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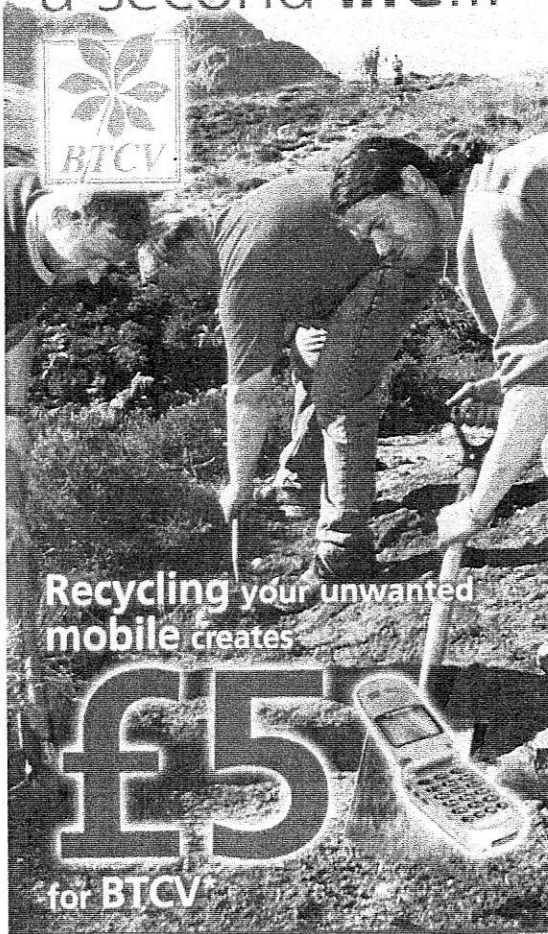
NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH

In this issue:

- Flower Festival & Open Gardens*
- Church Display - 'Musicals'*
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- More pictures and stories from the past*

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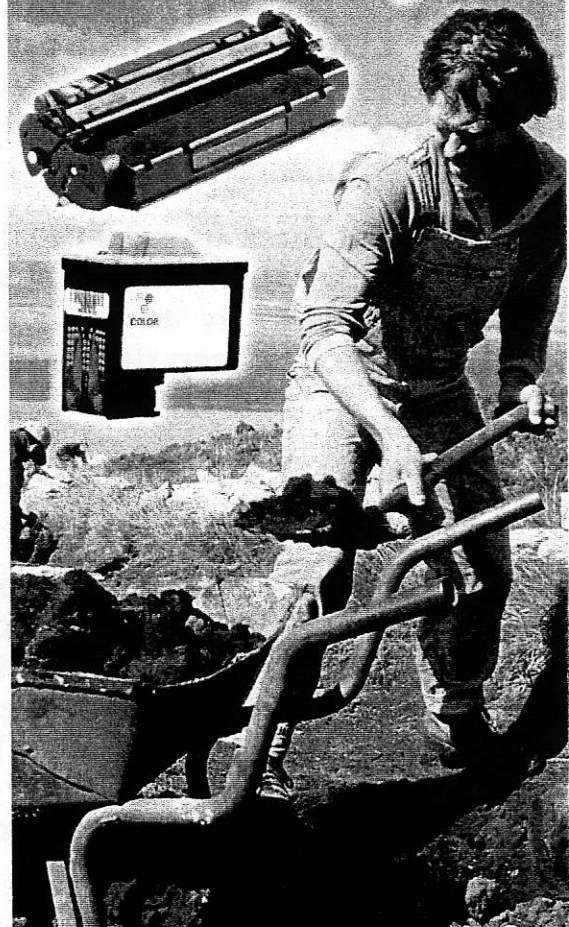
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ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY



The planting of the trees has taken place and have been labelled for the sponsors and the majority seem to have settled and are progressing well. Unfortunately there appear to be about five trees from the planting last year which are showing no signs of life. These are being replaced with trees from the planting this year.

There are a considerable number of saplings appearing this year, willow, ash, sycamore, guilder rose, cherry and field maple which have generated from the original spinney and due to more light and space have been provided with an environment in which, hopefully, they will flourish.

Over the next three months the growth of flowers of the woodland floor will tend to smother the newly planted trees and more help is needed to provide aftercare for them by way of keeping the area around them clear. We also need assistance to keep the paths through the spinney open by slashing and strimming.

PLEASE WATCH THE VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS FOR THE DATE OF THE NEXT WORKING PARTY

Although we thought we had made the position clear that the main part of the spinney was designated as a conservation area to encourage wildlife and growth of plants, this fact seems to have been forgotten. Recently a rope was found hanging from a tree over the pathway, obviously being used for swinging across a shallow gully. The rope was removed but a week later was found attached to a branch out of reach without a ladder or climbing the tree which would be quite difficult. At this time the bark of the tree was found damaged.

OUR INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT COVER ACTIVITIES OF THIS NATURE AND THEREFORE WILL THE PERSON(S) INVOLVED PLEASE REMOVE THE ROPE IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS A TYPE OF INSURANCE COVER THAT WE CANNOT OBTAIN.

The reason that we are drawing the attention of the above to all our readers is in case anyone else is planning to introduce similar activities without referring to the Management Group. It is essential that we operate all activities in the spinney within the scope of our insurance cover.

If there any points to discuss, please contact Derek Brown on 842968

Whilton Spinney Management Group

PARISH MATTERS!

The present Council met for its last meeting on Wednesday 5th May in the presence of 5 members of the public including Cllr Wendy Amos. Apologies had been received from Penny Price, Andy Walton and Ian Woods. Mrs Amos brought those of her husband.

It was a meeting very much looking to the future with a lot of business over which to consult residents- so do read to the end!! Also remember to come to the Annual Meeting and first meeting of the new Council on 21st June starting at 7.30pm.

Highways

Phil Waights had had a very encouraging response from Highways to our concerns about their responsibilities arising from the Councillors' Annual Walk around the village. The only slightly discouraging thing was as yet the first action agreed for April on the crooked finger post at the top of the village had yet to happen. Much of the rest relied on the Highways Annual Inspection in June to which Phil had been invited. So watch this space and let me or him know if there are matters to be discussed at this visit.

Postcodes

The three big issues for which village views are sought concern the future of the three trees on the verges around the village green; the extent of the village green area to be subject to the application to register it officially as a Green, not just a highway verge; and the opportunity provided by the enforced change in 5NN postcodes by the Royal Mail now being consulted on. You will all have now received notification that this will happen in September. In this case it was agreed the Clerk should attempt to negotiate the separation for postcodes and name plates of Main Street, Buckby Lane, Brington Lane and the properties around the Green as previously agreed. You will recall this was abandoned after discovering the complications required in changing the existing 5NN on letter codes in isolation to the other existing areas.

Green Registration

In relation to the Green Registration, the Clerk was able to confirm that the specialist advisor for the County Council had, on seeing the evidence in statements produced by many of you from Beryl Williams' survey, considered the application with a sworn affidavit by the clerk and chairperson could be made. The question then arises as to the extent of the area to form the application given the prohibition of parking and depositing materials on such an area that then arises. The Council after much discussion agreed you should be asked.

The options appear to be i) to go for all the areas from Churchgate to the end just in front of the drive to the Rectories and the back of the Coach House, and the other side of the road in front of Stone House and the other side of the Dove Close Drive, where the Council planted the four trees discussed below; ii) to exclude from the above the two areas in front of the entrance to the Church and Churchgate separated by the latter's driveway, or just that area between the Churchgate driveway and the pavement down Main Street; iii) To go only for the small contained area between the Churchyard Wall, the road to the Green properties and the path to the gate into the Church on which the seat, sign, notice board, post and telephone box stand. Obviously you may think of other options but please consider and let me or a Councillor know your views before or at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st June.

LIBRARY SERVICE:- THE COUNTY LIBRARY VAN CALLS IN THE VILLAGE EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 9.10 AM TO 9.30 AM AND STOPS OUTSIDE 'THE OLD PLOUGH'. THE JUNE DATES ARE 1ST, 15TH & 29TH AND THE JULY DATES ARE 13TH & 27TH

Village Green Trees: The Parish Council were very pleased to have our resident tree warden in attendance in their debate on the future of the two large horse Chestnuts and Sycamore tree planted on the verges outside Stone House and Dove Close described last issue. They were happy to agree the trimming and shaping of the main tree on the Green and the rowan opposite but despite the possible expensive future maintenance and liabilities arising from just trimming the other three trees were reluctant without further consultation to authorise their removal and replanting of more suitable trees as advised by our Tree Warden. The Clerk had only received comment by one parishioner and one absent Councillor prior to the meeting against removal. At present only the Sycamore was beginning to push up the road surface a little and the wall behind it was considered would be unlikely to be affected because of the depth of the two chestnut trees roots. Never the less regular maintenance and risk assessment would need to be undertaken to meet our insurance liabilities and eventually they would have to be removed as they would grow too big for the location as those in the Coach House Garden testified. Over to you again what do you think? Present pleasure verses future Council Tax costs?

Parish Council Records: There were a number of other issues decided upon. There were no observations on the retrospective application for change of agricultural buildings to a music room at Home Farm. However some records of the Council discovered there combined with the need for more space in the Council's hitherto main asset, its filing cabinet, which has produced a number of past records of the Parish Council in its 110 year history, led the Council to agree to explore depositing them with the County archivist with the help of Anthea Hiscock. Meanwhile she is to write some articles for the magazine. Anyone else interested in them or with other records should contact her.

Planning: Cllr. Amos brought us up to date with the planning position in the district. Most remains on hold awaiting the result of the South East Midlands/Milton Keynes consultation due at the end of July, but the Vision for Daventry Town Centre has been adopted including the purchase of the Library site as the first step. She advised contact by the clerk with Sally Hanson on how to get Broad Band in the village as a result of Government concern to make it available mentioned in Daventry Calling. The meeting noted the Parish Council was also awaiting an outcome of an investigation by DDC on what appeared to be some differences to original planning approval at the new Garden Centre that people were now pleased to see operating.

Safety Issues: Finally, apart from approving regular payments of over £700, Councillors raised three safety issues under any other business. As predicted the increased traffic at the railway bridge coming from this centre has made the decision to give right of way priority through it to cars going from Northampton of some concern as cars appear suddenly from the centre as unsighted cars from Daventry start going under the bridge. This can lead to fierce braking. The fatal accident at Gypsy Spinney had led to observations by two Councillors. Clearly, especially when wet, cars and bikes seem to move towards the centre of this sharp bend with collision at speed consequences. Another concerning fall accident at the Green from the misalignment of the lowered kerbs from Stone House to the Notice board was mentioned. All three need to be discussed with Highways at their annual inspection.

The Chairman ended this very busy and creative term of office of the Parish Council by thanking everyone for their participation and contributions.

WHILTON VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2004 ???

Once again the Parish Council has entered the village of Whilton in the Village of the Year competition.

We have entered three parts of the competition.

- 1. The best kept village.***
- 2. The most active village community.***
- 3. The best kept churchyard.***

Everyone in the village can help to support our entry in some way.

Things we can do:

- ◆ ***Leave no litter***
- ◆ ***Pick up and remove other people's litter, especially after the bins have been emptied!***
- ◆ ***Support the Litter Picks***
- ◆ ***Look after our gardens***
- ◆ ***Take part in the hanging basket competition***
- ◆ ***Respect local wildlife , both plants and animals***
- ◆ ***Take part in regular activities of the village organisations e.g. Gardeners Association, WI. Spinney Work Parties..***
- ◆ ***Join in special events organised this summer e.g. the Flower Festival, WI Healthy Fruit & Vegetable Supper (Sept)***
- ◆ ***Welcome anyone who comes to live in the village***
- ◆ ***Encourage children and young people to join in the village activities***
- ◆ ***Offer lifts to those without transport***
- ◆ ***Consider active ways of improving village life***



WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



BURPS – the key to good garden design!.....

Well that was the advice given by Stuart Phillips, a presenter on local radio and a lecturer in garden design at Moulton College, when he came to talk to the WGA in April. His interesting and very entertaining talk took us through the main stages in creating a design, from considering the purpose of the garden, basic structure and planting. He also showed some slides illustrating successful and not so successful attempt at design!

Thanks to all of the members who turned out and made this one of the best attended talks for some time.

Oh yes – BURPS – it stands for **B**alance, **U**tility, **R**hythm, **P**roportion and **S**cale. Well what did you think I meant?

Coton Manor Visit

A group of WGA members visited Coton Manor on Sunday 9th May to see the amazing Bluebells. The sight of thousands of these beautiful plants in bloom in the wood is well worth seeing. The best time to visit is usually in late April/early May, but with luck there may still be time if you have not yet been. Alternatively, make a note in your diary for May next year!



Coming Soon...

Next Meeting - Monday 7th June at 7.30pm in Whilton Village Hall

Our next lecture will feature a talk on Hemerocallis (Day Lilies) from Gerald Sinclair. This popular plant should guarantee some excellent slides. As usual the talk is open to non-members.

Garden Visit

12TH JUNE 2004 - ABBEY HOUSE GARDENS, MALMESBURY, WILTSHIRE

The trip will depart at 9.00am from Whilton Village Green and return late afternoon.

Admission: Adults: £5.00, Over 60s: £4.50, Child 5-15: £2.00, Child Under 5: Free, HHA Members Free, RHS (Cardholders Only) Free

If you want to join us, please contact **Christine Phillips on 844182** for more details.

Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA

WARTIME AND POSTWAR WHILTON

Some old records saved by the Townley family have recently come to light. I would like to thank John Townley for letting me see some of these papers, which give us some clues about the village around 60 years ago.

WAR TIME

Mr Townley of Home Farm was Chairman of the Whilton Parish Invasion Committee and we have the minutes of four meetings in 1942-3. They met in the "Home Guard headquarters" or "Mr.J.Townley house", perhaps the same place. The main activities of this period seem to have been delivering and collecting questionnaires from each household "as set out by the County Council". Mr Adams erected a notice board for the committee and in December 1942 "the defence plans were left over for the next meeting." At this meeting the Invasion Committee plans were "gone through item by item and signed", but unfortunately were not described for posterity!

The same book shows that the Townley family also employed land girls and there are some records for 1949, which show them arriving between 7.30 or 8 a.m. and working usually until 5 p.m., always having an hour for dinner.

WHILTON C E SCHOOL

Head Teachers

John Townley was a trustee of the Ann Rose Charity in Whilton and as such a manager of Whilton C.E.School (now the Village Hall) and some of his correspondence has survived. In April 1945 the Head Teacher, Mollie Frost wrote her letter of resignation. She refers to the strain she has been under, perhaps due to the War, but adds : "I should like to thank the managers for letting me have such a free hand in running the school while I have been here, and to say that I have been very happy working in this school."

Miss Leadbeater reached 65 and retired as Headmistress in 1951. There appear to have been at least three applicants. The Chief Education Officer sent a covering note with one application. "The Managers will notice that her training and experience has been almost entirely in India. It may take (her) a little time to become fully acquainted with the problems of Rural Schools in this country..." This lady was already aged 51 when she applied and perhaps a little set in her ways!

The successful applicant was Miss Semper from Launceston in Cornwall, who was anxious to "return to the Midlands". In 1954 she resigned as head teacher, but a new problem had arisen. The Chief Education Officer suggested that the small number of children attending would make it hard to justify appointing a new head. Some senior children from Whilton were already attending Brington School and the younger ones could be accommodated there. The end was in sight for Whilton C.E.School.

School Buildings And Maintenance

Other bills and papers reveal the conditions of the School and School House. Mrs Agnes Haynes was perhaps the School cleaner. In 1949 she claimed expenses of 8 shillings and 4 pence for two floor cloths, a galvanized bucket and one tin of Zobo. It appears that much of the maintenance work at the school was carried out by Mr R. Judkin of High Street, Long Buckby. His letterheads declared that he undertook "repairs to property of every description" and had "competent workmen in all branches". In 1949 he repaired the playground, using 4 bags of cement, 8 barrows of gravel and 4 barrows of sand. Perhaps this was another temporary response to a report in 1948 that the "tar-paved" playground had

disintegrated, been patched in many places with concrete, and needed to be resurfaced

Modern Conveniences?

Mr Judkin's bill presented in 1946 reveals something of the conditions in which the head teacher had to live. The work included taking out floors at the School House and "concreting same to make rat proof", two new grates, one being in a bedroom, replastering the walls and redecorating throughout. A new Elsan pan was also fitted, reminding us that this was before the days of flush toilets in Whilton. Another bill for repairs to the school pump reminds us that this, or a well and bucket, was the normal way of getting water. The water mains had yet to arrive here.

By 1949 Mr Judkin was describing himself as a hot water and sanitary engineer and also a specialist in all kinds of alterations. In that year he converted a store shed at the School House into a wash house, putting in flooring and a Belfast sink and installed a "Triplex Combination grate with mantle" in the house. Soon afterwards another new development came to Whilton in the form of electricity. In 1950 Adams Radio of Daventry provided estimates for three different systems of electrical wiring, varying from £27-5-0 (£27 and 5 shillings) to £47 for the School and the School House costing £25-5-0. Whilton was moving into the age of modern conveniences.

The accompanying photo shows pupils at Whilton School, one of whom is John Townley, great grandfather of John Townley who now lives at Home Farm. Can anyone identify any other pupils or provide us with more information?

Anthea Hiscock



WHILTON VILLAGE SCHOOL CIRCA 1895



CHURCH MATTERS



Later in the summer Sharon, Benedict and I will be moving to Brington Rectory, as our family home, as Sharon steps down as Rector of Heyford, Stowe XI churches, Flore and Brockhall. Another change in our short married life of less than two years! Indeed since 1998 it will be my 4th move. During my life I have lived in cities, small towns, villages, in various contexts, sometimes feeling that the place is right for me to be, other times struggling with feelings of – well not quite sure if I'm supposed to be here.

There is a hymn, written over three hundred years ago, which starts "Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still, my heart and tongue employ." It is the realization that whatever stage of life we're at, whether we feel that we are in the right place or not, if life seems exceptionally tough at the moment, or if we feel are sailing through, no problem, God is with us, and we can honour him. As our family face another change, I will seek to trust God, and hope that Ben grows up, with the thoughts of that hymn being central to his life.

***Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and
can be contacted on 01604 774042
or E-mail chris@rectory.freeseve.co.uk***

CAR BOOT SALE SUNDAY 9TH MAY

Rain early morning, rain evening but in between dry and quite pleasant weather resulting in a very successful Whilton Church Car Boot Sale taking place.

A line of carbooters in Wadd Close field plus tempting homemade refreshments, including tea and coffee resulted in a grand total of £359.62 being raised for Whilton Church funds.

The PCC of St Andrew's give sincere to Linda, Tom & Ryan Treacy for organising, to Gordon Emery for permission to use his field in Wadd Close, to Mary Emery for all her baking and to others who provided cakes and to all who supported the event

Janet Bowers

OPEN GARDENS AND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2004, 1.00 PM – 5.00 PM

Way back in 1994 in an effort to raise funds for the restoration and augmentation of the bells (from six bells to eight bells) an Open Gardens and Church Flower Festival was held (a one-off event !!!) but then the church clock needed restoring and another Festival was held and so now we have reached the tenth.

We thought we would have a change this year and other ideas were put forward but at the Church AGM it was decided to hold the Festival again this year. With a good weather it does make for a pleasant afternoon visiting gardens (some new ones this year) and relaxing with tea and homemade refreshments on the terrace of Little Rectory with its lovely garden and views across the field; by kind permission of Alan and Fiona Smith.

The Festival welcomes visitors from far and wide who come and are able to appreciate the gardens, the church and the village.

On the green plants, homemade cakes, books etc will on sale.

The day closes with a service in St Andrew's Church of Songs and Praise at 6.00 pm carrying on the theme of 'musicals' from the Flower Festival.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANYWAY – ideas for stalls, help on stalls, bake cakes, steward the church and/or the field gate (for parking), open your garden or arrange floral displays in the church, please contact **Philip Waights (for opening gardens) 842431** or **Janet Bowers 842851** for all aspects of help offered.

SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON

JUNE 2004

6TH	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE FAMILY COMMUNION AT BRINGTON</u>
13TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
20TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
27TH	6.00 PM	FLOWER FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

JULY 2004

4TH	10.00 AM	<u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT HOLDENBY</u>
11TH	11.00 AM	FAMILY SERVICE
18TH	9.15 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
25TH	6.00 PM	COMPLINE

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Whilton residents are very fortunate to have in their midst a lovely 12th / 13th century church. St Andrews is a Grade II listed building and like all buildings new and old it needs looking after. St Andrews needs cleaning (vacuuming, dusting etc) and also the brasses need polishing (vases, cross, candlesticks etc.) and the vases need to be kept filled with fresh flowers - all of this to be taken care of on a weekly basis.

There is a rota of helpers for this job but we do require more - the greater number of volunteers will ease the work load of those who kindly give their time now.

Can you spare an hour on a rota basis to help with any of these tasks?

If you would like to help in our small beautiful church, please contact Janet on 842851

BEETLE DRIVE

The Beetle Drive held on Friday 30th April was a most enjoyable and rewarding event. The village hall echoed with the cries of 'a head' 'a body' 'another leg' etc as all endeavoured to complete a 'beetle'. Then a shout of 'Beetle' heralded another successful game.

A break from the excitement saw the adults enjoying jacket potatoes with various fillings and salad and the younger players had hot dogs - then back to the game.

Including a raffle the evening raised £226 towards Abby Hawkins' fund for her World Challenge in July.

Many thanks to all those who supported this event.

WHILTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting our guest speaker was Sally O'Dell who is an expert on fish and fish dishes and came with fish of all shapes and sizes – fresh salmon, trout, mackerel, herring, sea bass, silver bream, plaice and tuna (not a whole one!) and smoked haddock, mackerel and Loch Fyne kippers amongst others.

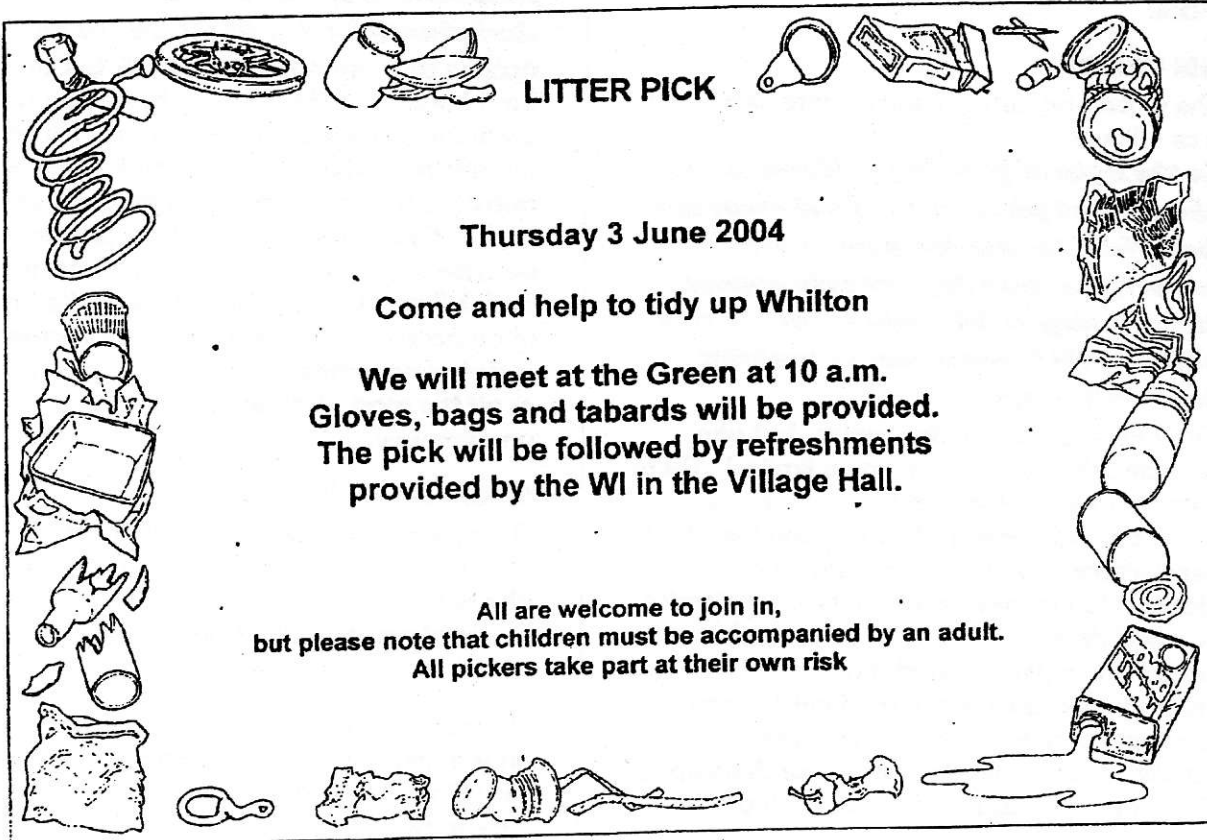
She demonstrated how to fillet a salmon and a trout and then proceeded to prepare and cook salmon en crouete and also salmon fingers coated in bread crumbs mixed with chinese five spice and fried in oil and butter – very tasty! She then stuffed and baked the trout.

Sally talked about smoking fish and the difference between hot and cold smoking and then made smoked mackerel pate

and smoked haddock crunch. For the pate blend together with a fork smoked mackerel, cream cheese, mayonnaise, horseradish sauce, lemon juice and salt and pepper. The crunch was smoked haddock poached in milk then flaked and mixed with a white sauce made with the milk. It was then covered with sautéed breadcrumbs mixed with walnuts, and baked.

She then moved on to shell fish and demonstrated how to dress a crab and then cooked a stir fry with prawns, a packet of stir fry vegetables, pre cooked noodles and ginger, spring onions and soy sauce to taste.

All in all an excellent evening which made us determined to eat more fish.



LITTER PICK

Thursday 3 June 2004

Come and help to tidy up Whilton

**We will meet at the Green at 10 a.m.
Gloves, bags and tabards will be provided.
The pick will be followed by refreshments
provided by the WI in the Village Hall.**

**All are welcome to join in,
but please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.
All pickers take part at their own risk**

WHILTON WI - THE MAY MEETING

Every year the WI uses its May meeting to discuss and express an opinion on the resolutions to be raised at the National AGM, which will be in Sheffield this year. Our discussions were led by a representative from the County Federation, Diane Bradbury. There are three main resolutions this year.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Whilton unanimously supported the first, which is as follows:

In view of the constantly increasing trafficking of human beings, particularly women and children, for sexual exploitation and forced labour, this meeting urges HM Government to put into place legislation to combat trafficking and support victims, and urges all WI members to raise public awareness of this issue.

Members learned that human trafficking ranks third in the league of internationally organized crime, after trade in illegal weapons and drugs, and also that we are not far from an area (Northampton) where considerable trafficking of this kind takes place.

GM CROPS

The second resolution caused more debate. It is as follows:

In the light of growing evidence that the current generation of GM crops are beneficial for neither people nor planet, this meeting strongly opposes the growing of GM crops in the UK and calls on HM Government to prohibit their cultivation.

Our discussion was wide ranging, but also revealed that our knowledge is limited. There was a strong feeling that there should be more time for testing GM crops and their long term effects, and a clear awareness of the dangers to environmental diversity, potential for food disasters if the crop gene bank became very limited and that any effects on humans who ate them would not be seen perhaps for a generation. There was scepticism that the real reasons for developing GM crops were to benefit the starving.

The reasons were seen as mainly for profit, that third world farmers using GM seeds are being exploited, with stories quoted of such farmers not being allowed to grow other crops. The recent retreat of Monsanto was also seen as mainly led by fear of lost markets, rather than abandoning the idea of genetic modification.

On the other hand members were aware that GM crops can produce a larger harvest, that many are already being grown in other parts of the world. They can be modified to resist pests and diseases, which will mean less pesticides and other chemicals entering the human diet. However, no one knows how long these resistances will last.

Overall, Whilton WI was not entirely happy with the wording of the resolution, and would have preferred another moratorium for further tests and analysis, rather than a ban. The resolution was passed, but not as a unanimous vote.

THE AIR-AMBULANCE SERVICE

The third resolution was asking the Government to ***make substantial funds available annually to the Air Ambulance Service.*** At present the clinical staffing costs are met by the NHS, but apart from London all the regional helicopter air-ambulance services rely almost entirely on support from charities. As a result some are restricted to the number of flights they can make. One of our members was able to describe her personal experience of the speed and skill provided by this service at the time of an accident. The helicopter is particularly useful when accidents happen in rural areas, or off the road. This resolution was passed unanimously.

WHILTON PLANS

On a more local level, the WI is organizing a litter pick to tidy the village on 3rd June and all are invited to join us. We are also planning a special supper in the autumn. More details will be available nearer the time.

The next WI meeting will be an open meeting on Wednesday 9th June, when anyone from the village is welcome. The subject will be Aromatherapy.

Anthea Hiscock



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Unfortunately there is an incident to report this time. About midnight on 4th/5th May the kitchen of a house in the village was broken into and searched but nothing was stolen. It seems likely they were looking for car keys and having failed to find them left. It is recommended that you do not leave car keys downstairs but take them to bed with you.

Thieves are particularly interested in high value vehicles and theft of keys and cars are becoming increasingly common. Parking vehicles in a secure building and out of sight is advised.

Residents may have noted signs that a vehicle was burnt out near the Nobottle Road.. This was a stolen vehicle and it was taken away quickly for examination, perhaps because it was suspected that it had been used in other illegal activities.

A gypsy woman has recently been visiting houses in the village asking residents if they would be prepared to buy from her but with no signs of sale goods. May have been on a scouting expedition. Extra care is therefore advisable

HERE IS A MESSAGE FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE:

"We are aware that traders may be cold calling in the area selling security systems or fire alarms. Some of these traders use scare tactics, dubious crime/fire statistics, tales of burglary and assault to sell expensive unnecessary systems. Trading Standards advice is that you should avoid buying anything at the door. Ask yourself do you really need what they are selling. Put the door chain on if you decide to open the door and always ask for and verify ID but do not call the phone number on the card - find the head office number from the phone book. Beware if a trader won't give you time to think about the product or service being offered and remember that if you do agree to purchase goods or services over £35 during a cold call, the Trader must issue a written notice stating you have the right to cancel within 7 days. Failure to do so is a criminal offence."

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT CAROL GAMBLE OR ANDREW LANGFORD ON 01604 707958 OR 01604 707934

Philip Waights.
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

CROSSROAD CARERS

If you have not heard of them and you have elderly relatives or children requiring 24 hour care or know people who have, then it is well worth knowing about them.

Crossroads provide trained carers who will take over responsibility for caring for the elderly or disabled for a period to allow those who have 24 hour responsibility for them to leave them in safe hands whilst they go out to do shopping, keep appointments, meet friends or do all the 101 things we go out and do and take for granted. Carers also need a break to recharge their batteries.

Sometimes the elderly have difficulty getting up or going to bed and their partner may also be old and frail and not have the strength to help. There are many permutations of these problems.

Crossroads carry out this work for Social Service Departments but increasingly by private arrangements. They are non profit making and have restricted charitable funds which they reserve for special cases usually children and the over 80's.

Their services enabled me to look after my wife for very much longer than I would otherwise have been able to do. Their staff are first class and tailor their service to your needs.

I WANT TO HELP TO BUILD UP THEIR CHARITABLE FUNDS AND AM THEREFORE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING AT KUNDA COTTAGE ON SATURDAY 17TH JULY. 10.30 TO 12.00. I HOPE YOU WILL COME AND SUPPORT THE EVENT.

Philip Waights.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Tues	1st	Jun	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Thurs	3rd	Jun	10.00 am	Litter Pick from the Green
Mon	7th	Jun	7.30 pm	Whilton Gardeners' Association –'Hemerocallis' (Day Lilies) Village Hall 7.30 pm
Wed	9th	Jun	7.30 pm	WI Open Meeting –Aromatherapy 7.30 pm in Village Hall
Sat	12th	Jun	9.00 am	WGA visit to Abbey House Gardens, Malmesbury
Tues	15th	Jun	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Mon	21st	Jun	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting in Village Hall
Sun	27th	Jun	1.00 pm	Flower Festival
Tues	29th	Jun	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Mon	5th	July		<u>Newsletter Deadline</u> – Trinity School who print this newsletter will break up earlier for the end of the school year so please hand in your contributions before this date, preferably well before or otherwise we cannot guarantee they will be included in the next edition
Tues	13th	July	9.10 am	Library Van in village
Sat	17th	July	10.30 am	Crossroad Carers Coffee Morning @ Kunda Cottage
Tues	27th		9.10 am	Library Van in village

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