



**WHILTON
NEWS LETTER**

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ED's NOTES

You will have seen that our front cover again features the Flower Festival, using the design produced for us by Clifford Ellison just over twelve months ago. Can it really be a year ago? I hear you asking. Yes, the years certainly rush by, each one seeming to go more quickly than the last!

So, here we are, not only getting ready for another Flower Festival but also thinking again about the various competitions that take place at this time of year; Northamptonshire's 'Village of the Year', which used to go under the name of 'Best-Kept Village' and was won outright by Whilton in 1991, the 'Best-Kept Churchyard' and the 'Britain in Bloom' competitions. Judging in the first round of the first two of these competitions takes place during the month of June, we never know just when in the month it will be. Judging in the 'Britain in Bloom' competition takes place early in July.

I'm sure most folk will agree that Whilton is a delightful little village and a very pleasant place in which to live, and for most of the time it is kept in a tidy and attractive condition. What can we each do, then, to impress the judges when they visit us? Well, perhaps the answer to that question will be obvious if we realise that the judges look at the condition of the village green, the grass verges, paths, boundary walls and hedges, gardens that can be seen from the road, the churchyard, allotments, the village notice board, etc. In fact there is very little that does not come under their scrutiny. Of course, the 'Britain in Bloom' judges will be looking for even more. They will be looking for colour - pretty gardens - flower borders - hanging baskets, etc.

So perhaps we can all try to make sure that our own little patch comes up to scratch, and if we can give a hand with those areas that are no particular person's responsibility so much the better.

The churchyard was one of the areas mentioned earlier. All the work of mowing, trimming round the stones, weeding the paths and generally keeping everywhere tidy is done by voluntary effort, with no financial reward (as is most of the other church work such as cleaning, flowers and brasses, laundry, etc!) - the reward being the satisfaction of seeing a job well done. One of our churchyard mowing team, Don Welch, feels it is now time he retired in favour of someone younger, and this seems an appropriate time to say thank you to Don and pay tribute to him for the work he has put in over many years. We shall miss his contribution and hope that others will come forward to offer their services.

Going back to competitions once more. Villagers may be interested to know that two entries have gone from Whilton for the 'Village Ventures' competition, run by the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council. The project of the Village Appraisal and the resulting book 'The Story of Whilton' is one entry and the church bell project is the other. Reports have been sent in with photographs, tapes and other back-up material. By the time you read this the judges will have made their preliminary assessment - they were due to meet on Thursday, May 18th, and entrants should know early in June whether their project has met with any success.

N.B. Because the schools will be breaking up in July for the summer holidays we need material for our next issue rather earlier in the month than is usual. We have had to set the deadline date as JULY 9th. Please make sure you get any contributions in by that date or we cannot guarantee they will be included.

Eds.

VILLAGE OUTINGS

Two gone - three to go. Do come and join us on one of these outings :

1. Thursday, June 15th, to Capel Manor Gardens where you can explore as many as you wish or have time for of 50 different gardens, and then have lunch before going on to Hatfield House, which is where Elizabeth learnt she had become Queen of England in 1558.

2. probably Thursday, July 20th, but I am having difficulty finalizing arrangements which were begun before Easter !

I hope we shall be going first to Waterperry near Oxford. This was the first horticultural college for women. Lunch here before going on to Milton Manor which we haven't visited before but which sounds an interesting place to see.

3. Wednesday, September 6th, to Brook Cottage garden and then to a National trust property called Upton House which is near Banbury.

Because the cost of the coach (which is of course the most expensive item) is the same whether it is full or only half-full, the cost of the outings depends primarily on how many people decide to come. The information on the village notice board about ten days before the departure date will tell you the approximate cost each time. Up to now it has always eventually worked out as being less than the amount stated.

If you haven't been before, do give us a try.

Diana Scott

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL - BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 8th JULY

I know you'll all have the date of the barn dance firmly imprinted in your minds, but here are some further details.

Once again, thanks to the kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Davies, the barn dance will be held at Roughmoor Grounds and the 'do' will start at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th July. Tickets will be on sale during the previous fortnight from Mrs. Mary Kane at Fallowfield, Whilton (01327 842618)

£4.00 Adults

£2.00 Children

Tickets include entertainment (music by 'Thirsty Work') and a bar-b-que supper. A bar will be available.

Please try to come. In past years this has always been a great evening for a village get-together. Any profits made will go towards the maintenance and improvement of the village hall.

Mary Kane

CANON JIM WRITES

JOURNEY'S END IS JOURNEY'S BEGINNING

This issue of the NEWSLETTER covers June and July, so let me start backend first. Typical of me, I know!

July is a month of departures. Mums and Toddlers, schools, and all kinds of clubs close down; some children leave never to return. More significantly, a whole year-group of young people leave schooling behind for good or leave colleges and universities, launched at last into what we call the 'university of life'. Such occasions can be sad, nostalgic, even painful, and it is unfortunate that so many schools are unable to mark them with due solemnity as often no attendance is required once exams are over.

Usually, the human life-span divides neatly into laps or stages. Today, employment patterns are more fluid. Change of job, periods of employment, a return to study, abrupt change of career, are all much more common than in the past. Such events only serve to accentuate the sense of stages. This makes all ages sympathise with the school and college leavers in their feeling of loss and apprehension at the future. What make the move easier for our young people is the fact that their departure is a natural and necessary process in their move towards maturity.

The journey of human life can be unpredictable for us all, but each change is an opportunity too. To those with eyes to see what God is about, the stages we go through can be periods of great enrichment. In His hands, all shall be well. "I am come that you may have life and have it more abundantly", promised Jesus. St. Paul proclaims that he has learnt to know God and trust Him in both good and bad times.

Those who have walked the Pennine Way or Offa's Dyke, or the Coast to Coast footpath, will know that the worst time is the next morning's departure. Joyful memories of the warm and welcoming arrival the night before, the evening's food and animated exchange of experiences and making of new friends have to be put aside. Boots are pulled on over still blistered feet, shoulders ache as rucksacks are hoisted once more, farewells come all too soon and the first mile along the way can be sore indeed. But each departure is essential for the final goal to be reached. Memories may be treasured, but cannot be mistaken for the goal that lies ahead.

So it must be at each stage of our pilgrimage through life. May God's blessing rest on us all as each new chapter opens to us.

June is going to be a busy month as well. Whit Sunday - or Pentecost as we usually call it now - falls on 4th June. There is a festival Sung Eucharist at St. Andrew's at 6 o'clock. We could well have some Sealed Knot soldiers in Whilton over the weekend 17th-18th June, the date fixed for Holdenby House to commemorate the Battle of Naseby and the defeat of Charles 1st, who was kept as a prisoner at Holdenby. I have been asked by the Sealed Knot to tell them which are my parishes - so beware! It will be great fun. Then, of course, there is our own village Open Gardens Weekend and Flower Festival, 24th-25th June. We can expect hundreds of garden-lovers to visit Whilton, and if last year is anything to go by, we will all enjoy the occasion. Don't forget the 'Songs of Praise' service on the second day at 6 o'clock, which winds up the weekend. It was an enormous success last time.

Let me finish by going back to July for a moment. On Sunday, 16th July, baby Georgina Anne, daughter of Anne and Graeme Kilgour, will be baptised at St. Andrew's in a special village family service starting at 10am. Do come, if you can. Let's all give young Georgina a good start as she begins the next stage of her Christian journey!

Have a wonderful Summer.

Jim

Brington Rectory 01604 - 770402

CHURCH SERVICES

Apart from the first Sunday of each month, when a Benefice service is held at 10.00am in either Brington, Whilton or Norton churches, most of the Sunday services at Whilton church are held at 6 o'clock in the evening, and may be either Evensong, Sung Eucharist or, on the fourth Sunday of the month, the Night Office of Compline. In addition, also on the fourth Sunday, there is a Family Service at 10.00am, usually alternating between Whilton and Brington churches. This service is at Whilton on June 25th. As you will have read in Canon Jim's notes there is to be a change for the month of July in that there is to be a special Family Service on the third Sunday, July 16th, at 10.00am.

Please see the notice board in the church porch each week for full details of the services in each of our Benefice churches.

200 CLUB 1995

Congratulations to the winners of the March and April draws.

March	1st Prize - No. 090	P. Webster	24/03/95
	2nd " - No. 155	D. Scott	
	3rd " - No. 002	J. Waights	
April	1st Prize - No. 008	E. Thomas	28/04/95
	2nd " - No. 017	D. Todd	
	3rd " - No. 161	T. Price	

HAVE YOU A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE?

In the past we have asked for such things as favourite recipes, hints and tips, but very little has been forthcoming. We were left with a space to fill on this page. Could you have given us something to fill this space?

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JOB INFORMATION POINTS

A joint initiative between Northamptonshire County Council's Libraries and Information Service and the Employment Services aimed at job seekers and unemployed people in rural areas in Northamptonshire was launched at Raunds Library on Wednesday, 29th March, 1995.

Terry Crouch - Materials and Planning Manager of Rushden based plastics firm - RPC Ltd., cut the ribbon to officially launch the Raunds Job Information Point. Simultaneously, five other JIPs became operative at Brackley, Oundle, Thrapston, Woodford Halse and Long Buckby libraries.

Job Information Points include :

- latest job vacancies for the local area
- information to help people find that job

Smaller collections of leaflets from all the local organisations working with job seekers will be available in all Northamptonshire Libraries.

Councillor Phil Hope, Chair of the County Council's Equal Opportunities Committee says

"People seeking work have always used Northamptonshire Libraries to help in their search. This joint venture will make that search easier for people in rural areas where transport and distance from other facilities are a major barrier to them."

(sent to us for inclusion in the Newsletter by the Libraries and Information Service)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORTS

At the meeting held on Wednesday 12th April Mrs. C. Berry gave us a most enjoyable demonstration on découpage pictures (paper cut-outs).

She brought about twenty different pictures that she had made over the years. These were mainly of animals and flowers. The mouse wedding and the hedgehogs were quite irresistible.

Mrs. Berry was invited to give us a training day one Saturday in the autumn, in the village hall, when non members would also be very welcome. The date will be announced in a future Newsletter.

The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Ros Gardner. The raffle was won by Mrs. Sue Green and refreshments were provided by Mrs. Chris Messinger.

The W.I. summer dinner has been booked for the 5th July at the Brampton Halt Restaurant, when husbands and friends will be very welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening.

The Grand Union W.I. Group Carol Service will be held at Whilton this year, on Thursday 14th December, at 7.30pm.

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Miss Susan Thorne attended a resolution briefing conference at W.I. House in Northampton and on Wednesday 10th May reported back to Whilton W.I. members. The speakers at the Northampton conference were the Division Manager of the trading standards department, an inspector of police from the Community Involvement Dept. headquarters and a member of the Liberty Pressure group.

The resolutions, which are to be voted on at the London A.G.M. are as follows :-

1. This meeting urges Her Majesty's Government to introduce legislation for the issue of identity cards to all U.K. residents over 18 years of age.

After lengthy discussion we decided to vote against this resolution as it was felt that, among other things, it would be an invasion of privacy.

2. This meeting urges Her Majesty's Government to ensure that food is labelled with all the contents stated to avoid the hazards of a fatal allergic reaction from hidden ingredients.

We voted in favour of this motion, but thought it was badly worded. Allergic reactions can also be very unpleasant and one death is one too many - e.g. when peanuts are used in cakes because almonds are unavailable.

3. W.I. Rule XV1 (a) - A newly formed W.I. shall not pay membership fees to the National and County Federation for the year of formation.

We voted in favour of this resolution.

We gave the raffle prize to Susan as a thank you for her wonderful effort in explaining the resolutions to us.

Freda Thomas

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday, 13th May, Whilton W.I. held a coffee morning at the Little Rectory. The sun was shining, but unfortunately the wind was too keen and the temperature too low to sit outside and admire the garden and the view. We did, however, appreciate the hospitality inside, provided by Mrs. Jane O'Riordan and her family.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the morning a success, by providing refreshments, the raffle prizes and produce, and by coming to drink coffee and browse over the cakes and Jenny Patching's "Second of May" stall.

As a result we are now able to send £105.30 for the St Jude's Development Project in Uganda, where money is needed for a health clinic for women and children.

This project is being supported by the Northamptonshire federation of W.I.s and reminds us that we are part of an even larger organisation, the Associated Country Women of the World, through whom the project is developing.

Anthea Hiscock

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE WOMEN OF WHILTON

Whilton Women's Institute has at present 19 members. Whilton parish has 100 homes. So approximately 19 % of the women of Whilton belong to the WI. What about the other 81 %?

What do the women of Whilton think about the WI? Jam and Jerusalem? I have now been a member for about a year and I haven't yet seen a pot of jam or heard the words of Jerusalem.

However, during that year I have discovered alot about the organisation which surprised me. For one thing, it is a very large organisation with International connections (affiliated to the ACWW Associated Country Women of the World). As a National organisation (NFWI) it has political clout. There are about a quarter million members in the UK - that's a significant percentage of the female population and parliament can't totally ignore a voice as loud as that. Indeed the NFWI are invited by Government officials to air views on a wide variety of topics; recently: proposed changes to the Pensions Bill and how it will affect women, the White Paper on Rural Policy due out in the autumn, legislation on prostitution and donor cards.

On a village level the Institute can take part in more local issues; for instance Whilton members have walked the parish footpaths to ensure they are kept open; a sense of community is enhanced by gifts to senior citizens each Christmas; and the WI was in large measure responsible for getting the Village Appraisal off the ground that resulted in the book "The Story of Whilton".

WI also offers the traditional expertise, exchange of information, competitions etc on crafts and home-making skills. Speakers can be booked for local institute meetings and bigger demonstrations and events are available at County level.

There is the WI Denman College in Oxfordshire which runs hundreds of courses each year: arts, crafts, health and fitness, literature, photography the list is pages long! Myself, I've booked on an Advanced Driving Course to include off-road 4-wheel driving, trailer-towing, skid pan and the Advanced driving test. Over the years, several of our members have attended courses there.

So what do **you** want out of Whilton WI? An opportunity to learn a new skill? A chance to discuss current issues? Time to talk to neighbours and build friendships? An entertaining couple of hours? Every WI has its own character - it's what the members want it to be.

We'd like to find out what the women of Whilton would like of their WI, so later this month there will be a questionnaire coming round. Do help us to get a fully representative impression by giving us a few minutes of your time; then come to an Open Meeting and find out for yourself what Whilton WI can offer **you**.

Susan Thorne (on behalf of Whilton WI Committee)

VILLAGE OUTING

Thursday, 27th April, saw a group of villagers and friends gathering on the village green and looking forward to the first of our 1995 outings.

The first venue was Ely Cathedral and what a wonderful way to start our day !

The cathedral has both Norman and Early English architecture and, of course, the famous Octagon topped by the unique Lantern Tower. A great deal of excellent and sensitive restoration has been carried out this century but there is still much to be done. One wonders at the skill and patience that must have been shown by the craftsmen of years ago ! We must not forget the cost of preserving these parts of our heritage.

Our next destination was Anglesey Abbey, a former priory.

On arrival the first priority was lunch and then there was a choice of the abbey, the extensive gardens or the mill. Energetic people could enjoy all three ! The abbey was full of wonderful paintings, tapestries and furniture. There was so much to admire.

The spring flowers were over in the garden but the variety of colours and shapes of the trees and shrubs, standing in immaculate lawns, made up for this. A visit to the garden for each season of the year would be most rewarding.

After a welcome cup of tea in the restaurant we left for home feeling well pleased with our day.

Thank you Diana !

Trudy Haynes

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

At their April meeting the Association finalised the dates for the annual garden visits. This year we are visiting East Haddon Grange on Tuesday, June 6th, at 7.30pm. This garden has been recommended to us by Mr. Dennis Patrick, the well known cottage gardener and flower arranger from Ravensthorpe, and a regular speaker at our meetings. Also in June, on the 29th, we are visiting another garden in West Haddon, which was featured a few years ago on television. Will any association members who wish to go and were not at the last meeting please contact Janet Bowers on 842851.

Following the short business meeting hints and tips for the work in the months ahead were given and then a members question and answer section closed the meeting.

Our speaker was Mrs Gaggini, of Mears Ashby Nurseries, who instructed us in the correct way to establish sink gardens. If you are unable to purchase the genuine article it is possible to construct your own, very realistic one. We were then shown the various suitable plants for the sinks, those for sunny spots and those which prefer shade. After the talk we were then able to purchase plants from Mrs. Gaggini.

Janet Bowers

WHILTON GARDEN & FLOWER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY JUNE 24th & SUNDAY JUNE 25th

Time - 1.00pm - 5.00pm both days.

Saturday - Gardens open. Flower festival in church. Refreshments. CRAFT STALLS.

Sunday - Gardens open. Flower festival. Refreshments. VILLAGE STALLS.

The weekend will close with 'Songs of Praise' in St. Andrew's Church at 6.00pm.

The Prize Draw - books of tickets have now been accepted by households. Thank you for your co-operation in selling as many tickets as possible as this does raise a lot of money.

All the prizes have been donated :-

1st prize - £100 - donated anonymously

2nd prize - Crystalline pot value £75 - donated by Mr. Peter Ilsley and is a fine example of his special talents.

3rd prize - £50 food voucher - donated by Whilton Marina.

Plants donated by Whilton Locks Garden Centre feature among the other prizes, which include leg of lamb, silver earrings, wine, holdall.

A sincere thank you for your generosity and goodwill in helping to make the draw successful.

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Details of stalls and stallholders will be circulated to each household and donations will be gratefully received. If you wish to partake in any way by helping on stalls, running sideshows, helping in church on the days, gate or car parking duties please contact Janet Bowers - 842851.

All profits of the weekend will go to the Church Clock Restoration Fund.

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SPONSORED WALK

I recently took part in a sponsored walk, organised by the Peterborough Guild of Bellringers, around the peninsula of Rutland Water. Thanks to the generosity of many of my fellow villagers and members of the Daventry branch of Bellringers I raised a total of £261. This is divided equally between the Guild Bell Restoration Fund, which donates to projects like our recent restoration, and our own Church Clock Restoration Fund.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank You to all who supported me.

Janet Bowers

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MILK TOPS, FOIL & STAMPS

Two more sacks and lots of stamps,

Keep on saving! - Many Thanks.

Trudy Haynes

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VILLAGE OUTING

On the cold, wet, blustery morning of May 17th a 'mac and broolly' brigade set out for the second of our village outings.

The first place we visited was Staunton Harold Hall which overlooks beautiful lawns and two lakes. The Shirley family lived here until, in 1937, death duties made the upkeep wellnigh impossible. During the last war both the house and grounds suffered severely from occupation by the Army, and in 1950 there were not only proposals to mine the surface of the park but the house was sold to a demolition contractor. Fortunately it was saved from demolition when Group Captain Leonard Cheshire's Foundation bought it as a home for the sick and it is now in use as a Sue Ryder home for cancer patients. There is a fascinating little chapel in the Hall itself but in the grounds is Staunton Harold Church, built in 1653 by Sir Robert Shirley.

Visiting the church was akin to taking a step backwards in time. It is in the Gothic style, with box pews, those on the right for the gentlemen - hat pegs provided - and those on the left for the ladies. The extremely wide centre aisle gave room for the ladies in their full dresses to be escorted to their pews. A two decker pulpit, old organ, old glass in some of the windows, stained and painted ceilings added to the atmosphere. Complete lack of heating and only one electric light over the organ means that services are only held during the summer months. A place where one could say that "Time stands still".

Our second port of call, Sudbury Hall, like Staunton Harold Church a National Trust property, stands in beautiful parkland with wonderful views from its windows. It has a wealth of fine paintings, some beautiful furniture, wood carving and plasterwork.

Here, also, is a 'Museum of Childhood' which to many of the party brought back nostalgic memories. There was so much to see. We were able to indulge in some of the games of yester-year, with whips and tops, yo-yos, marbles and many others. There was a schoolroom fitted out as it would have been last century with its desks, blackboard, slates, chalk, cane, etc and a schoolmaster clad in frock coat and butterfly collar was happy to chat to all.

Reminiscent of even earlier times were the illustrations, writings and contemporary sounds bringing home to us the dreadful conditions suffered by children working in the mills, mines and factories, and as chimney sweeps. Settings of dwelling places emphasised the great gulf between rich and poor.

One interesting feature was the recording of details of games remembered by visitors and written down by a member of staff.

It was an extremely interesting day and our thanks go to Diana for giving us the opportunity to enjoy these outings.

Trudy Haynes

BRINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Unfortunately the report was not received in time for inclusion in the last Newsletter so we have only included points that are still relevant. - Eds.)

Mrs. Smith's class has had a second year student from Nene college working with them and she will be returning in the Summer term for a longer spell.

P.C. Blencoe has been a "working" visitor at school helping Year 6 pupils with their Cycling Proficiency training. This training continues in the Summer term so watch out for cyclists in the vicinity of the school.

Another "working" visitor, but no stranger to staff or children, is Val Sabin, P.E. Adviser, who has been working with us on games in the primary school.

We were also visited on two occasions by groups of children from Gladstone Road Lower School, who were studying our environment in comparison with theirs.

Mrs. Keller's class recently entered a competition to produce a video on "Safety". After much hard work and several problems (all overcome with a smile) the children eventually submitted a video warning people of the dangers in the kitchen. From all the schools in Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire which entered, Brington came in the top six and won a prize of £50.

Red Nose day proved to be a great success, raising £110. The day revolved around a circus theme with clown fancy dress, circus acts and funny songs.

The Grendon Centre has again been used by some of our children, who went on a three day course for recorders and music composition work.

Once again we took part in Operation Spring Clean, clearing the School grounds, the playing field and the surrounding area, resulting in several large sacks of rubbish, and our largest item so far - an old barbecue !

April 1st showed there are no fools in our area! The PTA quiz night was very well supported.

Money raised from this will be going towards the carpets for the new library and the stairway in the school house. The decoration of the new library is nearing completion and we hope to be using it after Easter.

We would like to re-iterate Andrew Shaw's plea from the last newsletter for dog owners to be more considerate when exercising their dogs, as we have had several cases of dogs actually fouling within the school grounds - not a pleasant experience for anyone involved!

THE JUNIOR QUIZ

On Friday the 28th of April the Annual Junior Quiz took place at Brington Reading Rooms at 7 o'clock. The Teams were Great Brington with Ben Tompkins, Chessie Saunders, Daniel Tompkins and Julia Mcwatt and Little Brington with David Spokes, Perri Lewis, Tom Lowick and Farah Ozlati and the Others with Alex Saunders and Sarah Lowick? and Victoria Leatherland and Ross Findell and Anna Semler and the winning team WHILTON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! had Fred Newborough, Abigail Hiscock, Lucy Todd and Thomas Bunce. All the people that took part got a chocolate bar and the Whilton team each got a shield and a Trophy for the team. At half time we were ahead by one point then we had a draw with the Others. After a breath taking Music Round we had won by one point. The scores at the end were Great Brington with 49 points Little Brington with 52 points the Others with 56 points and WHILTON? with 57 points. Mrs Ozlati and Mrs Lawes and Mr Thomas kindly did the questions and ran it and lots of kind people did the refreshments.

Ta Ta

Abigail+Lucy.

Neighbourhood Watch

One incident has been reported to Daventry Police 7/8th April. Horse box containing half a ton of hay stolen from top field (as you leave the village).

11th April Same horse box found abandoned on grass at top of village. It is possible that it had been used for the theft of livestock and then returned.

Neighbourhood Watch in the Daventry Area

Following the review of policing in Northamptonshire, the previous six police areas have been replaced with a new, four area structure:

Northampton (roughly an amalgamation of Weston Favell and Campbell Square Areas)

Western Area (Daventry, including Whilton, and some of Weston Favell area)

Eastern Area (the old Wellingborough)

Northern Area (Kettering and Corby)

The following is part of a letter received from Inspector John Millar outlining the effects of this re-organisation:

"From 1st April this year the Daventry Police Area, under the continued command of Superintendent Philip Vickers, will be re-named the 'Western Area' and expand in size to the extent that it represents over half the county of Northamptonshire. It will comprise four geographical sectors: Daventry, Brackley, Towcester and Northern District, each being under the command of an Inspector.

These sectors, although supported and administered centrally from Daventry Police Station, will have a devolved responsibility to provide policing across the complete spectrum of community needs for their area, twenty four hours a day, with Officers permanently assigned to (and identifying with) their locality.

The underlying objective is to provide you with a police service that is responsive to your concerns and requirements, that you can identify with, and which has the foundation of partnership.

The Daventry area has always attached the utmost importance to its Neighbourhood Watch and the excellent results in terms of arrest and detections through public information speak for themselves.

From this date onwards we will do our very best to build on past success and use the partnership between your scheme and local Police in the most effective way. If we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to ask."

Please Note

Whilton Community Officers are - Gary Wright PC940 and Graeme Basnett PC95

Emergencies - 999

Routine calls Daventry Police Station - 01327 300300

Whilton Parish Council

Report

Three Parish Council meetings have been since the publication of the last newsletter. On the 21st March, 10th April and 9th May in the Village Hall. Amongst items discussed were:

Planning

DA/95/1216, Change of use of land to off road-road vehicles, including car parking, landscaping, earth mounding, karting track and assault course, Whilton Mill has been permitted.

DA/95/0117, Change of use of Agricultural land to storage of up to 300 caravans, land adjacent to Whilton Marina, Whilton Locks. The Parish Council made several comments regarding this application, regarding the preserving of trees and safety issues. Notice has now been received that the application will be permitted on receipt of agreement to transfer caravans from the Garden Centre site.

DA/95/0357 and DA/95/0358LB plus an amendment of plans, relating to removal of existing roof structure and new slated roof built, new pitched roof over existing flat roof extension at Fieldview Cottage Whilton. No comments were made regarding these applications.

DA/95/0339, Outline application for one bungalow, plot adjacent to The Old Cottage, Whilton, no objections in principle were made but a query regarding the size of the application site was registered with the Planning Authority.

DA/95/0143/A Entrance signs, Whilton Lodge had been permitted by the Planning Authority.

DA/95/0147, DA/95/0192, Plots 1 and 2 Home Farm, Whilton, applications for two houses on this site have been permitted.

Mr. Gardner was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Mr. Lewis as Vice-Chairman at the recent annual meeting.

A meeting with the Area Manager and Maintenance Technician responsible for Whilton took place in Whilton earlier this month. A number of maintenance and repair issues were discussed during the meeting including a modification to the handrail at Southview.

The Annual Parish Meeting

This annual meeting took place on 9th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. A number of reports were delivered, relating to matters of relevance to the Parish.

Although an open invitation to parishioners of Whilton was published in the last issue of the newsletter and on the two noticeboards prior to the meeting, only one member of the public attended.

Anne Heeley, Parish Clerk

Summary of Events

Mon.	5th	June	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association meeting
Tues.	6th	June		Gardeners' visit to East Haddon Grange
Wed.	14th	June	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting
Thurs.	15th	June		Village Outing to Capel Manor Gardens
Sat/Sun.	17-18	June		Sealed Knot soldiers may be spotted in Whilton!!
Sat/Sun.	24-25	June	1.00 - 5.00 pm	Whilton Garden and Flower Festival
Sun.	25th	June	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Family Service, Whilton Songs of Praise, Whilton
Mon.	26th	June	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs.	29th	June		Gardeners' visit to West Haddon
Wed.	5th	July		W.I. Summer Dinner
Sat.	8th	July	7.30 pm	Barn Dance, Roughmoor Grounds
Sun.	9th	July		Newsletter Deadline Please note this is earlier than usual due to School holidays
Wed.	12th	July	7.30 pm	W.I. Meeting
Sun.	16th	July	10.00 am	Family Service, Whilton
Thurs.	20th	July		Village Outing (probably) to Waterperry near Oxford

Advance Notices

Wed.	6th	Sep.		Village Outing to Brook Cottage Garden and Upton House near Banbury
Thurs.	14th	Dec.	7.30 pm	Grand Union W.I. Group Carol Service, Whilton

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