

WHILTON
NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1993

Ed's Notes

What a stunning front cover!

Yes you guessed - no-one came forward with a cover for your Newsletter this month. We would still be pleased to receive cover designs if anyone cares to submit one.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Shirley Brown onto the team of Ed's, helping to spread the load of work a little further.

In the August issue of the Newsletter - deadline 1st July - we would like to produce a list of events/activities in Whilton and the surrounding villages and area taking place during the summer holidays, we can only do so if you send the information to us, so start collecting.

Ed's

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Church Notices

On the first Sunday of each month there is a Benefice Eucharist, at 10.00 am, held in each of the three churches in turn. Whilton's turn is on June 6th.

On the other Sundays the service at Whilton is usually at 6.00 pm. See the notice board in the church porch for details.

Have you always wanted to be Confirmed, but for one reason or another never got round to it? Or are you a young adult over 11 who is waiting for Confirmation preparation groups to start? Either way, now is your chance to do something about it. I am collecting names of people for Confirmation, and I hope we can get a couple of groups going in the near future. Don't worry at this stage if your church attendance at St. Andrew's is not that regular - I can sort that out for you! Don't hesitate: give me a ring at home on 0604 - 770402, or have a word with one of the Churchwardens.

Speaking of Churchwardens, warmest congratulations to Janet Bowers on her election at the Annual Church Meeting as joint Churchwarden with Harold Haynes. Janet has now been duly sworn into office by the Archdeacon of Northampton, and we wish her many happy years in post.

Of course, you may be wondering what a Churchwarden actually is! Well, it is a very ancient and honourable appointment. The Wardens are the leading representatives of the laity in church affairs, and work closely with the parish priest. Where there is a good partnership between Wardens and Parson - as there is at Whilton - then a parish church is well run and happy. The role of Churchwarden has changed in recent years, with more authority devolving to the Parochial Church Council, but he or she remains an officer of the Bishop, with responsibility of both co-operating with the parish priest, and reporting anything it is felt the Bishop should know about, or asks about. The Wardens look after the 'front of house' arrangements for services - welcoming and seating the congregation, and keeping order where necessary! Traditionally, they have a

special role of looking after the fabric and ornaments of the church and churchyard, and of course during an interregnum, when there is no priest, they are in charge of the church and its services. Above all, though, they set an example to the congregation and parish regarding Christian responsibility - and in Harold and Janet we couldn't have better people in doing this.

I would like to add a personal word of thanks to Elizabeth and Ian Church for hosting so generously well the Coffee Morning in aid of the church clock restoration - and to all of you who supported the event so willingly. It will be marvellous to see the clock face gleaming again, something Will Adams, another great servant of St. Andrews and the village, wanted to be done.

Finally, more names for my collection! We want to increase our band of bell-ringers, both here at Whilton, and in Brington. You should be about 14 years old and upwards, and want to learn how to ring the bells. One of the nicest aspects of the skill is that you will be welcome in church towers anywhere in the country. Names to me, or John Townley, please. The other set of names I would like are those of the sick and housebound. It is so easy for a person to fall out of the fellowship of the church when they can no longer attend services, and I hope to avoid that happening in Whilton.

With my Prayers and Blessing.

Jim Richardson

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Milk tops, etc. and foil

Two sacks of tops, foil etc. have been taken to Lyncrest, together with a large envelope full of stamps. Another sack and envelope have already been started.

Many thanks and keep on saving!

Trudy Haynes

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Village Outing

On Thursday, 22nd April, a group of villagers and friends enjoyed the first of this year's outings. Our first stop was Peterborough, where we had coffee and lunch with the intervening time spent looking round the cathedral and/or the many shops.

Then it was away to Rockingham Castle. Although the gardens were not at their best - they are superb during the rose season - they were interesting and we all enjoyed the wonderful view over the countryside. A tour round the castle, exhibition and church left time for us to enjoy a delicious tea - all goodies home made - before our journey home.

Weatherwise, although it was sunny there was a cold wind but at least it was fine.

Many thanks, Diana.

Trudy Haynes

Whilton W.I.

Since the last Newsletter there have been two meetings - April and May. April 14th - The secretary reported that she had written to our M.P., Mr. Tim Boswell regarding V.A.T. and Adult Education and the Privatisation of the Railways.

The replacement of daffodil bulbs in the Freda Adams flower border was agreed upon. It was also agreed that non-members be invited to join a group visiting the National Patchwork Championship at Althorp on Friday, June 25th. Members were asked to provide pencils, crayons, paper, etc., to be sent to Slovenia, where some of the displaced teachers are trying to set up schools for the refugee children.

Mr. Craghill, of Michael Jones Jewellers, gave a most interesting talk on the history of pearls. Members were able to handle both modern and antique items incorporating pearls. A ring containing three diamonds was passed to members, who were asked to guess its worth, which was over £8,000. Mrs. Shirley Brown's guess was the nearest and she won a most attractive pair of ear-rings.

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May 12th - In response to her letter to Mr. Boswell, Miss Scott had received a separate reply for each of the subjects in question. Members were not impressed! Mrs. Freda Thomas offered to send off the school equipment items brought by members for Slovenia. As a result of the Beetle Drive, held on Friday, April 16th, £35.00 had been given to W.I. funds. Wednesday, July 7th, was decided upon for the W.I. Summer Dinner.

The main part of the meeting was devoted to the three resolutions to be discussed at the I.G.M. in June. They were as follows:

1. The Government to be urged to deal with the problems caused by water abstraction from all sources by all types of users and to promote long term planning and co-operation between regions.
2. Called for a review of the Homicide Act and the criminal justice system to ensure the same justice for both husbands and wives who kill their partner under extreme provocation.
3. The Government urged to fund more research into the use of food crops in surplus and also non-food crops for industrial purposes and to obviate the need for set-aside.

Miss Drake had attended a meeting which dealt with all the important points relating to these resolutions. She gave members present a clear and comprehensive account of these and this was greatly appreciated. A YES vote was unanimous for all three.

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Next meeting will be Wednesday 9th June when the subject will be "Back Packing across India".

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Village Hall

1. Village Barn Dance - A date for your diary.

A barn dance is to be held on Saturday 26th June 1993, 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm at Roughmoor Grounds by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. G. Davies. Live music will be provided by The Gaberlunzies, a three piece band who play family barn dance music. There will be a bar-b-que supper and a bar available. Tickets will be on sale for £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for children (includes entry and supper). If you would like tickets please contact Mary Kane at Fallowfield, Whilton (tel. 842618).

2. Congratulations to all 200 Club prize winners so far this year. A reminder; the draws are taken on the 4th Friday of the month in the village hall at 7.30 pm unless there is an event being held near the date. All are welcome.

Prize Winners:

January - 1st prize - No. 123	Mr. L. Morris
2nd prize - No. 039	Mr. H. Franke
3rd prize - No. 079	Mrs. L. Snape
February- 1st prize - No. 199	Mrs. N. Green
2nd prize - No. 067	Mr. R. Hawkins
3rd prize - No. 009	Mr. R. H. Edwards
March - 1st prize - No. 168	Mrs. C. T. Battison
2nd prize - No. 095	Mr. T. Treacy
3rd prize - No. 066	Mr. S. Moses
April - 1st prize - No. 153	Mr. G. Manning
2nd prize - No. 033	Mr. M. Clements
3rd prize - No. 038	Mrs. A. Tilston

3. £2.50 per hour. Cleaner wanted to clean Village Hall, one to two hours per week. General duties only and times to suit individual. If anyone is interested, please contact me on 842618.

Mary Kane

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Neighbourhood Watch

WANTED New Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or two!

As we shall be moving out of Whilton I thought it might be a good idea for me to hand over the role of co-ordinator as soon as possible. Anyone interested please contact me on 842088 or pop round for a chat.

Angela Tilston

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BRINGTON SCHOOL REPORT

School term got off to a bad start (or should I say got off on the wrong leg) when Mrs Matthews unfortunately broke her heel on the Friday before we started back after Easter. She is now in plaster and we wish her a speedy recovery. There are some that say the SATS drive teachers to suicidal tendencies but we know that was not the cause !!! The SATS for the 7 year olds are continuing to take place in school with Mrs Matthews help. In the meantime Mrs Jelley is teaching Mrs Matthews class.

It has been a very busy term with lots happening. We had a very special invitation on Wednesday 21st April to attend a presentation at W.H.Smiths. Benjy Abbott was presented with a copy of the book "S is an Anaconda" which contains his prize winning poem. A copy of the book was also presented to the school. We also had eight runners up in the same W.H.Smith competition whose entries were not included in the book. There were over 30,000 entries to the competition so we did quite well !!!

That same day our football team played against Flore school. The enthusiasm of both teams outshone the rainy weather, resulting in the close score of 5-4 to Brington.

Over the Easter holidays the Juniors looked after eggs, taking them with them wherever they went for 5 days, for which they collected sponsors. The infants collected sponsors for each letter of the alphabet. This was as a result of a talk we had on the work of Barnados, and as a result £126-70 was collected.

Friday 23rd April saw the Juniors doing their part in the Parish Springclean by cleaning the area around the school, the

playing field, and the roadside in the immediate area.

Two rather shortened weeks followed the first week of term, with teachers training days on either side of the May holiday weekend. Work goes on as usual on these days but without the children !!!

The Intervillage Quiz was our next social but academic event. The pedigree of the teams was somewhat dubious but after a testing hour or so the Little Brington team proved their worth with a score of 52 against Great Bringtons 45 and Whiltons 49.

We were able to send two completed blankets to the Save the Children blanket exhibition this year and are continuing to collect squares for more blankets, so keep knitting !!!

Friday 7th May saw the visit of "the Bug Man", alias Robert Swailes, with his bug box. Much to the delight (or was it horror) of the children, it contained all sorts of creatures - cockroaches, millipedes, snails, spiders - all giant !!

Monday 10th May was the outing for Mrs Smiths and Mrs Matthews classes to Snibston Science Discovery park in Leicestershire. This was a very full but exciting day with "hands on" science activities and even a science based playground. Well worth a visit for adults as well as children of all ages.

Mr. Bilsborough's class are not sitting idly by. The year 6's are undertaking their cycling proficiency training and tests, and all of his class are to visit Whilton Sewage Treatment works ! on Wednesday 26th May.

R. Smith.

BRINGTON SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM DATES

This list includes all known events which will take place during the Summer Term. Items marked with an ** are open to all and the teachers and governors would welcome your support.

Saturday June 19th - P.T.A.Barbecue.

Wednesday June 23rd - "Open Day" for prospective parents.

Wednesday July 7th)

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Thursday July 8th) - Open evenings for parents.

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Friday July 9th)

Wednesday July 14th - School Sports Afternoon.

Thursday July 15th - Music Afternoon.

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd

July - Years 5 and 6 Residential visit to Everdon Field Centre.

OPERATION SPRINGCLEAN

THE WHILTON LITTER PICK

Our intrepid band set off on a damp Sunday morning, one adult and two children going in opposite directions through the village. The group at the top end of the village were joined by a second adult, and the great litter pick began.

Little bits here and there in the village, nothing to become excited about, but by the top triangle - empty cans and cigarette cartons, thrown out of car windows by thoughtless people passing through. We even

found a piece of a fairing from someone's motorbike !

Satisfied, the groups met and returned home.

That afternoon, I walked the dog up to the top triangle and, guess what ? empty cans and cigarette cartons, thrown out of car windows by thoughtless people passing through.....

Paul Bilsborough.

THE BARGAIN PAGE

"The History of Whilton"

by Clive Haynes

Still some copies available at
£2 each from The Old Plough.

Essential reading for anyone
interested in how the parish
has changed over many years.

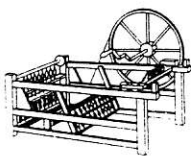
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WHILTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITIES

For the benefit of those of you who know little about the history of the Charities the following is a brief account of the background. The Trust Deed for the Whilton Relief in Need Charities was sealed on 24th August 1976. The Charities so formed being an amalgamation of three Charities previously under the exclusive control of the Church. They were ;

- a).The Charity of the Reverend Langton Freeman, founded by will dated 16th September 1783. This was £20 - 2½% Consolidated Stock. Income for the benefit of the poor of the parish.
- b).The Charity known as Murcott's Charity, founded by the will of John Murcott, dated 28th August 1829. This was £100 - 2½% Consolidated Stock. Income for the benefit of the poor of the parish in purchasing clothing and night covering.
- c).The Charity of Ann Rose, comprised in an indenture dated 15th December 1823. This was £400 - 2½% Consolidated Stock. Income to be used for the benefit of twelve poor girls of the parish. It is amusing to note that this was to provide twelve pairs of shoes and twelve pairs of stockings once in every year for ever and twelve bonnets, twelve tippetts, twelve pairs of mittens and twelve gowns once in every two years for ever !!

These three Charities were amalgamated in 1976, the total annual income at this time being about £15.

The above is part of the Trustees report to the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 1993. The rest of the report and how to make a request for a payment from the Charity will be included in the next edition of the Newsletter.

WANTED !!!!!

A Cleaner for the Village Hall.

**One or two hours per week. General
cleaning only and times to suit.
£2-50 per hour negotiable !!**

**Interested ? then contact Mary Kane
on 842618.**

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish council meetings have been held on 6th April and 10th May 1993. The 10th May meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Among items discussed were the following ;

Northamptonshire Draft Mineral Plan - A copy of this had been circulated to all councillors. Despite the parish being within a possible search area councillors decided to make no comment on the overall plan to the County Council.

Daventry District Local Plan - This had also been circulated to councillors and it was decided that as the status of Whilton as a limited infill village was not altered then we had no comment to make.

Parish Footpath Warden Scheme - Mr. Gardner had volunteered himself for the position of footpath warden, and had subsequently attended an instruction and training day organised by the County Council. A survey of the condition of paths and fences within the parish was planned for late spring. The parish council also agreed to ask the County Council for a contribution towards the repair of the main path from the green to the church door as in addition to being a church path it was also the start of two footpaths. The council has subsequently learned that 50% (£140) of the cost will be paid by the County Council instead of the church having to stand the full cost.

Parish Information Point - This County Council provided facility was now in operation from the clerks house. All parishioners are urged to take advantage of this when wanting to either contact the County Council or find out about services provided by them. The service is free !

Parish Council Standing Orders - A draft of the proposed standing orders for the council had been circulated to councillors and provided one or two points and words were clarified they should be ready for approval and adoption at the next meeting.

Whilton Locks Minor Traffic Scheme - Despite having agreed to provide a modest traffic calming scheme for Whilton Locks the County Council have now notified the parish council that money is not now available for the scheme. White lining will however be carried out when the road is resurfaced this summer.

Whilton and Buckby Locks Tourist and Commerce Association - A letter of introduction had been received from this newly established association. The parish council appreciated this and felt that by cooperation with this association improvements at Whilton Locks could be achieved.

Hand Rail at Southview - The District Council had provided and erected a handrail at the steps. Due to the large size of the tubing used and the position of the handrail it was proving to be useless for the purpose intended !! The council agreed to notify Daventry of this and ask for their further comments.

Fly Tipping - A load of builders rubbish had been tipped in a gateway along the Brington Road. The district council had been asked to remove this but have since said that they will not as the rubbish is inert and they also do not have the funds available for removal. The parish council decided therefore to arrange local disposal and to write to the district recording their disapproval of this situation.

Planning Matters

Advertising Signs - Whilton Locks Carpet Co. - The parish council comments to this application were to be that all the signs should be fixed flat to the building. Permission has since been granted without this condition.

Chimney - "Shaftesbury" - The parish council had no comments to make regarding this application and have since learnt that permission has been granted

Permanent 4 Wheel Drive Course - Whilton Mill - Permission has been granted for this.

Alteration to door and window - Manor House - The parish council had no comments to make regarding this application.

New Roof to Garden Building - The Thatched Cottage - After discussion it was agreed that the parish council comments would be that "the windows overlooking the adjoining garden should be glazed with obscure glass in order to maintain the privacy of the neighbour".

Jim Gardner.

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY 23rd JUNE.

We are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 23rd June from 9-30am until 3-30pm.

All prospective parents and children are welcome to come along at any time during the day to see a working day at school. There will be teachers available throughout the day to answer your questions.

Should you require any information beforehand, please contact Mr. Paul Bilborough on N'pton (9) 770286 who will be more than pleased to provide this.

YOUR HOME

Whilst the crime statistics for Whilton are very good it is worth mentioning the **Myths and Facts** relating to **BURGLARY**:

"But - it won't happen to me"

FACT A dwelling is broken into once a minute every day of the year - it could be **YOUR HOME**.

"I've nothing worth stealing"

FACT Everyone has something worthy of a thief's attention - everyone has items of sentimental value even if they are not worth much in cash terms.

"But whatever I do they'll get in"

FACT Most thieves want easy pickings, they are soon discouraged by houses that are not straightforward.

"Anyway, I am insured"

FACT Maybe you are, but damage, inconvenience and worry cannot be easily compensated by money alone.

Your home is only as secure as its weakest point. Precautions may be taken at two levels:

- a) Securing your home against the amateur housebreaker who steals valuable items which are easy to find, and who often wrecks your house in the process.
- b) Securing your home against the professional thief, who will have made a thorough study of the methods of housebreaking and will know where to look for all your most treasured possessions.

In both cases the criminal will look for the easiest entry route.

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO STEAL

Wrong! Remember that in most cases, before a burglar enters a home he doesn't know what he will find to steal, he assumes you have something he wants, and once he is inside, he will find something to make the risk of being caught worthwhile. Look around your home, you value your possessions - the chances are the thief will as well.

HOME BURGLARY TOP 10

1. Video Recorders
2. Microwaves
3. Money
4. Hi Fi Equipment
5. Cheque Books/Credit cards
6. Televisions
7. Jewellery
8. Silverware
9. Cameras
10. Antiques

This theme to continue in following issues of the Newsletter.

Campion School

An important date for your diary

Not to be Missed

CAMPION SUMMER FETE

Saturday June 12th 1993 at 2 o'clock

This year there will be many attractions to suit all ages: Vintage Cars, Archery, Craft Stalls, the Heyford Morris Men, Live Music, Pony Rides, Railway Rides, Greasy Pole, Skittles, etc. etc.... Please support your local school and have a great family afternoon.

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Whilton Gardners' Association

April's meeting was very well attended and after the business was over a most enlightening and interesting demonstration was given by Mrs. Ann Martin on how to plant Hanging Baskets and Containers - with clever use of foliage and colour it is possible to have a hanging basket all year round.

I am sure that with all the useful tips learned, members will be able to put into practice these tips when making their contribution to the 'Britain in Bloom' competition.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on visiting members gardens at Nobottle and Whilton - the three gardens visited gave a wonderful example of how to landscape large gardens and also how to make the best use of smaller gardens incorporating a vegetable patch alongside most picturesque flower beds and lawns.

Although we have an excellent membership, new members are most welcome.

Eileen Finnemore

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East Midlands in Bloom

Whilton Gardeners' Association have decided once again to enter our village in the East Midlands in Bloom competition and once again ask for your help and co-operation. Last year saw more hanging baskets and tubs - Can we improve even more? Maybe by adding character and colour to that small piece of land or verge by your home, adding another basket or tub or just brightening the front garden or even just keep the verge by you neat and tidy. Apart from the competition your extra help will aid the tidy village competition.

Judging takes place early/mid July. The judges also request to see an album of photographs of the village in colour throughout the year. If you have any photographs the Chairman of the Gardeners' Association would be pleased to borrow them and return them after judging. So here's to "Whilton in Bloom" with thanks in anticipation of your co-operation.

Janet Bowers, Chairman
Whilton Gardeners' Association

Whilton Women's Institute Annual Footpath Stroll

This event will take place on Tuesday 15th June, 1993 meeting at the village hall at 6.25 pm for a 6.30 pm start.

Please support this event and also benefit from the gentle exercise. Light refreshments on return to the village hall will be available for a small charge.

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Dreaming of his Masters Voice

High in the courts of heaven today
A little dog waits;
With other angels he will not play
But he sits alone at the gates.
"For I know my Master will come" says he
"And when he comes he will call for me"

And his Master on earth far down below,
As he sits in his fireside chair,
Forgets sometimes, and whistles low,
For his terrier that is not there.
And the little dog angel cocks his ears
And dreams that his Master's voice he hears.

I know when at length his Master waits
Outside in the dark and cold,
For the hound of death to open the gates
That lead to the courts of gold,
His little terrier's welcoming bark
Will comfort his soul in the shivering dark.

Anon

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Brington School

At Brington School we have finished the Operation Springclean. We found things like old swings and even a cardigan in the playing field!

On Friday 7th the Inter village quiz was held at the Reading Rooms. The night was won by Little Brington. Better luck next time Whilton!

On Friday 14th the top Recorder group competed in the Northampton Music and Drama Festival and came third. Brington came in a close second against Crick last year.

In early May we had a bug man come to visit us. In his box he had a tarantula, maggots, cockroaches, stick insects and even a scorpion! They really are nicer than you'd imagine.

Rowena Lewis

Summer Recipes

Chicken Elizabeth - Jean Waights

Cook chicken - when cold, cut into bite sized pieces.
Sauté a chopped onion in oil, then add -

2 tablespoons curry powder	2 tablespoons apricot jam
1 glass red wine	Half glass water
3 tablespoons tomato purée	Juice of a lemon

Simmer 10 mins, strain, when cool add the juice to half a pint of mayonnaise mixed with 4 tablespoons cream. Pour over chicken. Serve with salad and crusty bread.

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Banoffee Pie - Jean Waights

Cooked pastry case base.

Boil can of condensed milk (in unopened tin) in water, slowly for 2 hours. Leave until cold - preferably overnight.

Spread caramel on base of pie case - followed by a layer of mashed bananas, then top with half pint of double cream, with coffee essence whipped in it.

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Baked Lemon Cheesecake - Shirley Brown

Pastry Base

4 ozs plain flour	2 ozs butter
pinch of salt	1 teaspoon sugar
1 - 2 tablespoons of cold water	

Filling

3 ozs butter	3 ozs caster sugar
2 eggs, beaten	8 ozs low fat cream cheese
1 oz ground almonds	(philadelphia type)
Grated rind and juice of a large lemon	

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar and add enough cold water to blend to a firm dough. Knead lightly for 1 minute then form into a ball. Wrap and chill for 20 minutes.

Roll out the pastry and line a 9" flan ring, set on a baking tray. Chill for another 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy and gradually beat in the eggs, alternating with the soft cheese. When thoroughly blended, stir in the lemon rind and juice and ground almonds. Pour into the prepared pastry case.

Bake in a moderate oven (180 degrees C or Gas Mark 4) for 45 minutes or until filling is set. Allow to cool in the ring.

Thank you ladies for the above contributions - they sound delicious.

Summary of Events

Mon.	7th June	7.30	Gardeners' Association, Village Hall
Wed.	9th June	7.30	W.I. meeting - Backpacking in India
Sat.	12th June	2.00	Campion School Summer Fete
Wed.	23rd June	9.30 - 3.30	Brington School Open Day (See page 6 for full school dates)
Sat.	26th June	7.30	Village Barn Dance, Roughmoor Grounds
Thur.	1st July		Deadline for August Newsletter
Wed.	7th July		W.I. Summer Dinner
Wed.	14th July	7.30	W.I. meeting - Desert Island Disks
Early to mid July			East Midlands in Bloom judging

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