilderness Park" in the third resolution.

Members are looking forward to our Summer Dinner, to be held at The Old Diary Farm at Upper Stowe on Wednesday June 6th.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when the speaker is Mrs. Pipe on Ghosts, Myths and Legends of Northampton.

Angela Hall

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### FOR SALE

Single combination Wardrobe with four drawers - mirror with shelves (white melamine and woodgrain)

Suitable for small child's room £25 ONO

Tel: 0327 843395

Mrs. Jean Davies

## The Language of Flowers

This alphabet of flowers and their messages was provided by a villager.

- Acacia - You are my secret love.
- Anemone - I feel distraught and forsaken. Please tell me that you love me.
- Canterbury Bell - I will always love you with constancy.
- Carnation; pink - My love is a Woman's love.
- Carnation; deep red - Alas, my poor heart cries for you.
- Carnation; yellow - I cannot return your love.
- Carnation; white - I am unable to love you as you love me.
- Carnation; striped - I must refuse you.
- Chrysanthemum; red - I love to love you.
- Chrysanthemum; white - I cannot return your love.
- Chrysanthemum; yellow - I feel my love has been slighted.
- Daffodils - I have great regard for you.
- Dahlias - I am not sure of my feelings, but I think I love you.
- Daisy - I am innocent in affairs of the heart. Please love me as I love you.
- Daisy, Michaelmas - Goodbye my love. The time has come to part.
- Eschscholzia - Do not refuse me.
- Forget-me-Not - My love is true. Please do not forget me.
- Holly - We have entered this relationship with our eyes open.
- Iris - The message in these flowers is secret to us both.
- Ivy - Our relationship is one of fidelity and friendship. Could marriage be there somewhere?
- Larkspur - Do not treat my love with levity. It is too fragile.
- Lilac - We will never forget that moment when we found true love. Remember it now.
- Lily; white - You are so pure and sweet, I cannot help but love you.
- Lily of the Valley - Now you have returned, happiness has entered my life again.
- Marigold - I am unsure of your love. Please convince me that you are true.
- Myrtle - I love you.
- Pink; single - My love is completely pure.
- Pink; red double - My love is pure and ardent.
- Rose; red - I love you.
- Rose; deep red - I love you but I am shy.
- Rose; white - I love you and I feel worthy of you.
- Rose; yellow - I am sorry. I have found another. Please forgive me, because I still love you. (This is a subtle message sent when you are subject to forces outside your control e.g. Parental interference.)
- Rose; stripped of thorns - Please love me as I love you. There is nothing to fear. (A message in addition to any others)
- Sweet Pea - I love the delicate pleasures I experienced with you.
- Sweet Violet - I love your modesty.
- Sweet William - You are so gallant (to a man).  
You bring a smile into my life (to a woman).
- Tulips; red - I declare my total love for you.
- Tulips; yellow - I am hopelessly in love with you.
- Tulips; others - I want the world to know I love you.
- Wallflower - No matter how difficult my life may become because of our love  
- I will never betray you.

Anon



## Whilton Village Hall

During 1989/90 the use of the Village Hall was increased on previous years. There was an additional Adult Education class (Calligraphy), keep fit was held weekly and several villagers used the hall for private functions.

The Committee would like to make the hall as comfortable and as accommodating as possible. However, there are a few structural problems to be dealt with before the state of decor can be improved.

In October 1989 a damp proofing agent was injected into the walls of the hall and areas damaged by damp were repaired.

The continuing problem with blocked toilets and kitchen sink was the result of a cracked underground pipe. This has now been repaired.

The roof needs attention because there is dry rot, wood worm and a leaking skylight. We have commissioned an engineer to undertake a survey on the roof and when we know the extent of work required, we hope to obtain estimates.

Inevitably all this repair work has eaten into the Village Hall savings and the roof repair will probably require a substantial additional sum. The committee will be holding fund raising events and your support of these will be gratefully received. However, if anyone in the village feels they could raise funds for us, all efforts would be much appreciated.

Mary Kane Secretary,  
Whilton Village Hall Committee

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### GIRLS BRIGADE

Penny and I belong to 1st Daventry Girls Brigade. I have been a member since I was seven. Girls Brigade is a bit like the Guides except that it is joined to a Church. We meet at Daventry Methodist Church on Thursdays.

During the evening we do games and badge work. We work for four badges - spiritual, physical, service and educational - every year. Last year we did local government for our educational badge. We went to a Council meeting at Daventry and I met Whilton's councillor who is Mrs. Fay Chaplin of Flore. This term we are going to do swimming for our physical badge. Every year in May we go to see a Girls Brigade Show in the Albert Hall in London, performed by girls from different companies. Last year we were actually in it doing ribbon dancing which was really good.

Girls Brigade is split into four sections - Explorers (5-7 year olds) Juniors (7-10 year olds) Seniors (10-13 year olds) and Brigaders (14-18 year olds). The Brigaders generally help with the younger girls (I am currently helping with the Juniors) and we go on training weekends at Grendon Hall which are not that serious. At the moment I am just starting to prepare for the Queens Award which is a bit like the Duke of Edinburgh Award except that it is less physical.

I find that Girls Brigade is an enjoyable evening out each week.

Rosemary Hiscock

## Best Kept Village and Churchyard Competitions

Did you know that we scored 95% for the village and a record 100% for the churchyard in the first round of last year's competition? The marks for the village would have been 100%, too, but we had not received a copy of the official poster and lost marks for non-display of same!

This year's competition will soon be under way, with judging in the first round taking place during the month of June.

We are fortunate in that most of our residents take a pride in keeping the frontages to their properties neat and tidy. With one or two public spirited individuals caring for areas such as the village green, that are not adjacent to any particular person's property, the village generally looks quite attractive.

More help would be welcome in the churchyard, as two or three people cannot cope with all the jobs that need doing. We can just about keep the grass mown and, with the help of the "strimmer", trim round the gravestones and the boundary walls but it would be nice to get some help in keeping the paths tidy, weeding, sweeping, raking over the gravel, etc., and for someone to take a pair of shears into those awkward corners where the strimmer cannot reach!

In his church notes Fr. Norman has mentioned the problem of children playing in the churchyard. I would like to support his remarks and to add that there is evidence of children climbing the wall from the village green. This wall is not in a particularly good condition and parts of it could easily be brought down. Not only does the PCC not want to have the expense of re-building the wall but, more importantly, we do not want to see someone suffer an injury by having the wall fall on them!

Harold Haynes

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## Whilton Gardeners' Association

At the meeting held on 2nd April 1990 it was decided that the subscriptions would be due to be paid in February next year, so that when seeds are ordered the following Autumn/Winter it will be clear who are members of the Association.

There is to be a quiz with other Associations on 31st May at Flore. We are to hold a Horticultural show on similar lines to last year on Saturday August 18th.

The business was followed by a most interesting talk from Mr. Gaggini who brought along a number of Dwarf Conifers to show us. We learnt that some dwarf conifers grow extremely slowly whilst others can grow more quickly. Some can even reach 20 feet over a period of time.

The next meeting will be on June 4th in the Village Hall - Speaker Linda Stamp on "dried flowers".

Anne Heeley

"Souffles Tiedes Aux Peches" - Warm Peach Souffles

12 oz peaches in syrup, reserve the syrup  
 1 passion fruit  
 3 strawberries  
 1 tablespoon Kirsch  
 5 oz castor sugar  
 1 teaspoon arrowroot  
 4 oz butter  
 6 egg whites  
 6 small mint leaves

Method - The Fruit - Finely dice the strawberries and place in a bowl with the passion fruit flesh. Finely dice 2 oz of the peaches and add 1/3rd to the fruit mixture. Pour the Kirsch over the remain 2/3rd of the peaches to soak.

Souffle Mixture - Puree 10 oz of peaches in a food processor, place into a saucepan and gently cook for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Put 4 oz sugar with 2 fl oz water into a heavy based saucepan and heat until it reaches 315 degrees F then pour over the peach puree and mix in well. Add the arrowroot and boil for two minutes remove from heat and transfer into a bowl and keep warm. Preheat your oven to 220 degrees C or 450 degrees F or Gas 8 butter well 4 x 4in moulds and then coat with the remaining sugar.

Beat the egg whites until stiff, mix in 1/3rd and then carefully fold in the rest. Half fill the moulds and then put a layer of the diced fruit in and then fill moulds to top and smooth over using a palette knife. Spoon a little of the soaked peach dice in the centre.

Place in oven and bake for 6 minutes. Serve with a mint leaf as garnish at once.

Mark Russell

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## Proverbs, Country Sayings and Quotations

For June and July we have the following;

The feast of St. Barnabas - June 11th was marked in the old almanac by the sign of a rake, denoting the beginning of the hay harvest.

Barnaby bright is another name for the ladybird, commonly seen in June.

St. Swithin's Day - July 15th - is also known as "Apple Christening Day. Apples should not be gathered before they have been christened by St. Swithin. The christening will affect the flavour.

Oh St. Swithin if thou'll be fair,  
 For forty days it will rain nae mair,  
 But if St. Swithin thou be wet,  
 For forty days it raineth yet.



## Thistles

Farmers were warned not to cut thistles before St. John's Day, June 24th because if they did, each root would be likely to sprout three or four fresh plants.

Thistles cut in May  
Come again next day,  
Thistles cut in June  
Come up again soon,  
Cut them in July  
They'll be sure to die.

From Sue Townley we hear;

A dry May and a dripping June  
Keeps old England well in tune.

From Mrs. Joan Davis a quotation from A.L. Gordon 1833;

Life is mostly froth and bubble.  
Two things stand like stone:  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in our own.

I would be grateful for any August, September offerings.

Trudy Haynes

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## Whilton Playgroup

The Playgroup children have had a happy start to the summer term. We have already had our "summer" outing in May, when we went by coach to Wicksteed Park in Kettering. The children, and some mothers, sampled the many activities there, from swinging and climbing to rowing, the water splash and the roller coaster.

As in previous years we shall be visiting Brington School on several mornings this term. Which is especially beneficial for the children who will be starting school in September. We would like to thank Mr. Bilsbrough and all the staff who make us so welcome.

We must also thank all of you from the village who have continued to offer us your useful scraps. We are still collecting and would be especially pleased to receive wool in any shape or form. Even small lengths of knitting wool can be cut up for collage work. Do any of you have any old unfinished pieces of knitting? If so, could we have them to unravel, to watch your work disappear? We are also collecting shoe boxes and pictures of baby equipment, such as prams, cots and high chairs. We would also be interested to know if there is anyone who keeps bees, or who has access to bee equipment.

Anthea Hiscock

## Summary of Events

	JUNE			First round Best Kept Village
Mon	June	4th	7.30pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association
Wed	June	6th		W.I. Summer Dinner
Wed	June	13th	7.30pm	W.I. Meeting in Village Hall
Thurs	June	28th		Last date for next Newsletter

### Advance Notice

Sat	Aug	18th		Whilton Horticultural Show
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