

WHITON NEWSLETTER

Because of the intervention of the Spring Bank Holiday we are not sure how soon this edition of the Newsletter will be published. Apologies then if any of the events advertised have already taken place when you read this! Also because of holidays (our own and the school's) we are having to ask for material for the next edition to be in by the very early date of 3rd JULY.

Apologies, too, to the folk whose contributions we have held over. We seem to have more than usual this time (perhaps because of the appeal last time!) but we will try to make good any omissions in our next edition.

It is good to be able to record the notable achievements of some of our young folk and we know you will join with us in congratulating them on their success. Please let us know of any more that ought to be acknowledged.

As we write this, the countryside is looking splendid in its freshness and varied colours. The village is looking attractive, too, with folk making the frontages of their property really neat and tidy and streets and public places are usually very litter-free. The start of the judging period for the "Best Kept Village" and "Britain in Bloom" competitions is now upon us so keep up the good work and let's see if we can keep that sign on the village green for a further twelve months!

Ed's

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

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On Sunday 3rd May, a concert by massed choirs and youth orchestras of Northamptonshire, was held in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

The proceeds were in aid of the British Council for the Prevention of Blindness, Sarah Tibbs took part in this concert and says;

"I played viola in the Youth Orchestra. On our own we played Tam O'Shanter by Malcolm Arnold and then Verdi's 'Requiem' accompanied by the adult choirs."

Sarah Tibbs

ADVERT

Are you tired of work? Don't you just hate those small but time consuming jobs, or even the large time consuming jobs? Well if you need someone to help just phone MARK HALL in Whilton (0327 842167) or KIERON MARTIN in Brington (0604 770557) we'd be glad to help. Whether it's washing cars, mowing lawns, weeding the garden or even taking the dog for a walk. You name it and we'll consider it.

Sundays: 1st of month. Benefice Eucharist at 10.00 am

June at Whilton, July at Norton,

August at Brington

Other Sundays at 6.00 pm.

Mothers and Toddlers at Brington Church, Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

Elections and Appointments 1992

Churchwardens: Mr. W. Adams Mr. H. Haynes (also Vice chairman and Treasurer to the P.C.C.)

Deanery Synod Representative: Mrs. J. Coles (also Secretary)

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

Mrs. J. Bowers (also Church Electoral Roll Officer, and Fund Raising co-ordinator)

Mr. C. Ellison

Mrs. G. Haynes

Mrs. S. Townley Mrs. K. Wright

Reps. to Village Hall Committee: Mrs. J. Bowers and Mrs. K. Wright.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. D. Heeley

The number of people on the Church Electoral Roll was 24.

Celebration Sunday We are most grateful to kind people who helped us to put this local church on show on the afternoon of May 3rd. Not only were refreshments provided for all comers, but also many aspects of church life were on both No small amount of work went visual and audio display. into this afternoon and we do appreciate the efforts of all concerned. A certain amount of disappointment was inevitable at the lack of general interest in the village, but those who came made it all worth while - it was good to see you!

Norman Knibbs

Milk tops, foil, etc. and used Stamps

Again two sacks filled since the last Newsletter. Well I have been delighted and amazed at the upsurge in stamp contributions.

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Many thanks.

Trudy Haynes

Meetings of the Parish Council have been held on 23rd March, 30th March and 11th May 1992.

Mr. Haynes (the previous Chairman), Mr. Clements and Mr. Bilsborough have not stood for re-election as councillors and thanks go to them for their past service. Mr. Clements and Mr. Haynes have served the parish as councillors for many years.

Members of the Parish Council, at the present time, are Mr. Gardner (Chairman), Mr. Lewis (Vice - Chairman), Mr. Bowers, Mr. Kane, and Mr. Price. Two more members will be co-opted shortly.

Operation Springclean took place in early April, with thanks to those involved for their efforts. It is hoped that the village will now remain clean and tidy.

Best Kept Village Competition Judging starts on June 1st and goes on until mid September, please keep up the good work.

<u>Noticeboard</u> the new village noticeboard has now been made and will be erected shortly.

Telephone Kiosk in Whilton has been repainted by British Telecom.

Planning

Kitchen extension, Old School House - The planning application to extend the kitchen has been refused.

Renewal of clay pigeon shooting, Whilton Mill - planning application granted for further 12 months.

Installation of Roof lights, Churchgate - Planning application has been granted.

Tennis Court, Whilton Mill, - Permission granted.

Installation of mobile unit, Whilton Mill - Permission granted.

Permanent toilet facilities, Whilton Marina - Permission granted.

Canal Cottage, Whilton Locks - an appeal is to be heard on 23rd June.

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Anne Heeley

Brington and Whilton Playgroup - The Playgroup held a Car Boot Sale on Whilton Locks car park on 3rd May. We had a good turn out and all those with 'boots' seemed to be doing fairly brisk business. The Playgroup raised £140.60. Thank you to all villagers who supported the event.

Whilton's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the village hall. Mr. Haynes chaired the meeting which was attended by Councillors and only 1 other parishioner.

During the Chairman's report, Mr. Haynes paid tribute to Mr. Horace Clements for his 43 years service with the Parish Council and the sterling work which he has carried out. Mr. Clements has now retired from Parish Council duties.

He also acknowledged the work of Mrs. Gill Houghton who stepped down as Clerk to the Parish Council during last summer, after 5 years in the post.

Some of the past year's work and endeavours of the Council were reported, including a relatively large number of Planning applications and various improvements which had been carried out within the Parish. Not forgetting the Best Kept Village award which was won by Whilton in 1991 and the prize, a horse chestnut tree, planted by Mr. Clements at the Daventry end of the village.

A summary of the financial affairs of both the Parish Council and the Parochial Charities were given.

A report from the Managers of Brington School was read, stating that it was hoped that school numbers would increase again in September. The School Inspectors had visited Brington School during the year and reported very favourably upon the standards of teaching. Brington School would like to hear from anyone willing to take on the, once a year, task of cycling proficiency training for the children (full instructor training given).

A report regarding the Village Hall stated that all renovation work was now complete and the invoice for the work had been paid in full, thanks to grants and numerous fund raising activities.

The District Councillor, Mrs. Fay Chaplin gave an informative résumé of the District Council's work in the area and their plans for the future. Mrs. Chaplin was re-elected as District Councillor for the Flore Ward last week.

This meeting was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Tribute was paid, during the Parish Meeting to Mr. Horace Clements by Mr. Haynes, the Chairman, in his report, and it is opportune to mention that not only has Mr. Clements retired from the Council after many years service, but Mr. Haynes, also a long serving member of the Council did not stand again for re-election. Mr. Haynes has put in many years of dedicated service to the Parish and, in my few months as Clerk, it has become clear how hard he has worked both as Councillor and as Chairman. Appreciation goes to both gentlemen.

We should like to thank everyone for the tremendous response to our questionnaire. Your time has been rewarded by some interesting results, which we shall incorporate in our final report. However, the questionnaire has brought out some suggestions which we feel might be acted upon straight away.

Youth club

There appears to be a demand for a Youth Club, given the high percentage of teenage children in the village. In the past the Youth Club closed as a result of lack of adult support and the changing age range. Perhaps someone would be interested in organising a programme of youth activities, not necessarily restricted to activities within the village?

Allotments

There were a number of people interested in having an allotment. Mrs. Anne Heeley (tel: 843270) is the person to contact about this.

Newcomers

At present Mrs. Haynes very kindly visits newcomers and gives them information about other activities. News is also put on the Noticeboard. It has been suggested that in addition there could be a welcome in the form of a small social function arranged in someone's home. Any other ideas?

Transport

As we all know, this is a problem in Whilton. There seems to be a special need for transport to the Doctor. With so many Doctors in the area, we thought the most practical answer would be a list of people with their telephone numbers who would be willing to help when the need arises.

Please telephone Frances Drake, Tel: 843801 regarding any of the above items.

We are proposing to hold an "Open Meeting" in the autumn to which everyone is invited. We think this would give people a clearer idea of the nature of the appraisal and what we are hoping to achieve. Perhaps some new ideas may come forward. In the mean time, anyone wishing to participate in this appraisal in any way would be most welcome.

Sally Jackson

Advert Don't forget the FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday June 7th 2.00 - 4.30 pm at Brixworth Country Park.

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Mrs. Smith's class have been incubating some chickens eggs and managed to hatch two out, so now we have two chicks growing fast at school.

On 8th May at Great Brington the Junior Village Quiz was held. Three teams entered, Little Brington, The Wanderers (who consisted of children from Nobottle, Long Buckby, Near Flore and Kislingbury) and the Whilton team represented by Fred Newborough, Beatrice Price, Rowena Lewis and Kate Gardner (Captain). After a very closely fought contest, Whilton won by 4 points. Each member of the winning team was presented with a plaque and the winners cup which will be kept at the School.

This half term has been a musical time with the violinists spending a day at Bugbrooke Campion School rehearsing in the morning for a concert with the Campion School Orchestra to which parents and friends were invited in the afternoon. The top recorder group are spending an afternoon at the Northampton School of Music on 15th May.

A fund raising event, the Promises Auction, took place on 15th May and was organised by the PTA. It raised somewhere around £1700.00.

We are pleased to have Mr. Bilsborough back after being ill for two weeks!

Kate Gardner

HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER

Everything hurts and what doesn't, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bi-focals.

You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

You get winded playing chess.

Your children begin to look middle-aged.

You join a health club and don't go -

A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

You back goes out more than you do.

You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest.

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

YOU ARE WONDERING WHY MORE PEOPLE AREN'T USING THIS SIZE PRINT.

This tournament for under 15's is held at the town of Rovigo, in Italy, about twenty miles from Venice. The eighteenth of these tournaments took place recently, with two teams from England taking part, one was London Irish and the other was made up of pupils from schools in Northamptonshire. We congratulate John Townley on being selected to play for the Northants team and publish his account of the experience.

I first heard about my selection from Mr. Pope at school but I was nervous about going because there was only one other person from Campion included in the team. In the end Mum and Dad said I could go, paid the money for the air fare and I went to the training. This was a big thing because we trained at the Saints pitch in Northampton which was really good fun but very hard going.

Before we went to Italy we went to a meeting about it and were given a T shirt with Rovigo 92 on it and two bags and a tie. I was really pleased but was getting very nervous about going out there.

The day we went we have to be up at 2.30 in the morning to be at Northampton School for Boys for 3.30 and on to Gatwick for a flight at 7.55. We left on time, arriving very early at Gatwick and our plane took off at 8 o'clock, touching down in Italy at 10 o'clock, which was 11 o'clock there as they are one hour ahead of us. The rest of the day we spent at the training pitch where we practised ball skills and different moves.

I slept very well that night and thought about the next day's games. We had our first game at 8.00 in the morning, so were at the ground by 7.00 to sign in. Everyone was warming up and getting hungry for the first game, which was against an Italian team. The games were only twenty minutes long and we won this first one 8-0. Next we had to play the favourites for the cup, a team from Rome. We won that game 12-0 and our trainers were very happy that we were in the quarter finals the next day.

Our first game the next day was not until 12.00 so we were able to get some rest. After breakfast we went up to the ground where we found we were to play two more Italian sides, one from Rovigo and one from the south of Italy. We won both these games 8-3 and 6-3. We were not one of the favourites but were through to the semi-finals!

We were at the pitch early the next day as our games were at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. There was a stadium full of people and they were cheering the Italian team, they even booed when we scored but we just managed to win the first game 4-3. Meanwhile the trophies were being given out to the teams that had come 6th to 12th. In our second game there was no score but we got knocked out because their team was younger, worked out by the average team age.

For the 3rd and 4th place play-off we had to play London Irish which we weren't keen on because they stayed in our hotel and we were friends. They were fresh when we played them and we had already played two games. Due to this a lot of players, including me, came off because of exhaustion. London Irish won 12-8 so we took 4th place overall but received a trophy worth £1,000. The final placings were, 1st - French team, 2nd - Italian team, 3rd - London Irish, 4th - Northants. That night we had a big celebration at the hotel, which was good for us but not for the other guests.

The next day we went to Venice and I loved it there. We visited St. Mark's Square and also went to see some glass being made. We came home that night later than we thought due to the flight being delayed, the plane having been over booked. When we eventually got home I went straight to bed and slept all the next day.

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John Townley.

Henry's bench

Whilton Locks is the focal point for a massive British Waterways contract which will provide a new pumping station at the bottom lock and a new pipeline - partly along the bed of the canal - to replenish the flight of locks with water lost when boats pass through.

The operation has produced a few problems for residents - including two electricity cuts - but they are hopeful that it will be completed on time in July.

The work has unavoidably delayed the creation of a leisure area alongside the bottom lock which will feature a remarkable memorial bench. It has been constructed by freelance handyman Tony Forward, who plies his trade along the canal in his boat "Mooloolaba" and has winter moorings at the Marina.

The bench is a tribute to his old friend Henry Grantham, the lock-keeper who lived in a nearly cottage and died, aged 77, shortly after moving to Long Buckby three years ago.

It has been made with oak and elm salvaged from the wreck of "Forget-me-not", the old family working boat on which Henry spent his early years. The boat is now being reconstructed by volunteers of the Wooden Canal Craft Trust.

It is work a visit to the Marina to see the bench at its temporary site alongside the painting shed near the shop. It has been embellished with ornate boat tillers, traditional canal painting and ropework, and small doors which open to reveal a plaque marking Henry Grantham's long and distinguished service on the flight.

Tom Price

On Sunday, 3rd May, as part of a Diocesan Celebration of the Christian Faith, church councils throughout the Peterborough Diocese were asked to hold an Open Day at their local church.

We at Whilton played our part, invitations were circulated round the village and the church was opened from 2.30 to 5.00 pm. Although we would naturally have liked more of our parishioners to come along we were pleased to welcome about thirty adults and ten children during the course of the afternoon. We even had one gentleman from Wigston in Leicestershire who had lived in the village, with his family, some seventy years ago!

Demonstrations were given in the art of bellringing, some keen people trying their hand at it, and the church handbells were on display, together with a working model of a church bell and various books on bells and bellringing.

A number of displays had been arranged. The altar frontals, pulpit falls and priest's stoles in their varied colours of white, red, purple and green for use during the church's different seasons and festivals, were draped over the choir stalls and the communion vessels and plate were set out on the altar. A picture of the church prior to the restoration in 1878, kindly loaned by Mr. Jim Jelley, together with plans from the same period, were set out, alongside more modern photographs to show the changes that had been made.

The church was brightened up with some extra flower arrangements and a display of hassocks, one example of each of the different designs worked by parishioners and friends a few years ago.

All our old church records of banns, marriages, baptisms and burials were deposited at the County record Office some years ago but, fortunately, before they were taken there, Mr. Ken Bowers very kindly photographed and produced slides of all the separate pages. A projector and screen was set up in a corner of the church and some of our visitors were delighted to be able to see the record of baptisms, etc. of some of their relatives.

For part of the afternoon quiet organ music formed a background to the other activities and of course there was refreshing tea and cake available as required.

All in all we were pleased by the interest shown and felt that the afternoon was a success.

Harold Haynes

W.I. Coffee Morning held at Orchard House on 15th May raised £50.00 for funds. Many thanks to all those who supported us.

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At our meeting on the 6th of April twenty members were present. We were told that the event known as 'Britain in Bloom', in which we are participating, is to be judged in July. It was decided that, owing to insufficient interest being shown, no organised outing would be made to Pusey House Gardens this year.

Mention was made of our five suppliers for the purchase of gardening goods at a discount. The proposed Gardening Quiz at Flore is to be held on Wednesday, 13th May, and although volunteers were not forthcoming to make up a team to take part, some of our members expressed an interest in going to listen. The Programme Committee had already confirmed the programme of events for 1993.

Our Chairman, Mrs. Janet Bowers, welcomed the visiting speaker, Mr. Nicholas Warliker, who spoke on the subject of 'Making things grow' (instead of 'Magic with Vegetables' as advertised). An amusing character, Mr. Warliker discussed pollination and fertilisation, cuttings, germination, plants as memories and Latin names of plants. We were told that he cared for ten acres of gardens at Barnwell. A vote of thanks was given by Miss Frances Drake.

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The next meeting will be on Monday 1st June.

Michael Merriman

Whilton Village Hall

The 19th April turned out to be one of those fresh sunny spring days and a crowd of villagers came out for the treasure hunt walk. This was a pleasant ramble with the added enjoyment of searching for clues and treasures. Once back at the village hall everyone was revived with tea and great plates of refreshments. Thanks to Jim and Ros Gardner for organising the walk and to Anthea Hiscock and Brigid Fisher for providing the refreshments. The afternoon raised £55.15p towards village hall renovation funds.

There have been two 200 Club draws. On 27th March winners were:

Mr. G. Manning 1st Prize £30.00 Mr. & Mrs. Waite 2nd Prize £20.00

On 19th April winners were:

Mr. G. Ward 1st Prize £30.00 Miss F. Drake 2nd Prize £20.00

The village hall committee is now busy organising a Family Barn Disco for the 27th June, 1992, to be held at Rough Moor Grounds. Please make a note of the date and further details will be put on the noticeboard nearer the time.

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Some years ago I took it upon myself to start visiting newcomers to the village, both to welcome them and to give information about village organisations.

I now feel that the time has come for me to step down and I hope there will be someone willing to carry on with this contribution to the community.

Trudy Haynes

<u>P.S.</u> This was written before I read the suggestion that came from the Village Appraisal questionnaire. I still feel it would be a good thing to have a new "visitor".

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Women's Institute Meetings

There was a good attendance for the meeting on 8th April and much was discussed.

A Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday June 7th, in Brixworth Country Park, 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. This incorporates a Pentanque Competition and is a joint venture between the Sports Development Officers of Northamptonshire County Council and Daventry District Council.

Our Annual dinner will be on Wednesday, 24th June, the venue yet to be arranged.

The Intermediate General Meeting takes place in Bournemouth on 4th June. Resolutions for this will be discussed at our meeting on 13th May. Members were asked to bring a recipe to this meeting - written, and made ready to eat!

The programme for the coming year has to be planned and members were asked for suggestions.

The evening ended with a fascinating talk given by Mr. Bob Whitney of the Ramblers' Association — an entertaining gentleman — who kept us enthralled with his knowledge and experience of the History and Preservation of Public Footpaths. We were given a lot of information on where we can and cannot walk, told about Rights of Way, recommended maps and encouraged to get on our feet and walk. This is what we plan to do on Tuesday, June 2nd, when a footpath walk is planned — do join us at 6.30 pm — all are welcome.

Kay Roberts

Despite the small number attending the <u>meeting on May 13th</u> it proved to be very interesting, informative and enjoyable.

The main purpose of the evening was to obtain the views of members and vote on the resolutions to be presented at the national meeting to be held in Bournemouth later in the year. The resolutions, which were complicated, were very well explained by the President, Mrs. Ros Gardner, who had attended a previous county briefing session on the subjects.

The first resolution concerned the suggested patenting of genetically engineered new forms of life, whether plants, animals or human material. This matter is now under review by the E.C. following action in America and Japan to patent certain research findings, to the possible detriment of European research.

The second resolution concerned the need for adequate disposal facilities to deal with the very large numbers of fallen stock, subsequent to the outbreak of Bovine Spongiform Epilopathy and the radio active affecting of sheep after Chernobyl, rendering such cattle and sheep commercially valueless and consequently requiring farmers to pay for their proper disposal. The numbers and the expense involved tempted some farmers to dispose of these animals by shallow graves, throwing into rivers or abandoning them, thus creating a health hazard by polluting water sources. It was considered that an adequate system of disposal of these beasts should be available by way of incineration, knackers or rendering.

The third main resolution concerned the need for additional research into the problems of Endometriosis. This is a disease of women which results in the cells and tissue from the uterus developing inappropriately on other organs such as the liver, bladder and other tissues, causing pain, distress and infertility. The government at present gives the princely sum of £10,000 to research, despite the fact that one in ten women may be affected.

Apart from the resolutions, other matters discussed were: the annual dinner which will take place on 24th June, the venue to be finally decided at the next meeting. It is hoped that all members and their husbands and friends will wish to come. A report was also received on the very positive and helpful action taken by the Ramblers' Association relating to the footpath from Whilton to Brockhall, which members had found difficulty in following. A walk is also to be arranged by Mrs. Shirley Brown and Mr. Tebbutt of the Rambler's Association, to take place on June 2nd. All are invited to participate. Refreshments will be provided at the village hall at the end of the walk. Please see notice on board.

The meeting ended with a very enjoyable tasting session of favourite dishes brought by members, with recipes provided. They were very varied and acceptable and provided a light-hearted end to the business.

Frances Drake

I have belonged to the Girls' Brigade for eleven years. I started at 1st Shoreham Girls' Brigade when I was nearly seven and transferred to 1st Daventry Girls' Brigade when I moved to Whilton. When I was sixteen I started working for the Queen's Award because I thought that it would give me a variety of different experiences. This certainly turned out to be true!

I began my six months of social service in September 1990, at the Grange Old People's Home in Daventry. I had never done this before but everyone was very friendly and I soon made friends with several of the old folk. During the winter I wrote a project on Lord Shaftesbury. I wrote to several charities that he was involved in and they kindly sent me information. I found Lord Shaftesbury a fascinating character to study because he was very humble yet managed to do a great service for the poor in nineteenth century England.

Within the Girls' Brigade Company I helped with the younger children and worked for the Brigader Brooch. I only just completed this in time! I collected forty points on subjects like swimming, Bible reading, Outdoor Girl and citizenship. The later was very useful for the written paper of the Queen's Award. The written paper was basically on the government of the United Kingdom with sections on the monarchy, human rights and parliament, which meant that I understood more about last month's general election. So, when all Northampton's rugby fans were avidly watching an important match (which they lost) last November I was having to knuckle down and write about democracy!

At around the same time I was doing my initiative tests. I had the choice of giving a talk to a group about my experiences in the Girls' Brigade and in Romania, organising a party at Girls' Brigade or entertaining an old person for six hours. For me it was the choice of the two lesser evils! I chose the two former. I spoke to a very friendly Women's Fellowship in Nether Heyford and I even won a free raffle prize so the first of these went very well. I found organising a party very difficult and even had nightmares about it! But the actual event, with some help from Penny, was enjoyed by everyone (apart from me!).

The last hurdle consisted on the final assessments which were held at Girls' Brigade Headquarters at Didcot. We were examined on all aspects of the Girls' Brigade from the uniform to International Girls' Brigade to our impressions of the Queen's Award. I was very relieved when I heard that I has passed.

However, that was not the end. On May 2nd all thirty-eight girls who passed the Queen's Award, from England and Wales, went to the Albert Hall to receive the Award at the annual Girls' Brigade rally. It was very nerve-racking having to march up in exactly the right way and receive the award, from Baroness Macfarlane, with no mistakes! The coachload from Daventry cheered me on with banners and whistles. After that I was able to enjoy the rest of the displays by companies from all over England and Wales.

Summary of Events

Mon. 1st June 7.30pm Gardeners' Association Meeting

Sun. 7th June 2-4.00pm Family Fun Day, Brixworth

Wed. 10th June 7.30pm W.I. Meeting in Village Hall

Wed. 24th June W.I. Dinner

Sat. 27th June Family Barn Disco, Rough Moor

Grounds

3rd July Last date for items for inclusion in August edition.

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