



Whilton Newsletter

Flower Festival
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PARISH MATTERS !

The annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 10th May. This year it was during a rather torrential downpour which hopefully explains why only those presenting reports, your County Councillor and all your Parish Councillors were present. Despite this disappointing start an interesting review of the village activities took nearly two hours. This included meeting our one guest, P.C. Dickerson who has been newly appointed as our Community Policeman. He operates from Crick but can be contacted through Daventry Police Station. This was dealt with first to allow him to attend other Parish meetings

Community Policing

His new role from the Crime and Disorder Act is to ensure police presence is experienced in quality of life issues within our community. This is not only over criminal activity but disputes over such issues as dogs frightening people or wandering alone in the village. This situation at the bottom of the village was already being dealt with by him although he was made aware that the Parish Council had now received two complaints.

Report on Neighbourhood Watch

Mrs Bilsborough presented her report on Neighbourhood Watch. This was excellent in relation to the village as there had been no burglaries but PC Dickerson had some figures including the Locks which suggested there had been 11 reported crimes. The Chairman undertook to check out the Locks Scheme which was concerned with the whole flight of locks. It was as Mrs Bilsborough reminded us necessary to continue to be vigilant. She reported that since 1993 the cascade phone alert had been used 9 times but was now being reviewed to fill gaps left by people leaving the village. Our local police contact Gary Wright will continue his excellent service as one of the officers on call in the absence of PC Dickerson. She remarked on the supportive response from Daventry Police we enjoyed and that we had received a letter of congratulations on our record recently from the local Inspector. The Chairman thanked her for her work

Report of the Governors of Brington School

Jane Bunce as a Governor of Brington School presented a report on the year. Whilton now had two other Governors Mr Wright and Mr Mitchell. The school had its full role of 74 and would be 72 in the winter term. The Sats results remained above the National average. This kept the three fulltime staff very busy and governors too in producing plans to meet new national standards such as the new emphasis on Mental Maths and Home/School agreements. The action plan arising from the Ofsted Inspection was progressing. This year the headmistress had managed to obtain £35000 for replacing the old heating system from New Deals for Schools. However the school remained ever grateful to the PTA who had raised some £2800 this year which allowed the school many extras in the very busy activities of each year. Finally the school had received from Dr. Mattingley some artefacts this year and copies of the book Aspects of Brington History with which to start its Historical Resource Collection. Offers from Whilton were invited.

Reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr. Richard Amos then presented reports on County Council Business during the year and the District on behalf of his wife. Mrs Amos had been re-elected on Thursday. Both were very concerned about the Ryehill Development and the Structure Plan requiring 2500 houses in the Daventry Long Buckby Corridor. They invited responses on these.

Daventry had recently refused to support Ryehill and the County would decide in September. Issues about the 40mph limit around Althorp, and the A5 crossing were discussed. Cllr Amos finally wished to congratulate those who produce our excellent Newsletter.

Report of The Millennium Map Project Committee

Keith Hiscock then gave a report on behalf of his wife on the Millennium Map Committee. Progress was being made with half of the 80 squares completed. The WI were similarly placed with the actual stitching together of the map on which they will be put. Peter Ilsley is in the process of producing china buttons to stitch on some of the landmarks. The backing and framing is likely to cost about £300. An application has been made to the DDC Fund but if this is unsuccessful then a further application will be made to the Parish Council. There is much to be done so if anyone is willing to help please contact Anthea or Janet Bowers.

Report of the Parochial Relief in Need Charities

Mr Haynes who was unwell had supplied a report on the Parochial Church Charities.

The balance at the end of the year stood at £577.10. This arose from COIF shares worth £4772.43. Again no grants had been made during the year given the difficulty in proving poverty. The trustees, as indicated last year, had approached the Charity Commissioners for guidance on winding up the Charity by using the money in the village in a project. Their reply had been that it was possible but only if it could be said to benefit poor persons and most projects would benefit all persons in the Parish. As a result the trustees were now seeking any ideas for such a project and would welcome suggestions. There were none on the night but **through this Newsletter we make an appeal to residents to let Mr Haynes have your bright ideas as soon as possible.**

Report of the Village Hall Management Committee

The Chairman then presented a Report on the Village Hall Committee of which he is also chairman. He was concerned that there was a gradual decline in bookings which needed to be halted. The hall now had new windows and curtains to complement the improvements of last year. In 1999 it was planned to refurbish the toilets and sort out the back fence. Fund raising from a much enjoyed beetle drive and barn dance aided the important 200 club to keep funds in hand. A cleaner had at last been found so money to pay for this through more bookings was urgently needed. The covenant on quiet activities was a limitation but there remained considerable scope. Finally he paid tribute to Mary Kane who was relinquishing her secretary role for her great contribution to the efficient running of the hall.

Report of the Spinney Project Management Committee

Derek Brown presented a report on the significant progress of the Spinney Project from the slow start last year. The land had now been transferred to the Parish, a management committee established, and work begun. Some 29 volunteers had joined the first work afternoon and now two regular work sessions were planned for each month. Two paths had been cleared and 106 native trees had been logged on the site. Access improvements had been agreed with the County Council and a pond was planned. The main concern was how to remove the now dangerous poplars, in one or several goes. Advice varied but finance was a crucial issue. This was especially so as no market could be found for the wood (originally grown for Match sticks with its poor burning qualities). The first estimate received was for £3000 for one of 4 visits. The audited accounts presented showed that after legal fees had been paid for the transfer £590.59 remained. Grants were proving hard to finalise. Nevertheless the enthusiasm for the project remained and he thanked all those who so willingly gave of their time.

Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman of the Parish Council reported on a busy year for the Council. The Althorp opening had been well handled with a quieter than usual summer for the village. As well as the three extra lights installed last year we have replaced the one doubtful standard in Brington Lane this year. All the allotments were let, the notice board at the locks replaced and aid given for seats and information board in the conservation area. This had been matched by meeting owners legal fees at the Spinney transfer. The village design statement was progressing but very slowly and the surface water problem in Manor Lane had not been sorted. It had been a quiet year for planning application involving only three properties, however nearby extraction/landfill application at Ryehill had serious potential problems for the village and our response had been dispatched. Plans for a Millennium evening celebration and commemoration were slowly taking shape. He thanked the councillors and clerk for all their support during the year.

Report on the Financial Position of the Parish Council

The clerk presented the Annual Accounts for the approval of the meeting in the national prescribed format. They had been displayed on both parish notice boards and once approved are sent to the District Auditor. They showed increased income of £3728.22 matched by expenditure of £3816.39. This left a healthy balance of £3165.68 against which this year there would be auditor fees and election expenses as well as any approved Millennium expenses. The precept from the District Council had been raised to reflect this. The various differences in expenditure patterns from last year were explained. The accounts were approved.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that the two complaints letters concerning the dogs and a further incident be sent on to the Community Policeman who was dealing with it.

The clerk had also been informed of two other matters:

- i) The broken wire fence along the top path at Southview was being made worse and now presented a hazard to children. He was asked to try to establish the ownership of this as this had been disputed at the time the paving stones were removed.
- ii) **He had been notified of the closing orders to manage the Althorp Traffic this summer which would be from 15th June to the 15th September when as last year the road below the church would be affected.**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

THE WHILTON MILLENNIUM MAP

In April the members of the Millennium Map Committee were encouraged to see the variety of colours and styles in the squares which have been returned. We have depictions of plants, animals and birds, of organisations, such as the Playgroup and the Yoga Class, of individual houses and of parts of village life, such as the school bus and the harvest supper.

However, we cannot begin to stitch the squares together until most, if not all, have been returned. We shall be meeting again on 2 July and Janet Bowers or I will be very pleased to receive any more finished squares before then. If you would like to embark on another design or to try a first one, there are still more available from Janet. You do not need to be a professional needle person to undertake this. Some people have used fabric paints or felt collage, and the needlework is very varied.

Don't miss this opportunity to make your own mark in a village heirloom!

Anthea Hiscock



The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 13th April 1999 and the following members were re-elected to form the Management Group:-

Parish Council	Derek F. Brown (Chairman)
	Ray Barnes
Parochial Church Council	Janet Bowers
Village Hall	Shirley Brown (Secretary)
Women's Institute	Frances Drake
	Anthea Hiscock
Whilton Gardeners' Association	Derek Coates
Brington & Whilton Pre-School	Sara Mitchell
Two Elected Members	(1) Richard Bunce (Treasurer)
Whilton / Whilton Locks	(2) Jo Grant

As previously reported the legal work was not completed until December last but satisfactory progress has been made over the past five months. Northants County Council Rights of Way office will shortly be improving the access to the public footpath and also into the spinney so as to allow wheelchairs and pushchairs to gain easy entry.

An exercise of mapping the native species of trees resulted in some 106 trees plus numerous hawthorns being located; mainly along the north-west boundary (Whilton side). This proves there is already a healthy undercover ready to take over once the Italian black poplars are removed.

Plans so far formulated incorporate a pond in the wet area of the spinney and a play / picnic area to the right on entering the spinney. A survey is in hand to establish the flora of the woodland. Work has commenced on clearing the ditch on the Roughmoor side of the spinney which is our responsibility to maintain.

Applications have been made for grants - 1) Awards for All (Lottery Fund) and 2) Daventry District Council Millennium Fund.

Derek Coates arranged a visit by the Management Group to High Wood (an ancient woodland), near Preston Capes. This took place on Tuesday 18th May when the warden gave a conducted tour of the woodland and meadowland and it proved to be very interesting and educational and certainly could be helpful with our project.

It was suggested that, in the autumn, perhaps we could get families interested in a visit to High Wood to collect seeds from the trees for planting at home in readiness for re-planting in the spinney.

Arrangements have been made for fixed days for working parties; namely the second Saturday in the month (10.00am - 12.30pm) and the second Sunday (2.00pm - 4.30 pm). All residents of the parish are welcome to come along to help during those times or part of the time. Any help given will benefit all **FOR THIS IS YOUR PROJECT. Please watch village noticeboard.**

Derek Brown - 842968

WHILTON FLOWER & GARDEN FESTIVAL 27TH JUNE 1999

On Sunday 27th June between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm at least six village gardens will be open to view, some for the first time.

Based on the three year theme "Passing of Time", (last year was leisure) the floral displays in church this year will depict events from history. Also there will be an Art Exhibition in the church.

On the green by the church plants and cakes will be for sale. Other attractions will include tombola, raffle, helium balloons (win a prize if yours travels the longest distance) and a copper trail round the church (see following notice)*. Tea and homemade cakes will be available.

The Festival will close with a Songs of Praise Service at 6.00 pm

Offers of help, donations to stalls and ideas will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Janet Bowers on 842851

Details of stalls and stallholders will be circulated to all villagers nearer the event.

All profits will go to the St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund.

Janet Bowers
Festival Organiser

●●●●●●●●●● * COPPER MILE ●●●●●●●●●●

Have you any piles of coppers (1p and 2p coins) lying around the house, weighing down your pockets, clogging up your purse or just accumulating along with the dust in a dish on the dressing table? If you have then why not bring them to the Flower Festival on Sunday 27th June and help us to launch the copper mile. We hope to get this fund raising initiative off to a flying start on that day by laying out the coins round the church (weather permitting). So please help us by donating your spare coppers to this challenge and let's see how far we can go on the day.

This will be an ongoing fund raiser so keep saving your spare coppers and continue to donate them in the future as the aim is to complete a copper mile as soon as we can. We will keep everyone updated as to the mile's progress in the Whilton Newsletter, so empty your purses and launch the COPPER MILE!!

Coppers can be handed to **either Janet Bowers, The Heritage, Brington Lane (842851)**
or Gill Denbigh, Russet House, Manor Lane (842686)

All coins donated are in aid of Whilton Church Fabric Fund.

With sincere thanks in anticipation of your support

Gill Denbigh

WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

At the April meeting of the above association it was agreed that we would visit Tebb's Nurseries at Crick on 7th June. Following a conducted tour, we would then have our business meeting in their coffee area during refreshments. On 28th June we plan to visit Mrs Hutchinson's fuchsia nursery at Alderton, near Towcester.

For both of these visits we shall meet at 7.00 pm near the church before setting off in cars.

Following the business meeting, we welcomed Mr Dennis Patrick who spoke on "Colour in the Garden in April". We were not disappointed, Dennis came loaded with buckets of samples of plants, shrubs and trees - some 60 in all which could give colour to our gardens. Each was displayed, described and passed round to members and after the talk we were able to take some of the samples to try our hand at propagation. As always when Dennis comes we have lively and entertaining evening and really appreciate his wealth of horticultural knowledge.

The next meeting is Monday, 2nd August - subject "Portrait of Colour", venue the Village Hall, time 7.30 pm. Why not come and join us?

Janet Bowers
Secretary.

EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

Neat and colourful front gardens, tidy verges, weed-free paths and colourful hanging baskets, tubs and window boxes - these are all points which could help Whilton to win an award in the above competition when the judging takes place in mid- July. Can we all work to achieve even greater success this year?

In conjunction with East Midlands in Bloom, the Whilton Gardeners' Association is again running a competition for the best hanging basket or window box or tub. This year there will be three prizes awarded and the competition will be judged on the same day as the 'East Midlands in Bloom'.

If we all planted up just one basket or tub how colourful our village could be!!

Janet Bowers
Co-ordinator



A QUOTE:_____

Grass is growing, lawn wants mowing.
Edges shearing, rockery clearing,
Time for sowing, all that hoeing,
Seedlings feeding, borders weeding,
Peas need sticking, fruit needs picking,

Plants want staking, leaves want raking,
Deadheads snipping, hedges clipping,
Brambles chopping, branches lopping,
Nettles hacking, bonfires stacking,
Limbs are aching, back is breaking...
Think I'll sit--a bit.



OPERATION SPRING CLEAN -APRIL 1999

At the proposed time for our "litter pick" (6.30 pm 21st April), it was decided to postpone due to adverse weather conditions. A notice was placed on the village noticeboard advising the changed date to Saturday (24th April) at 10.00 am. and a number of people were advised verbally.

Our hopes were raised when, on Saturday, it was a dry and fairly sunny day. However, we were very disappointed in the "turn out" - just four, two from the Whilton Parish Council and two from the Whilton WI.

Very little was picked up, mostly drink cans and bottles thrown from cars at the top of the village, no doubt due to the caring nature of residents in the village who pick up litter on an on-going basis.

Derek Brown - 842968
Parish Councillor

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

FEBRUARY 1999

1st Prize	123	L.Morris	£40
2nd Prize	004	P.Morris	£20
3rd Prize	010	R.Green	£10

MARCH 1999

1st Prize	019	S.Green	£40
2nd Prize	108	G.Kilgour	£20
3rd Prize	208	G.Clements	£10

APRIL 1999

1st Prize	030	K & J Davies	£40
2nd Prize	183	F Drake	£20
3rd Prize	061	K & J Davies	£10

Whilton Village Hall 200 Club Draw takes place each month on the last Friday unless a social event is imminent. The value of the prizes is as above. The fee is £13 per year but payments of £1 per four weeks are acceptable but quarterly or half-yearly payments can be made, although less frequent payments do help with administration. It is possible to increase the number of tickets held at any time (the amount will be calculated pro rata to the end of the year). From the beginning of June this year there is a special promotion until the end of 1999 and any additional tickets purchased or for new members there will be **one month free**. Please contact Shirley or Derek Brown on 842968 if you are interested in supporting funding to maintain the village hall.

IN BRIEF:

BAPTISM - *The Family Service at St Andrews Church on Sunday, 18th April included the Baptism of Riain Graeme, son of Anne & Graeme Kilgour.*

BAPTISM - *The Family Service at St Andrews Church on Sunday, 9th May included the Baptism of Genevieve Catherine, granddaughter of Cynthia & Alan Print, Whilton Locks.*

BRINGTON & WHILTON PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school has had a busy half term looking at forms of transport and deciding which would be our favourite way to travel.

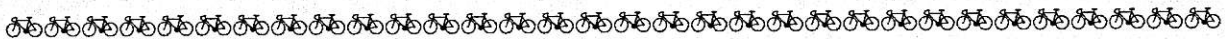
Three more children have joined our group recently, although we do still have places available, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30 am to 12 noon at just £3.00 per session. Please ring on 01327 843543 for further information.

Our vacancy has been filled and we look forward to welcoming a new member of staff after half term.

We are fortunate to be holding our Friday morning sessions for the forthcoming half term at Brington C.P.School. This enables those children due to start school in September to familiarise themselves with the school, staff and children and is always a wonderful experience for the whole group to which we are all looking forward.

Our fund raising event for this term will be a sponsored bike ride on 16th July to raise funds for a bookcase and floor mats.

Sara Mitchell (843543)



WHILTON MILLENNIUM MUG

The style and size has been determined - 10 cm high, 8 cm base tapering to 7 cm at the top. All that is needed is the design of the plaque, so lets have some ideas by the end of June. Half-term is approaching so I feel sure that you can find the time to put your mark on the Millennium.

The price has been fixed at £5.50 and there is an order form with this Newsletter.

Please get the orders in early so that there is no rush for the potter.

Mike Lewis

WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Whilton Annual Meetings were held on 29th March 1999 in the village hall and points of interest are as follows:-

Vestry Meeting

Election of Churchwardens (2). Mrs Janet Bowers was re-elected, Mr Brown had given notice that he did not wish to continue as churchwarden and the Rector thanked him for his work. There were no other nominations.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Election of Deanery Synod Representative - Mr Derek Brown was thanked for the work he had done. There were no nominations for this post.

Election of PCC Members - PCC elected members - Mrs S Brown, Mrs M Emery, Mrs E Finnemore, Mrs S Townley, Mrs K Wright, Mr D Brown, Mr P Waights.

Election of Sidespeople - The present sidespeople were re-elected with the addition of Mr P Waights.

Appointment of Independent Examiner - Mr Jon Brierley was to be asked to continue.

Electoral Roll - Mrs Janet Bowers (Electoral Roll Officer) reported that two people had left the village and two people were about to leave, making a revised total of 25.

Parish Report - The Rector reported that Family Services had been well attended and the total number of services in Whilton had remained steady over quite a long period. The Rector thanked the churchwardens, the PCC officers, organists and all the other people who contributed so much to the maintenance and life of the church at Whilton.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Election of Officers - Lay Chairman - Mrs Janet Bowers, Secretary - there were no nominations, Treasurer - Mr Derek Brown, Electoral Roll Officer - Mrs Shirley Brown,

Standing Committee Members - The Rector, Mrs J Bowers, Mr D. Brown & Mrs S Townley.

Mrs Janet Bowers, Churchwarden, expressed the thanks of the PCC to Mr Derek Brown, Mr Harold Haynes, Mr Bryan Williams (who have now relinquished their posts) for the work they had done and the Rector recorded his debt to the other members of the Ministry Team.

Dates of next meetings

Standing Committee - Monday 14th June 1999
Parochial Church Council - Monday 21st June 1999

Derek Brown
Parochial Church Council

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
APRIL 1999 MEETING

Nine members and two guests met at the village hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14th April.

Matters arising from the minutes were mostly concerned with the 50th anniversary celebrations on Saturday 17th July. There had been a large response to the invitations sent out to past members but unfortunately, as the date is in the middle of summer, many ex-members were going to be away on holiday. However there had been fifteen acceptances to date.

It had been decided to provide the members with a small memento of the occasion - keyring fobs with either small drawings or photos of well known landmarks in Whilton. There would also be a raffle for an engraved glass vase or bowl.

Arrangements were made for the Coffee Morning, in aid of funds for the 50th Anniversary to be held at Orchard House (by the kindness of Diana and Frances), on Saturday morning, 8th May from 10.30 am - 12 noon. Admission to be 50p and there would be a Bring and Buy sale and perhaps a raffle.

Ros then welcomed Gill Douglas, our Speaker, to talk about a Uganda Wedding. Mrs Douglas told us, that about sixteen years ago, after seeing an advertisement, she and her family agreed to invite an overseas student to spend Christmas with them. An eighteen year old student from Uganda arrived named Anne who has spent nearly every Christmas with them since. Anne loved England and would have loved to have settled here but her parents arranged for her to marry a Ugandan named George. Mr & Mrs Douglas were invited to the wedding. Mrs Douglas then showed us slides that were taken in Uganda and included the wedding. Unfortunately, it was not possible to purchase film for slides in that country so they had to resort to ordinary photographs to complete their collection. On the day before the wedding, there was a "Give Away Day" when 150 guests from both sides of the family were invited, Mr & Mrs Douglas were treated as VIPs.

For the wedding itself, there were about 1000 guests. No alcohol was served but many speeches were made including one by Mr Douglas. Disappointingly the men wore European type suits and the bride's dress came from London. The ladies in Uganda prefer their dresses ornate and they decorated their clothes with beautiful embroidery. Mrs Douglas put on a dress given to her which was embroidered, in fact she wore it throughout her presentation and said it was very comfortable.

That was certainly an adventure for them and they still keep in close touch with Anne and in fact she came over to England to have her baby.

Trudie Haynes thanked Mrs Douglas for the interesting talk and during refreshments the raffle was drawn and Janet Bowers won the prize.

Shirley Brown

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO JOAN & GRIFF DAVIES FOR HOSTING THE CHEESE AND WINE EVENING ON 14TH MAY.

GOOD WINE, WIDE CHOICE OF CHEESES AND A LOG FIRE RESULTED IN AN EXCELLENT SOCIAL EVENING.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENING, TOGETHER WITH £160 KINDLY GIVEN IN DONATIONS AMOUNTED TO £419.52 WHICH HAS BEEN PAID INTO THE FABRIC FUND OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH.

JANET BOWERS

WHILTON W I

Each year the May meeting of every WI is a time when members have a chance to discuss and vote on issues which are concerning women all over the country. In June there is a national meeting of members, at which the delegates from all the institutes vote. As a national organisation the WI can then take action and bring pressure to bear on the resolutions passed.

At Whilton our discussions were lead by Mrs Meg Mayhew from Yelvertoft. We discussed the issues surrounding the decline of the agricultural industry, women's human rights and genetically modified foods. We also discussed research into ovarian cancer and whether or not it would be appropriate to set up clinics where all women could be tested. There are a number of problems with this, since some of the current tests are potentially dangerous, and also do not always diagnose correctly, causing unnecessary worry.

After our discussions and voting we were able to enjoy refreshments and browse and buy from a selection of WI goods, which Mrs Mayhew had brought.

PAST EVENTS

THE WI COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to those who came to the coffee morning at Orchard House in May. This was a most enjoyable occasion and we raised nearly £50 towards the expenses of our birthday celebrations. We would like to thank Frances and Diana who were our hosts for this occasion.

FUTURE EVENTS

NEXT MONTH YOU CAN JOIN US!

Our next meeting on Wednesday 9 June is open to all, whether you are male, female, old or young, including children. We are going for a guided walk at Pitsford Reservoir, where the warden will help us all to appreciate the wildlife and surroundings. If you would like to come, meet at the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m., where we will sort out how many cars to take. After the walk you have the choice of coming home or continuing for a drink at Holcot.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

This year Whilton WI is fifty and we are holding our birthday celebrations in the Village Hall on Saturday 17 July. Some past members are returning to the village and we hope that, weather permitting, they will be wandering around looking at old haunts and familiar places during the afternoon.

Anthea Hiscock
(Secretary)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There has been no reported crime in Whilton so far this year.

Crime and Disorder Act

This Act is based on improving community safety mainly due to statutory partnerships between the police, local councils and other significant bodies and to encourage the partnership between the police and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

The main change for the Western Area is an expansion in size and population as it now includes all of the area covered by Daventry District Council and South Northamptonshire Council with the exception of Wootton Fields.

The legislation is extremely far-reaching and covers many issues such as anti-social behaviour, racial incidents, youth problems etc.

Police Organisation

As a result of the Crime and Disorder Act, changes in police organisation in the Western Area are taking place at the present time including the re-organisation of Community Policing.

15 Community Beat Officers have recently been appointed and they will be working in the various sectors within the Western Area.

P.C. George Dickinson has been appointed as Community Beat Officer to the sector which includes Whilton.

P.C. Gary Wright remains as the local Police Officer.

Their aim is to strengthen the co-operation between the local people and themselves and they will both be working closely with the local community and with Neighbourhood Watch.

Holiday Crime Prevention

Think security before leaving home and thus greatly reduce the opportunity for crime over the holiday period.

1) Lock all doors and close all windows

A third of all properties are entered either through a back door or a downstairs window.

Front and back doors should be fitted with a five-lever mortice deadlock and should have top and bottom bolts.

Key-operated window locks should be fitted to downstairs windows and to easily accessible upstairs windows e.g. above a flat roof or near a drainpipe.

2) Secure sheds and garages.

Check all garden tools and equipment, bikes and large children's toys are put away. Secure doors with a good quality padlock.

3) Lighting

Have an automatic time-switch lamp in a front room or hallway to switch on and off during the evening.

Do not draw all the curtains, as closed curtains suggest that the house is unoccupied.

EYES AND EARS OF THE COMMUNITY

4) Burglar Alarm

A visible alarm is considered to be the best burglar deterrent available.

Always set it before leaving the house.

5) Notify a neighbour

Leave a contact address with a neighbour where possible and ask them to keep an eye on things whilst you are away.

6) Cancel milk and paper deliveries

But don't advertise your absence to casual acquaintances, e.g. in pubs etc.

Remain vigilant and aware of anything unusual especially over the holiday months, e.g. breaking glass; parked cars or vans.

Keep an eye on St Andrews Church and the churchyard and on all properties in the village as you pass through.

Always report anything of a suspicious nature immediately to Daventry Police who will investigate further.

DAVENTRY POLICE - 01327 300300

Christine Bilborough
Co-ordinator

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AND BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION

By the time you receive this issue of the Whilton Newsletter, judging for the above competition will be about to commence. We have had a good run of successes and there is no reason why we should not be in the prize winning group again this year.

The period of judging is from 1st June 1999 to the end of September 1999 and we need to be prepared for a visit by the judges during the first week of the competition. Subsequent visits are made during the four month period and it is therefore necessary to maintain a high standard if we are to be successful this year.

Our downfall is usually litter that is found - just the odd piece and if everyone is watchful and picks up the offending piece perhaps marks will not be lost in this category of the marking this year.

Derek Brown
Parish Councillor

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE / WALK

Saturday 11th September 1999 is the date to diary. The necessary sponsorship forms will be available in August. The participation in previous years has been rather poor, so let us make this year, leading to the millennium, a great success.

Derek Brown (Co-ordinator)

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

We thank Mrs Eileen Martin for making available her caravan as a collection point for the newspapers over the past 20 months. We shall be sorry to see Eileen move out of the village and wish her happiness in her new home.

We are indebted to Anthea and Keith Hiscock for coming to the rescue and offering a temporary collection point. Ideally, we need to find a person prepared to deliver the papers - they would be employed by Oxford Street News. To qualify the person would need to be aged 13 or over and to have their parents' permission.

For newcomers to the village, Oxford Street News, Daventry, deliver papers to the village collection point, Monday to Saturday inclusive and charge each customer 50p per week for providing this service. Bills are submitted by the newsagent on a monthly basis for settlement direct. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please give your instruction direct to Oxford Street News Daventry on 01327 - 877720 or if you have any queries, please refer to me.

Derek Brown (842968)
Parish Councillor.

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON			
<u>JUNE 1999</u>			
6TH	UNITED BENEFICE	10.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
	<i>AT BRAMPTON</i>		
13TH		11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
20TH		9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
27TH	FLOWER FESTIVAL	6.00 PM	SONGS OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY SHOP - DAVENTRY

Thank you to those who responded to the article in the April Newsletter.

Just a reminder; when you are spring cleaning or just clearing our clothes or household goods or bric-a-brac, for which you have no further use, you may wish to dispose of them at a local charity shop.

I am voluntary worker at the above shop and if you give me a ring on the number below I will pick up the donated goods from your house and take them to the Daventry shop.

Shirley Brown (842968)



FIGHTING MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS

Are you...

... a good listener?

... able to talk comfortably on the telephone?

Could you...

**... be a Motor Neurone Disease Helpline
Volunteer?**

- You do not need to know anything about Motor Neurone Disease to be a Helpline Volunteer
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- We provide expert training, professional supervision and refund all expenses
- We ask you to offer a half day per week taking calls in the National Office in Northampton or an evening a fortnight taking calls at home

If you would like more information please contact:-

Mel Freeman, Helpline Co-ordinator
or

Marta Mayhew, Volunteer Services Co-ordinator

Telephone 01604 250505

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NEURONE
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ASSOCIATION**

**Local
Contact:**

Summary of Events

- Tue 1 June Judging starts for "Village of the Year" & "Best Kept Churchyard" competitions
- Sun 6 June 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - **Church Brampton**
- Mon 7 June 7.00pm Gardeners' Association - Visit to Tebbs' Nurseries - Crick (meet near church - 7.00pm)
- Wed 9 June 6.30pm Women's Institute - Guided walk round Pitsford Reservoir
Open Meeting - meet at village hall 6.30pm
- Sat 12 June 10.00am - 12.30pm - Spinney Project working party
- Sun 13 June 2.00pm - 4.30pm - Spinney Project working party
- Tue 15 June Road closure - Althorp
- Mon 21 June Parochial Church Council meeting
- Sun 27 June 1.00pm - 5.00pm Whilton Flower & Garden Festival, followed by Songs of Praise at 6.00pm
- Mon 28 June Gardeners' Association - visit to Mrs Hutchinson's Fuchsia Nursery - Alderton. Meet near church 7.00pm
- Fri 2 July Millennium Map meeting
- Sun 4 July 10.00am United Benefice Sung Eucharist - **Brington**
- Sat 10 July 7.30pm-11.30pm - Barn Dance at Roughmoor Grounds
- Sat 10 July Spinney Project working party cancelled
- Sun 11 July 2.00pm - 4.30pm Spinney Project working party
- Thur 15 July Newsletter Deadline for August Issue - extra early because of school holidays!**
- Sat 17 July W.I. 50th Anniversary Celebration

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