



WHILTON
NEWS LETTER

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EDS' NOTES

For this month's cover design we are indebted to Mr. Clifford Ellison, who has produced a number of different covers for us over the past few years. Many thanks, again, Clifford.

Our thanks, also, to those folk responsible for writing the articles, reports, etc. for this edition. It is a great help in spreading the load when more people become involved. Don't be shy about coming forward if you have something to offer! Might we have a recipe or two for future editions?

Because of the school summer holidays it will be necessary to get material for the August edition in in good time. **Please note the deadline date.**

Ed's.

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There's hidden treasure at Whilton Locks!

WALKERS from Whilton parish are cordially invited to enjoy a stroll along their local canal - and if they are observant enough they could end up with a handsome prize.

The event is the second locks walk organised by Whilton and Buckby Locks Tourism and Commerce Association.

It will take place on Sunday June 12, from 11 am to 7 pm, and one of its many new attractions will be a treasure trail. Armed with free "passports" containing clues, walkers will be asked to answer a few simple questions about things they can find along the one-mile flight of seven locks.

Winners drawn from the resulting bag of entries will receive substantial prizes donated by local businesses. Posters will appear in the village shortly telling you where to obtain your "passport."

Craft demonstrations

As happened on the successful walk last year, many of the little businesses along the locks will be putting on individual events and competitions. Craftspeople demonstrating will include our local potter, Peter Ilsley - just back from a factfinding tour of potteries in northern Australia - and experts in wrought-iron and cross-stitching.

Since last year many improvements to the flight, part of the national heritage walk between London and Birmingham, have been made by British Waterways. Among them is the little memorial garden to Henry Grantham, a noted lock-keeper, at the bottom lock.

The site of the old sideponds there has been landscaped, and the splendid and unique bench seat crafted by local handyman Tony Forward, in tribute to his old friend, is in place if you need to rest awhile on your tour.

Artists invited

It is hoped that walkers will be entertained by wandering minstrels and the sight of local amateur artists in action - if any of our talented parish painters feel like recording an interesting canal scene, we hope they'll come along on the day and set up their easels anywhere along the flight.

Other attractions will include a balloon race from the carpet centre, boat trips, cream teas and a car-boot sale.

The aim of all of them is to persuade local people to support local businesses and to enjoy the wonderful stretch of waterway that beckons at their doorstep - a "treasure" available to all, all the year round. - T.P.

A Village and Church of which to be proud

The most important event in the community diary in June is our village gardens and flower festival. Hopefully, we shall attract hundreds of visitors to Whilton - peeping, prodding, discussing and buying, and all thoroughly enjoying themselves. What will they find here ? First, a great friendliness. What I call a 'Ministry of Welcome' is so important in helping people to feel comfortable and at home. I have always found the village to have this quality, and I know that those of you who have recently moved here have experienced the same. Whilton is a good place in which to live, and primarily because of the people who make it so. I believe our Festival visitors will discover that for themselves - in the gardens and places they see, and in the Whiltonians they meet.

Then, secondly, Whilton is an attractive village because of its heritage. Our homes are well cared for and we have any number of pleasant, older, and in some cases historic, houses. At the heart of the community is St. Andrew's, and I am delighted that during the Festival the church will be playing a central part. 'All English history - its strength, its sleeping fires, its patient consistency - is here, contained in its speaking silence.' Thus wrote Sir Arthur Bryant in his 'Thoughts in an English Country Church' (1941). A parish church - and St. Andrew's is no exception - is often the most architecturally interesting building in a town or village; they house contents and furnishings of beauty and note, and all provide a key to local history and identity. It is estimated that over ten million visits a year are made to our incomparable English parish churches, and that statistic speaks volumes about the human condition in what is regarded as a very secular age. But then, from earliest times humankind has needed sacred places. Every generation from the dawn of history has established shrines, temples, tabernacles, churches. These buildings are natural to us: they are part of our search for God.

Unfortunately, St. Andrew's has to be closed for most of the time, because of the enormous risk of theft and damage - which is another, sadder reflection on the age in which we live. But the key is always available to the true pilgrim, and delight is invariably expressed when the interior is seen for the first time. During the festival the church will be open for two days, and is bound to be a natural draw. Above all, do note the time of the **FESTIVAL SERVICE** at 6.00pm on Sunday, 26th June, when the **BISHOP OF BRIXWORTH**, the Rt. Revd. Paul Barber, and his wife, will be our special guests. We do want a full church please !

Finally, Thank You. Thank you for all your help in arranging the Festival, and especially to Janet Bowers of course, the organiser. May I also add a word of appreciation to all of you who supported the Auction at Home Farm, in support of our Bell Appeal - and to John and Sue Townley, who have moved heaven and earth to raise the money necessary for the recasting. And, again, to all of you who came along to the Rogation Sunday service, when we visited Hill Top an Home Farms to bless the fields, crops and animals. A wonderful afternoon !

A village and church of which to be proud. That's Whilton !

Every blessing

JIM RICHARDSON

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CHURCH SERVICES

- Sunday, June 5th, 10.00am - United Sung Eucharist (for Whilton, Brington & Norton)
at Brington
- " " 12th, 6.00pm - Sung Evensong with shortened Communion
" " 19th, 6.00pm - Sung Eucharist
" " 26th, 6.00pm - VILLAGE FESTIVAL SERVICE
- " July 3rd, 10.00am - United Sung Eucharist - at Whilton
" " 10th, 6.00pm - Sung Evensong with shortened Communion
" " 17th, 6.00pm - Sung Eucharist
" " 24th, 6.00pm - Compline, with hymns
" " 31st, 6.00pm - Sung Evensong with shortened Communion

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CHURCH BELLS - PROGRESS REPORT

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes, was rung for the 6.00pm service on Easter Sunday, the last time that those particular bells would sound forth from the tower.

On Easter Monday morning John Townley and his team of volunteers set about the dismantling of the bells and fittings. At least one member was a little apprehensive about a team of amateurs tackling a job of this nature but his fears proved to be unfounded! In fact the work proceeded smoothly and the first bell was taken out of its bearings and lowered to the ground floor on Monday afternoon. The others followed at regular intervals and Tuesday afternoon saw the heaviest, the Tenor bell, safely down. The work was no doubt helped along by the regular refreshment, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc. provided by Sue Townley! On Wednesday morning the bells were each wheeled out of the church on a trolley and, with the assistance of Gordon Emery and the lifting gear on his tractor, were loaded onto John's trailer ready for the journey to London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Many interested spectators looked in on the operation from time to time and cameras were much in evidence. Even the press put in an appearance.

Thursday morning saw John and family setting off to London with the trailer load of bells securely roped down. The journey was not without incident as apparently the police on the M1 were of the opinion that 40mph was not really fast enough for motorway travel ! They could find no fault with the vehicle or its load, however, but suggested it would be advisable to get off the motorway. Travelling on the other roads proved a little more difficult but the bells were delivered to the foundry without mishap.

The next task was to chop round the ends of the steel frame where each section was let into the belfry walls, remove each piece in turn and again lower to the ground floor. As this frame consisted of rolled steel joists 16ft. long x 13½ in. x 5½in. it proved, in some ways, more difficult to handle than the bells. However, it was safely accomplished, the frame, as with the bells, was loaded onto the trailer and this, also, was delivered to the foundry, to be used as a base grillage for the new ring of bells.

The volunteer helpers are too numerous to mention each one by name but we are very grateful for their assistance. This self help is saving us thousands of pounds on the total job !

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The Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held at 8.00pm on Monday 9th May 1994 in the Village Hall and was attended by Parish Councillors, Mrs. Chaplin our District Councillor and two members of the public. Not what could be described as an overwhelming turn out by parishioners to their own parish meeting.

Interesting reports were given of the past year's activities and work by the Village Hall Committee, the District Council, the Primary School and the Parish Council, together with informal discussions on other matters.

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Parish Council Report

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on 9th May, amongst items of business were the following:

Mr. Jim Gardner was re-elected chairman of the Parish Council for a third year and Mr. Mike Lewis was re-elected Vice Chairman.

There had been another meeting between representatives of British Waterways, the Parish Council and Whilton and Buckby Locks Tourism and Commerce Association, regarding the application to the Department of Transport for tourist signs for Whilton Locks. Progress was being made towards an application by the end of 1994.

The stop line had finally been placed on the road near the railway bridge at Whilton Locks, as part of the road safety measures being undertaken in the area.

There continues to be problems with the Caravan storage site, at the Garden Centre, Whilton Locks and the owner is being pressed, by the Planning Authority, to comply with the conditions of permission as soon as is possible and this he says he is attempting to do.

Cost of printing the Newsletter were to go up slightly, it was thought that the publication still represented good value.

An application for an Entertainment Licence had been put before Daventry District Council by the Village Hall Committee for the Barn Dance to be held at Roughmoor Grounds on 9th July 1994.

An experimental bus service would be started on 7th June, running to and from Daventry on Tuesdays and Fridays. Details on the noticeboard and also in this Newsletter.

The Community Policeman, PC White would be invited to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 27th June 1994.

Anne Heeley, Clerk

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH and SUNDAY, 26TH JUNE
2-00 PM TO 5-00 PM

A very full programme has been arranged for the Two Day Festival.

There will be a Flower Festival in the Church and at least 10 residents have kindly agreed to open their gardens for viewing. For all those interested in animals they will be able to view rare breeds of sheep, White Park cattle, a Shire horse and many others.

For your entertainment there will be sideshows and stalls and refreshments all to be found in the grounds of Little Rectory and Old Rectory by kind permission of Rear Admiral and Mrs. O'Riordan and Mr. & Mrs. Bennett.

The Village Hall will be open for an exhibition of paintings and there will also be a display of old and modern photographs relating to the village.

A GRAND DRAW will take place with very attractive prizes to be won

The Admission Charge will be £1-50 per person and Free car parking

The Two Day Event will be concluded with a Festival Service of favourite hymns with the address by the Bishop of Brixworth, The Right Reverend Paul Barber. This will be held in St Andrew's Church at 6-00 pm.

Many thanks to all who have kindly donated to the Prize Draw:-

- 1st Prize - £100-00 Food Voucher. - Donated partly by Saxon Lifts and Goodmans of Whilton Locks and Balance from funds
- 2nd Prize - Evening Meal for Two at the Pickwick Restaurant Towcester who have donated this prize.
- 3rd Prize - Sunday Lunch for Two at The Resort Hotel Daventry who donated this prize.
- Other Prizes - Rug - Donated by Whilton Locks Carpet Co.
£15-00 Gift Voucher and Planted Basket of Flowers Donated by Whilton Locks Garden Centre
Crate of Carlsberg Lager Donated by Mr. Geoffrey Wright.
Leg of Lamb - Donated by Mr. & Mrs. J. Townley
30 Piece Service Set - Donated by Mr. & Mrs. G. Emery

Offers of help and donations of cakes, plants, tombola prizes, produce and books will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Janet Bowers Telephone Number 842851

ALL PROFITS FROM THE FESTIVAL TO THE BELL RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION FUND.

WHILTON W.I.

The April meeting was reasonably well attended and the business dealt with as speedily as the, always welcome, comments and contributions from the members present allowed.

The talk was one of the most interesting we have had. Mr. Rawlings told us a little of the history of bees, and a lot about their life and hard times, both inside and outside the hive. Fascinating stuff it was with relevant slides to illustrate the points he was making. We were left feeling competent to inform others of all we had just learned. (I have been busy picking off dandelion heads for the last three weeks or more - bees prefer them to the apple blossom !). Several bee products such as honey and beeswax were available for sale.

We were pleased that Mr. Rawlings' fiancée, recently and suddenly handicapped, was able to accompany him. Several of us spoke with her at tea-time and felt she deserved our admiration and respect for the brave way she had come to terms with the change in her position from head teacher to wheelchair user, and for her determination to fight the disability and to regain normality as far as she possibly could. She said she had enjoyed spending the evening at Whilton.

The refreshments were provided by Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Messinger, Mrs. Haynes gave the vote of thanks and the raffle, undertaken by Mrs. Gardner, was won by Miss Drake.

In May we had to vote for the resolutions which would be proposed at the national meeting in Birmingham next month. The importance of this is that the views of W.I. members all over the country are made known to the government, which cannot afford to disregard them completely. It is a shame, therefore, that some people in Whilton do not attend because they think the voting and discussion which precedes it uninteresting and unnecessary.

There were three propositions, explained to us by Miss Drake who had attended the area briefing meeting. The first related to organ donation and was as follows :

"To facilitate the donation of organs for transplant and thus reduce the alarming time spent waiting for donors, this meeting urges H.M. Government to consider the systems of presumed consent and required request".

The second, about legal aid, was :

"This meeting urges H.M. Government to reverse its decision to restrict and/or deny, to the overwhelming majority of its citizens, access to the courts by its attack on the legal aid system".

The last concerned pornography :

"In order that the courts may deal effectively with those who produce and purvey material of a most explicit and violent content, H.M. Government should be urged to review the unworkable key legal test in the Obscene Publications act which states that the material 'must have a tendency to deprave and corrupt'."

All three motions were carried.

Refreshments were provided by Miss Roberts and me, the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Spokes, and the raffle, organized this month by Mrs. Hiscock, was won by Mrs. O'Riordan.

Congratulations to our new members who support the institute so consistently and helpfully.

Diana Scott

BRITAIN IN BLOOM

As previously recorded in our Village Newsletter, Whilton has again entered the East Midlands Area of this competition. Last year many favourable comments were made about Whilton and with a little more effort by introducing extra tubs and baskets and not forgetting neatly trimmed verges, 1994 can surpass the previous year.

Judging for the competition is usually the second week of July but watch the Village Notice Board for final date.

Good Luck Whilton!

Janet Bowers

VILLAGE FLOWER BOXES

Did you notice the flower boxes by the Whilton Village signs?

Did you enjoy the colour and profusion of Spring flowers planted in them?

Did you notice that they suddenly lacked plants?

Did you see anyone tampering with them?

Yes, you've guessed it; a THIEF has also appreciated the plants!

IS NOTHING SAFE THESE DAYS?

Janet Bowers and Kath Wright

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the March and April draws.

On 25th March 1994 the winners were:-

March	1st Prize	-	No. 107	N.Hill
	2nd Prize	-	No. 125	P.Moss
	3rd Prize	-	No. 60	R.Osborne

On 29th April 1994 the winners were:-

April	1st Prize	-	No. 39	H.Franke
	2nd Prize	-	No. 134	C.Messinger
	3rd Prize	-	No. 88	L.Wolaghen

AUCTION AT HOME FARM

St Andrew's latest fund raising effort for the Bell Restoration was a Grand Auction at Home Farm on Saturday 7th May 1994. For days before, John and Sue Townley were kept busy recording items brought in for sale, and their sons John and Philip had the task of keeping them secure. By Saturday lines of large objects had appeared on the nearby field and the entire barn seemed full to overflowing. The items offered for sale were many and various and ranged from old agricultural equipment to domestic items and personal jewellery and even a pipe organ case of impressive size and design.

As with all village events, refreshments formed a vital and essential part of the proceedings. Janet Bowers and Sue Townley prepared Hot Dogs (who can resist the smell of fried onions?) and the band of ladies offering tea and coffee with sandwiches and cakes - Trudi Haynes, Mary Emery, Freda Thomas and Joyce Coles - ensured the quality and success of that stall.

On the day itself the weather was not too kind but at least it did not rain. Promptly at 11-00 o'clock the bell rang and the auctioneer Nick Bowman of Kettering began the sale with the outdoor items. He moved rapidly and cheerfully along the rows, giving Bryan and Beryl Williams, who were recording the transactions little time to pause. Garden canes, buckets and bolts, seed drills and towing chains all came and went and the numbers allocated to the buyers started to become familiar and sometimes mixed up.

Before long the sale was inside the barn and the smaller objects were being held up by John Townley and Gordon Emery. At that point, a two year old, no doubt bored by these events, enlivened the proceedings by removing the lot numbers from a whole row of chairs - only the initiative of Philip Townley replaced them in time. Another disaster was only just averted when a collector's plate slipped out of its box when being held aloft and was caught by Nick Bowman with a display of skill worthy of a Test Match fielder - the effort being suitably cheered by all present.

Eventually the end was reached and the office staff - Harold Haynes, Derek and Shirley Brown - had the daunting task of making up the individual accounts and collecting the money, while all the buyers had the problem of moving their bargains!

Altogether it had been very hard work and our thanks go to many people, not least to Nick Bowman who kept everybody cheerful and gave us several hours of his time and considerable expertise.

Bryan Williams

VILLAGE OUTING

After a few days of cold winds and showers, Tuesday, April 19th turned out to be warm and sunny, much to the delight of the villagers and friends supporting the first of this year's outings.

The countryside looked fresh and colourful as we journeyed to Coventry Cathedral and back from Warwick Castle.

After a welcome cup of coffee we explored the new cathedral with its blend of modern materials and artistry. The use of glass for the huge screen at the entrance was most impressive, as was the stained glass, not depicting figures of saints, etc. but making a beautiful pattern of colours, especially when the sun shone through.

The use of concrete, wood and bronze and the skill of the craftsmen and apprentices, some from the city, have combined to make an extremely interesting and impressive cathedral. In contrast, the font is a huge boulder from near Bethlehem - completely untouched except for the small, carved basin. All is dominated by the huge tapestry of 'Christ in Glory', a controversial piece of work, made in France. Materials, craftsmanship and labour were provided by many countries for this wonderful cathedral.

Nearby stand the old ruins, with the tower and spire that withstood the terrible bombing raids, and the windows with their tracery still partly intact. At the east end is the altar, built from stones gathered from the ruins and bearing a huge cross of charred roof beams. On the wall behind are just two significant words, "Father Forgive". How different an atmosphere prevails over these ruins ! It certainly gives one 'food for thought'.

Then it was on to Warwick Castle and lunch. It was impossible to see everything at the castle; apart from the interior exhibitions there are beautiful and extensive gardens.

The 'King Maker' was most interesting, portraying life in bygone days. We saw the workshops making bows and arrows, etc. and the old laundry. The model horse in the stable was swishing its tail and blinking its eye, and the cat in the workshop moving its head, as though looking for mice. We saw the king being robed and donning his armour, and this was all accompanied by background music of the period and the call to battle.

In the private apartments were groups of wax figures in different rooms 'enjoying an Edwardian Weekend'. Most were well known personalities and there were photographs for identification. In one room was Dame Clara Butt, singing to the young people. In another a maidservant and manservant were busy filling a bath and hip bath, water flowing from the tap and the can. One almost felt part of the scene !

In contrast, the Great Hall held a wonderful display of armour, pewter and weapons. What looked like a huge cauldron turned out to be a punch bowl. It must have held gallons and gallons. The State Rooms held displays of furniture, paintings and china, all beautiful and so different from the Edwardian rooms. The small chapel had mediaeval glass in one window and an interesting ceiling.

We were quite 'foot weary' by the end of our day but had enjoyed every minute.

Many thanks, Diana, for all your hard work.

Trudy Haynes.

VILLAGE OUTINGS

Three remain, so go on keeping your fingers crossed for the fine weather we usually enjoy.

Thursday, June 16th is to Syon House. There is also a butterfly house, a rose garden and a garden centre.

Tuesday, July 26th is first to the Botanical Garden at Oxford and then to Stonor Park, near Henley-on-Thames. The price will include lunch, which is being provided for us at Stonor Park, so I need to be able to give them the number for the meal a few days beforehand.

The coach to Buckingham Palace, in September, bulges at the seams. If you find you can't go please let me know at once as I have a waiting list of people who are only too anxious to replace you.

Diana Scott

WHILTON RELIEF IN NEED CHARITIES

Most parishioners will be aware of the existence of these charities, made up of three original charities, the main one being the Ann Rose Charity, which was originally endowed for the purpose of providing, annually, articles of clothing for twelve girls in the parish.

The income these days is not very large and would certainly not buy very much in the way of clothing, the dividends from investments providing £120.54 in the last financial year.

There is a balance in hand, however, and the Trustees would be pleased to be able to use some of this. One suggestion is that a small uniform allowance could be made to girls starting at the primary school, or when moving from primary to secondary. If anyone would care to apply the Trustees will be only too happy to consider the application. This would, of course, be strictly confidential to the Trustees, who are, Canon Richardson, Miss Frances Drake and Mr. Harold Haynes, the last named being the secretary, to whom any application should be addressed.

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MILK TOPS, FOIL, STAMPS

We have provided Lyncrest School with two more sacks of tops, foil, etc., together with lots of stamps.

Many thanks, and carry on saving !

Trudy Haynes

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There have been no reports of criminal activity in Whilton village this year. This is good news; and perhaps reflects our increased awareness and vigilance. Nonetheless, it is not a cause for complacency.

Unfortunately, the summer is often an open invitation to the opportunist thief, when downstairs windows may be open, doors left unlocked and families are outside in their gardens.

Please continue to take every precaution by keeping downstairs windows closed. Keep doors, side gates and garages locked. Remember to check these when leaving the house and always at night.

The suspicions of many people were aroused during the afternoon of Thursday 5th May when "Fishmen" were knocking on doors selling "fresh fish". This was reported to Daventry Police who advised that they are not to be trusted and that fish should not be purchased from them on any account.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Meeting

This was held on Wednesday, 4th May at the Community Centre, Long Buckby.

At this meeting it was stated by the local police that house and property crimes in the area have decreased. However, auto-crime is rising and every effort must be made to halt this increase.

Car drivers are requested to assist the police by locking all doors and the boot whenever the car is left; and by removing all items of value from parked cars including when they are left on your drive. Report anything suspicious, however small it may appear, to Daventry Police on Daventry 300300.

Northampton Police Message Manager

This system is now in operation. A trial message from P.C. Downing was received and recorded on Tuesday, 10th May at 7-02 pm.

This system will enhance communication between the Police and the local Co-ordinators and will enable current crime information to be passed on quickly. It also provides a means of reply at no cost to the co-ordinator should this be required.

Christine Bilsborough

LIBRARY SERVICE

Those people who have visited their local library recently will have seen a leaflet produced by the Federation of Local Authority Chief Librarians and entitled "Your Library Service is in Danger"

This leaflet outlines what could be the result of the Government's review of the structure of Local Government which might result in a tremendous reduction in the Library Services available. We are urged to write to our M.P. expressing our concern that library facilities should not be impaired. Meanwhile, if we wish to retain our local mobile library service, we should use it! This is a very valuable feature in our village life and of great importance to some people.

The van carries a very extensive and varied selection of books including children's books. If you are about in the village at 9.10 am - 9.30 am on alternate Tuesdays, I do urge you to come and support the library and enjoy its facilities. The library van normally parks in the Main Street near the village green.

We do not wish to lose yet another feature of village life.

Frances Drake

SECOND OF MAY / THE BARN

We are a small, friendly, rural organisation based in the village of Whilton (9 miles north of Northampton). We accept seasonal items, in good clean condition, on an agency basis.

Second of May ... stock a delightful collection of good quality and designer ladies and childrens used clothing.

The Barn ... offers a selection of new and used curtains and soft furnishings, handmade patchwork quilts, tapestry and brocade cushions, irresistible soft toys and various tasteful crafts and gift ideas. The Barn can also supply an interior design advisory service.

AtThe Thatched Cottage, Whilton, Northants.

Mondays	10am	3pm
Wednesdays	10am	3pm
Fridays	10am	3pm

For further details telephone 0327.842570
(Rock Transport) or 0604.770600.

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION
MODERN ROSES

At the meeting held on Monday, 11th April, Mrs. Ann Bird gave a fascinating talk, illustrated by beautiful slides of roses in many locations, both in this country and in Europe.

Mrs. Bird described how her interest in roses began in 1974, when she bought a number of pre-packed Hybrid Tea Roses from the local supermarket in Market Harborough, at a cost of 15p per rose! This interest developed into a consuming passion so that she is now a Royal National Rose Society judge, exhibitor and member of Council

A rose bush can last for more than 25 years if carefully prepared for and looked after - that is more than a quarter century of pleasure!

- * Prepare the ground in advance by digging in plenty of manure - this will condition the soil so that it will hold water and nutrients to feed the roots.
- * Buy carefully - preferably from the field of a recognised grower
- * Plant in the dormant season - between November and March.
- * Avoid rose sickness by not planting a new rose in an old rose bed.
- * Reduce chance of wind damage to graft union by reducing all stems by about one-third of their length in Autumn.
- * Maintain the condition of the soil by generous manuring in either Autumn or Spring.
- * Feed the roses by top-dressing with bone meal in Autumn.
- * Destroy over-wintering pests and diseases by spraying the surrounding soil with a dilute solution of Jeyes Fluid in Winter
- * Prune all bush roses carefully in early April
 - remove all dead diseased and damaged wood.
 - remove weak stems, very old stems and stems which cross over the centre of the bush.
 - reduce the length of the remaining stems by at least half, cutting cleanly above an outward facing bud.
- * Feed with a handful of rose fertilizer, spread around each bush after the April pruning.
- * Encourage the fast growing shoots to ripen by sprinkling a handful of sulphate of potash around each bush in May.
- * Ensure good flower colour by using a foliar feed before the buds break into flower.

C.B. WILLIAMS

A Bus Service for Whilton!

The County Council have arranged for an experimental bus service through Whilton commencing on Tuesday 7th June 1994, run by Geoff Amos Coaches.

Extract from the timetable:

Great Brington, Post Office	9.15	
Little Brington, The Green	9.18	
Whilton, The Church,	9.25	
Whilton Locks	9.30	
Norton	9.35	
Daventry, Bus Station	9.40	
Daventry, Bus Station	11.30	15.00
Norton	11.35	15.05
Whilton Locks	11.40	15.10
Whilton, The Church	11.45	15.15
Little Brington, The Green	11.52	15.22
Great Brington, Post Office	11.55	15.25

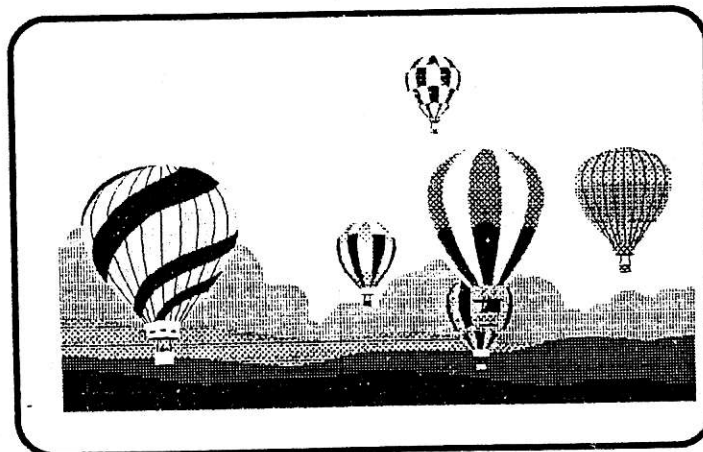
These services will run on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Do you find this service useful? The newsletter would welcome comments in due course.

Anne Heeley

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Brington & Nobottle Village Fete and Craft Fair 1994



Saturday 18th June
at The Football Fields Great Brington
at 2.00 p.m.

Summary of Events

Mon.	6th	June	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association
Tues.	7th	June		Bus service to/from Daventry begins
Wed.	8th	June	7.30 pm	W.I. meeting, Village Hall
Sun.	12th	June	from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm	Whilton Locks stroll
Thur.	16th	June		Village Outing
Sat.	18th	June	2.00 pm	Brington & Nobottle Village Fete
Sat				
/Sun	25/26th	June	2.00 - 5.00 pm	Whilton Flower Festival
Sun	26th	June	6.00 pm	Village Festival Service
Sat.	2nd	July		Last date for Newsletter items
Sun.	3rd	July	10.00 am	United Eucharist Service Whilton
Wed.	13th	July	7.30 pm	W.I. meeting, Village Hall
Fri.	22nd	July		Schools break up for the Summer
Tues.	26th	July		Village Outing

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