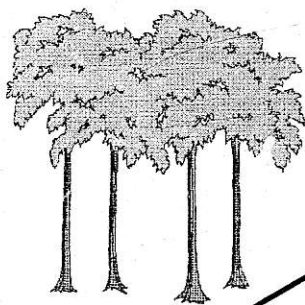
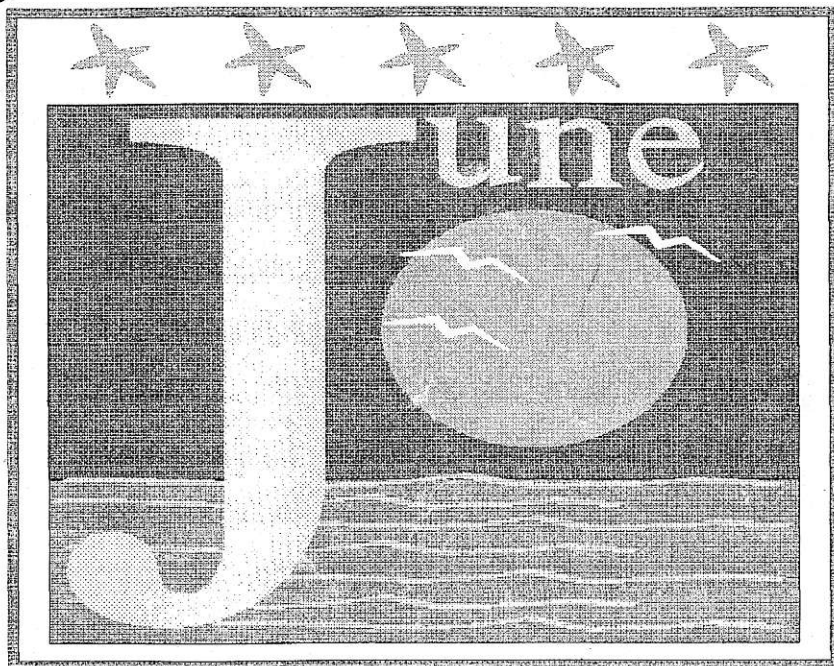


WHILTON NEWSLETTER



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GOLDEN JUBILEE



NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH



FLOWER FESTIVAL



PARISH MATTERS !!

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 13th May. All but one of the Parish Council were in attendance and a very welcome group of three parishioners. Mr Lewis, who chaired the meeting and introduced the nine reports, summed it all up in his appreciation for all the creative activity that these represented. Without the people willing to make these efforts Whilton would be an infinitely poorer place in which to live.

Annual Report of the Parish Council

Mr Lewis as Chair of the Parish Council reported on another successful year for the Parish. The DDC WASP Programme and the other award from the NCC Area Committee has improved the kerbing around the green, cleared the area at the bottom of the village, assisted in the purchase of the new seat there, and allowed the planting of some £400 of bulbs, shrubs and trees by the Gardening Club now adorning the village. Although there had been a failure over our first attempt to get the graveyard grass cut through tenders, we were exceedingly grateful to Roy Haynes and his helpers who had come to the rescue and were continuing to maintain it to a very high standard at no cost to the village. Again our efforts to improve the Highways performance in the village especially on the Z Bend had had limited success some of the pot holes had been filled and Cllr Richard Amos was continuing to lobby them on our behalf. It had not been a busy year in planning applications but there had been interventions on a telecommunications mast at the locks and two building projects proceeding without planning consent. The Council had finally completed its millennium projects with the erection of the Plaque on the Green, and was now exploring through membership of the Open Spaces Society the registration of what is still only a piece of highway verge as a proper Village Green. Wider issues tackled included the continuing concern over noise level at the Whilton Mill new track and the future of Long Buckby Station. In the former we had created a formal reporting form and in the latter had joined the Station Users Group. New Challenges in a new code of conduct and an register of interests for Councillors as well as a new Audit regulation were there for the new year. He thanked the Council members for all their hard work.

Annual Financial statement of the Parish Council

Mr Hiscock the Clerk then introduced and went through the finances of the Council which had been displayed on the two Parish Notice Boards for three weeks. These were set out in the format of previous years has that for the new regulations had not yet been received. They showed a very healthy state in that there had been a slight increase in reserves to £5882.76. However there had been a fall in income from the reduced precept etc of £550 to £3783.71, and a rise in expenditure of £900 to £3669. These would have been much more if the graveyard grass tender had continued and the drop in reserves more severe had not £650 grants from DDC been received. After some clarifications over changes the meeting approved the accounts.

Parochial Charities

Mr Hiscock as the Parish Council's representative on the Whilton Parochial Charities then presented their report. This is reproduced separately in full to further publicise the need to use the funds. The value of the assets has diminished by £570 from the share price fall to £5524.39. There have been no applications for help this year or other expenditure against the reduced interest income of £156.43.

Brington Primary School

Mrs Jane Bunce, deputy chair of the school governors, had sent a report on Brington Primary school as she was unable to be present which was shared with the meeting. It had been another successful year celebrating its 150th birthday in June in a Victorian Fair. The new Bellcote had been inaugurated. School concerts and trips continue including one to Covent Garden and the National Gallery. 18 children leave this year and the roll is due to fall to 66 children. This is a concern as 72 are needed to be viable. A new teacher for years 3 and 4 has also to be sought to replace Gillian Dodds. The school continues to receive help from the PTA and individuals such as Paul Day with his football coaching for enlarging the experiences offered. People can access more about the school from its website www.bringtonprimary.ik.org.

Village Hall Committee

Mr Lewis reported on the year for the Village Hall Committee. It had continued to be well used. Finances were very sound with £4000 in reserves. This almost entirely however the result of the 200 club, as lettings fees would not cover outgoings. It was hoped to use some of these reserves to finally modernize the toilets for disabled access this year and replace the fence at the back. This had been a year in which new ideas had been tried with the success of the first play- Sense and Sensibility performed to a capacity crowd. The Theatre would be back in the autumn with Frankenstein. New ideas were always welcome. He was grateful to all the committee who helped.

Northants and Daventry Councils

Cllrs. Mr and Mrs Amos had sent with their apologies reports for the County and District Councils respectively. Mr Amos is also on the Police Authority and chair of the NCC Area Committee. He covers 15 villages. He has concerns about only 18 policemen covering the 140 villages, the large hike in Council Tax this year, risks to Long Buckby station, and the state of our roads. His and colleagues opposition to cuts in road expenditure reinstated £300000 this year. He has also toured our area with the WS Atkins rep. now responsible for the roads and lobbied for more patching of the poor surface. Mrs Amos indicated the financial situation of DDC had been stabilized, remained debt free and asset rich. Planning Permissions were being increasingly delegated to officers(90% aim) which would affect Parish Council influence. She would step down this year as Chair of Planning to be the Chairman of the Council. Both were as always happy to hear from constituents on 01327 340386

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Phil Waights our new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported on the year. It had been mixed. New Schedules for ring rounds were distributed in October. However serious theft of garden machinery occurred in February/March when 9 properties were affected. Police contact has been minimal although the liaison officer is now e-mailing incidences-10 so far in Western Northants. These include theft of trailers, access to keys left in locks via cat flaps, and impersonation of a police officer to gain access. Co-ordinators have now formed a group covering this area to compensate for lack of police activity/presence.

Spinney Management Committee

A report from Derek Brown on behalf of the Spinney Committee was read to the Meeting. It had been a very successful year for the project with the removal of the poplars, and the clearance of the brushwood by a very small but gallant group of volunteers. Plant life has changed dramatically and new wild flowers appeared. A pond had been created and a grant recovered for this. A noticeboard had been erected and bird boxes had been made by Roy Haynes. The increased bird life has already made use of them. BTCV are now to install 84 metres of boardwalk in the wettest areas. The hike in insurance premiums for voluntary work is a major concern with rises from £40 to £236. It is very much hoped that volunteers for the work will grow as the visitors are increasing.

Jubilee Celebrations Committee

Teresea Leadbetter had sent a report on the work of this new Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee. Details of the work towards the Hog Roast/Barn Dance and the Street Party in the Emery's Field next to the Church are contained elsewhere and will be imminent as this appears. Again nothing would happen without the time and commitment of the volunteers for which our thanks are due.

AOB

Any other Business resulted in interesting proposals from Derek Coates. He was asking the Parish Council to explore the possibility of our electricity wires going under ground as done recently in Brington, and whether a 20mph limit rather than 30 could be adopted for the village. He also raised the concern about light pollution from the locks area. It was unclear if this came from the Mill Circuit lights left on or the rail improvement site opposite the Carpet Centre. This is to be monitored.

The Meeting closed at 9pm.

The Parish Annual General Council Meeting followed this. If you are still reading this, then brevity must be the watchword.

Mr Lewis was elected Chairman, and Mr Bowers his deputy. The new code was adopted and undertakings signed. Forms for the new Register of interests distributed.

4 complaints about noise at the Mill had been received to now be sent on.

The Council supported the proposal to have an area from Brockhall Parish transferred to Whilton including Rough Moors and the Spinney as part of a boundary change proposal in which Norton gave up all land this side of A5, mostly to Brockhall.

A September walk about in the Parish by the Council to make suggestions for improvements was accepted. For this year a new street light between the corner of Holly House and the village Hall, moving the salt bin off the Green onto the other side of the road, and replacing poor styles were to be explored.

REPORT ON THE WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES
2001-2

Prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on May 13th 2002

This has not proved to be a year of progress in many respects. The value of the Charity's assets has decreased by over £500 because of share price and interest falls. There have been no applications for its funds from poor people in the Parish.

After taking soundings from Parishioners and the Parish Council, Ms Gilbert and Mr Hiscock took ideas for debt Counselling and extending the area of Benefit, possibly to an area abroad, to the Charity Commissioner's representative to be told neither was possible. The area of Benefit could be extended to the surrounding parishes/area provided the Commission was satisfied every effort had been made to publicise the existence of the charity to local people. This would not only include the use of the newsletter and addressing village organisations but notifying Social Services, Health sources, and agencies such as CAB. This is being put in hand but we believe the need to show poverty may still be difficult in these affluent times and embarrassing for people in the wider area.

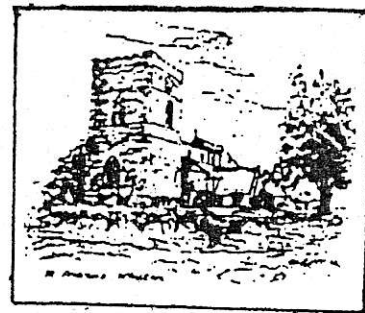
However one glimmer of light offered by the Commissioner is that although we cannot give towards education it would be possible to consider an application for specific assistance from students having to borrow to continue their education. It may be helpful for others to know Poverty is defined officially as anyone having to exist on half the average national wage. The Charity can assist any resident in the Parish.

During the year I should report Miss Drake resigned as the Community Trustee but has been replaced by her nomination, also supported by the Parish Council, Ms Ann Gilbert of Langton Cottage. As you will also realise as Rev. David MacPherson has retired from being Rector we have to await his successor as a new Chair. However Ann and I will be very happy to consider any applications confidentially. If you have a need, talk or write to us, or if you know someone who has a need please encourage them to apply.

Accounts:	2001-2	2000-1
Income from Coif Shares	£151-39	£165-10
Interest from Bank Account	£1-04	£4-45
Total Bank Balance 30.4.02	£1056-74	£904-31
As at 31.12.01		
Capital Account Share Value	£1432-15	£1663-96
Subsequent Share Purchases	£3035-50	£3526-83
Total Value of Trust Assets	£5524-39	£6095-10

K. E. M. Hiscock- Clerk to the Parish Council and their nominated Trustee 01/05/02

CHURCH MATTERS



WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday 25th April 2002 and points which may be of interest are as follows:

Vestry Meeting

Election of Churchwardens (2) - there was only one nomination, Mrs Janet Bowers who was duly re-elected.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Election of PCC members (10) - All previous members being willing to stand, were elected en bloc - Shirley Brown, Mary Emery, Eileen Finnemore, Jo Grant, Sue Townley, Derek Brown, Greg Lye & Phil Waights.

Election of Deanery Synod Representative - Mrs Sue Townley resigned from this position, Mr Phil Waights was duly elected.

Election of Sidespersons - It was proposed and agreed that the present sidespersons be elected en bloc.

Election of independent Examiner - It was agreed that Mr Jon Brierley be asked if he was willing to continue.

Electoral Roll - Phil Waights reported that the new Roll now stands at 20. (24 in the year 2001/2002). Two names were removed pending leaving the area and three others and one new name has been added.

Financial Affairs and Accounts - The Accounts, which had been approved at the previous PCC Meeting and examined by Mr Jon Brierley, were duly adopted. It was pointed out that our Parish Share for this year had increased by **12.3% to £6,308** per annum. The Gift Day held in November 2001 raised **£1, 570** which will be of tremendous help to meet our ever-increasing overheads.

PCC Meeting - Election of Officers.

Lay Chairman	Mrs Janet Bowers
Secretary	Mrs Janet Bowers
Treasurer	Derek Brown
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Philip Waights

Standing Committee

Janet Bowers and Derek Brown

Derek Brown PCC

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

JUNE 2002

2ND	9.30 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT WHILTON
9TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
16TH	9.30 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
23RD	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
30TH	6.00 PM	FLORAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

JULY 2002

7TH	10.00 AM	UNITED BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HARLESTONE
14TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
21ST	11.00 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
28TH	6.00 PM	COMPLINE

WHILTON VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

MARCH 2002

1st Prize	018	C Emery	£40
2nd Prize	035	P Waights	£20
3rd Prize	030	K & J Davies	£10

APRIL 2002

1st Prize	016	N Swinford	£40
2nd Prize	006	I Walton	£20
3rd Prize	104	J Gardner	£10

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS

WHILTON GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

The April session of the Whilton Gardeners' Association took place on the 8th April. Approximately 20 members attended and were given an extremely informative photographic tour of Hidcote Manor, Coton Manor, Cottesbrook and the gardens of Litchborough village.

The next meeting will be on the 10th June.

Christine Phillips
Secretary



VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS and FLOWER FESTIVAL **SUNDAY, 30TH JUNE . 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

There will be at least six gardens open and the Flower Festival in St Andrew's Church will have the theme **Wedding Anniversaries over 50 Years** which will result in there being even more arrangements than in previous years.

It is planned to have an **exhibition of photographs showing the village during the last 50 years**. Unfortunately, to date, no photographs have been forthcoming although a request was made in the April Newsletter. If you do have any you could loan, please let Janet have them as soon as possible.

An added attraction this year is the **SCARECROW TRAIL**. Produce a scarecrow and display it by your house in the front garden or even hanging out the window. There is a prize, donated by Linda Treacy, for the best scarecrow. This could be the most entertaining aspect of the festival.



In addition to the above there will be stalls i.e. plants, cakes, bottle tombola, white elephant and books games and face painting.

The event will close at 5.00 pm and will be followed at 6.00 pm by a **Floral Thanksgiving Service** in St Andrew's Church. This will be a different type of Service to those held previously. This has been designed especially for the occasion and will have a **floral theme** comprising of hymns, poems and readings.

Please give your support to the stallholders and come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

A most enjoyable evening for all who attended this event hosted by Philip and Joanne Grant. The weather was good to us so we had the opportunity to wander around Philip's well -stocked and attractive garden.

Good company, wine and cheese made this a memorable evening which was rounded off by a lively auction of mystery parcels under the 'hammer' of Richard Bunce.

The total money raised was £575 for the General Fund of St Andrew. What an excellent result !!

Our sincere thanks to Philip, Joanne and Richard for all their hard work.

Janet Bowers



THE WHILTON SPINNEY PROJECT



A small but dedicated team of people continue to meet regularly on Sunday afternoons. This team has progressed the work of clearing the debris from the felled Italian Black Poplars by creating piles of wood to attract insects and birds and burning the remainder of the brushwood.

A BTCV volunteer team are scheduled to commence erecting a boardwalk over the very wet areas in the spinney from Thursday 30th May. This work will be spread over the following two weeks. In all there are approximately 84 metres to be installed which will make access for all easier. The labour for this is being sponsored by BTCV and the materials are being paid for by the Group but an application has been made for a grant from "Awards for All"(Lottery Fund).

The noticeboard has now been erected in the spinney - just over the footbridge to the right of the public footpath

Monthly plant surveys are still being carried out and it has been observed that, due to increased light and other conditions changing, the flowers are more abundant, better and brighter than before.

We do not appear to have lost any species but in actual fact we have seen an increased number of species appearing.

There is increased activity with animal and birdlife in the spinney and the bird boxes made by Roy Haynes; we are pleased to say are inhabited.

The area to the left of the public footpath is being created for conservation and environmental purposes and therefore perhaps this could be borne in mind so that damage is not caused to the flora. Also, of recent times, there has been evidence of interference with the pond and the sign and since a considerable amount of hard work has gone into the creation of this area, we would like this to be considered when visiting the woodland.

It is very interesting and certainly encouraging when talking socially in the village to learn that a number of residents have already been down to the spinney and it is hoped that there will be an increase as the project moves forward.

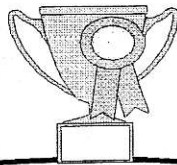
Whilton Spinney Group

ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL DICTIONARY

Artery	Study of painting	Impotent	Distinguished, well known
Bacteria	Backdoor of a Cafeteria	Labour pain	Getting hurt at work
Barium	What doctors do when patients die	Medical Staff	Doctor's cane
Bowel	A letter like A E I O U	Nitrates	Cheaper than day rates
Caesarean Section	A neighbourhood in Rome	Node	Was aware of
Cat Scan	Searching for kitty.	Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Cauterise	Made eye contact with her	Pelvis	Cousin of Elvis
Coma	Punctuation mark	Rectum	Damn' near killed 'em
D & C	Where Washington is.	Secretion	Hiding something
Dilate	To live longer	Tablet	A small table
Enema	Not a friend	Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport
Fester	Quicker	Vein	Conceited
Fibula	A small lie		

IN BRIEF.....

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE Just a reminder that the library van calls in the village every other Tuesday (except Bank Holidays) at approximately 9.10 am to 9.30 am. The van generally parks near The Old Plough, Main Street. Good use needs to be made of this service if it is to be retained, why not make a visit to the van for your reading material? The JUNE date will be 18TH and JULY dates will also be 2ND, 16TH and 30TH.



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM

July will soon be upon us, the month for the judging. So now is the time to start planting those hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs.

Well kept front gardens, mown and tidy verges and lack of weeds along your edges and walls all add to the marks awarded.

We have been placed second previously, including 2001. Can we make it to Number One this Year ?

May Meeting of the Womens Institute.

Several members were unable to join our May meeting when Mrs. Diane Bradbury visited to talk us through the resolutions for the Intermediate General Meeting to be held on 6th June. The two main resolutions put forward for the meeting are as follows:-

Support for local abattoirs- This meeting urges HM Government to support existing small abattoirs and to promote the re-establishment of local abattoirs in order to minimize stress to animals, reduce the risk and spread of disease, and encourage the availability of locally produced meat.

Stricter controls of importation of foodstuffs – In the interests of health of both the people and animals of this country, this meeting urges NFWI to put pressure on the Government to implement stricter controls on the importation of foodstuff into this country.

After much discussion members voted for both of these resolutions and our link delegate will be voting on our behalf at the meeting in June.

WHILTON WI VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION

On the evening of 10th April Whilton WI with a few friends and children visited the Fire Station in Daventry, where we were made welcome by two of the staff.

The introductory video was a warning to all of us. There are over 60,000 fires in homes every year and the number is increasing. Our way of life and increasing home "improvements" do not always aid our safety. Double glazing holds in fire and smoke, and with central heating, people do not shut doors at night, allowing smoke from fires to spread. Polystyrene tiles on ceilings can melt.

We were exposed to the experience of a chip pan fire demonstration and the ball of fire from it when water was wrongly used to put it out. After a fire, a pan should be left to cool for 30 minutes.

When there is a house fire, there are usually about three minutes in which to escape. Although we all think we know our homes like the back of our hands, it is easy to become disorientated when in a panic and breathing in smoke. We should ideally work out escape routes to exits in our homes, and we should install smoke detectors, especially at the top and bottom of stairs. Modern detectors are very sensitive and are now cheap too. It only costs about £5 for two. Information can be obtained from the Fire Station.

Having taken in this salutary information, the firemen then gave us the opportunity to see how they are dressed and equipped for fire fighting. Both adults and children were fascinated by the variety of protective clothing from flash hoods to prevent blistering of ears to tunics with thumb loops and fire resistant knee pads.

We also had a guided "tour" of the fire engine, some members of the party trying out the cab too! We were amazed at the vast amount of equipment carried on board. We had expected hoses, ladders and pumps, but we were not all prepared for space food for tired fire fighters, a thermal image camera for locating trapped people, decontamination facilities, for use after dealing with dangerous chemicals, and a computer.

All of us felt we had learned a great deal, and also came away with a great respect for the men, and a few women, who face so many risks to save others. We also came away with some knowledge about avoiding fires and two strong messages.

1. Fire detectors save lives and should be fitted in our homes. The Fire Service can advise and help with this.
2. Never hesitate to call the Fire Brigade, even for a small fire.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thankfully there have been no more reports of thefts since those at the end of February and beginning of March. Two men were caught breaking into a shed in Crick soon after but they have not admitted to any of those in Whilton.

The incident has caused the police to take more interest in the village and to keep the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator better informed.

I now receive regular E-mails detailing crimes in west Northamptonshire. Their main value is to alert us of the sort of crimes that are being committed. Distraction crimes seem to be quite popular with criminals, including one occasion when a con man impersonated a plain-clothes police officer and presented a false identity card. He fled when the householder went to phone the station to check. Thefts of trailers of all types are reported.

Those residents who lost items in the last raid and have now replaced them should bear in mind that it has been known for thieves to return a few weeks later to collect the new items. Please increase security.

In case of theft or the sighting of people acting suspiciously please Telephone the POLICE CONTROL ROOM on 01604 700700 and let one of the Watch Co-ordinators know.

Philip Waights. (Tel.842431)

COPPER MILE REPORT MAY 2002

Since the last report we have received and banked donations amounting to £55, which is a lot of weight to carry to the bank (spot the parishioner with extra long arms) Well done and many thanks to all who contributed to that amount.

Unfortunately an error was made in the last report and our current running total stands at £424-07, (I suspect I can't get away with blaming the computer for that one) The distance travelled so far is almost 700yds, which means that with a scour round for your spare coppers we could reach St Andrew's church or even go past it at the Flower Festival in June.

So please keep collecting and donating and either hand the coppers in to Janet or myself, leave them at the donation point in St Andrew's church or bring them along to add to the mile on the 30th of June.

We look forward to your continued support.

ITS FROM THE USA

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8.5 inches.

That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used?

Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that?

Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing. Okay?

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads?

Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match

for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever. So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. Thiokol at their factory at Utah makes the SRBs. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass.

And you thought being a HORSE'S ASS wasn't important!

Compo has researched the use of the word "ass" in the above story. In America it has the same ratitude as "bum" over here. He hopes it wont offend

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Whilton Golden Jubilee Celebrations



Barn Dance & Hog Roast
Saturday 1st June 7.00 pm
Roughmoor Grounds

Dancing to Thirsty Work
Bar ◆ Raffle

Tickets, priced at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children,
are still available from:

Anthea Hiscock	843319
Jenny Ponder	842619
Phillip Grant	844731



Contributions for the raffle are still required

Call Teresa Leadbetter on 843988



Village Party
Monday 3rd June 2.30 pm
in the field off Wadd Close

Traditional Games & Races ◆ Brass Band
Face Painting ◆ Tea Party

Names and numbers to Jenny Ponder a.s.a.p. on 842619



VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2002

Once again Whilton has entered the Northamptonshire Village of the Year competition, which begins on 1st June. Our village and community will be judged under two sections : the best kept village and the most active community.

The fact that we are small does not count against us, as villages are grouped according to their size. What is more important is that we all take pride in our environment, take responsibility to remove mess and litter, and positively enhance the area where we can. We all know that the gardens and house frontages in the village can be really beautiful. We also need to keep alert in our removal of litter, whether we are responsible for its creation or not.

Besides the regular activities of our local organisations, a number of special events, including the Jubilee celebrations and the Flower Festival are planned over the summer. Posters and information about these help to inform both villagers and outsiders. The way in which this information is displayed and passed around is now considered as one aspect of the competition.

In addition to the Village of the Year competition, Whilton has also entered the Best Kept Churchyard competition. The churchyard is being carefully tended this year, but we can all help by keeping it litter free.

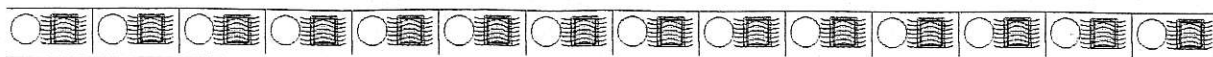
Our village is a lovely place to live in, and it has a variety of activities for those who wish to be involved. As previous winners of the competition, we are entered in the Cup Winners Cup section, which will expect a high standard. However, if we all work together, we can surely be winners again.

Good luck to Whilton!

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Trudy Haynes wishes to thank everyone who has saved their used postage stamps for the Children's Society. You have so far filled **three carrier bags!!**

Please to give your support to Trudy who will continue to collect the stamps for this good cause.



Summary of Events

Sat	1st	June	7.00 pm	Jubilee Barn Dance & Hog Roast at Roughmoor Grounds
Sun	2nd	June	9.30 am	Benefice Service in St Andrew's Church (Farewell to Maurice)
Mon	3rd	June	2.30 pm	Village Jubilee Party in field off Wadd Close
Mon	10th	June	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Assoc .Meeting in Village Hall
Weds	12th	June	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall 'The Art of the Silversmith'
Tues	18th	June	9.10 am	Library van in village
Sun	30th	June	1.00 pm	Open Gardens & Flower Festival
			6.00 pm	Floral Thanksgiving Service in St Andrew's Church
Mon	1st	July	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	2nd	July	9.10 am	Library van in village
<u>Tues</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Please hand in your
				contributions by this date otherwise we cannot
				guarantee they will be included in the next edition.
				*
Weds	10th	July	7.30 pm	WI Meeting in Village Hall ' Get Ahead Hats'
Tues	16th	July	9.10 am	Library van in village
Tues	30th	July	9.10 am	Library van in village

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Any contributions to the newsletter
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***Note the deadline due to school term ending ***