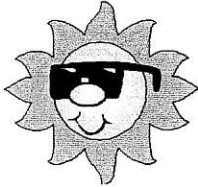
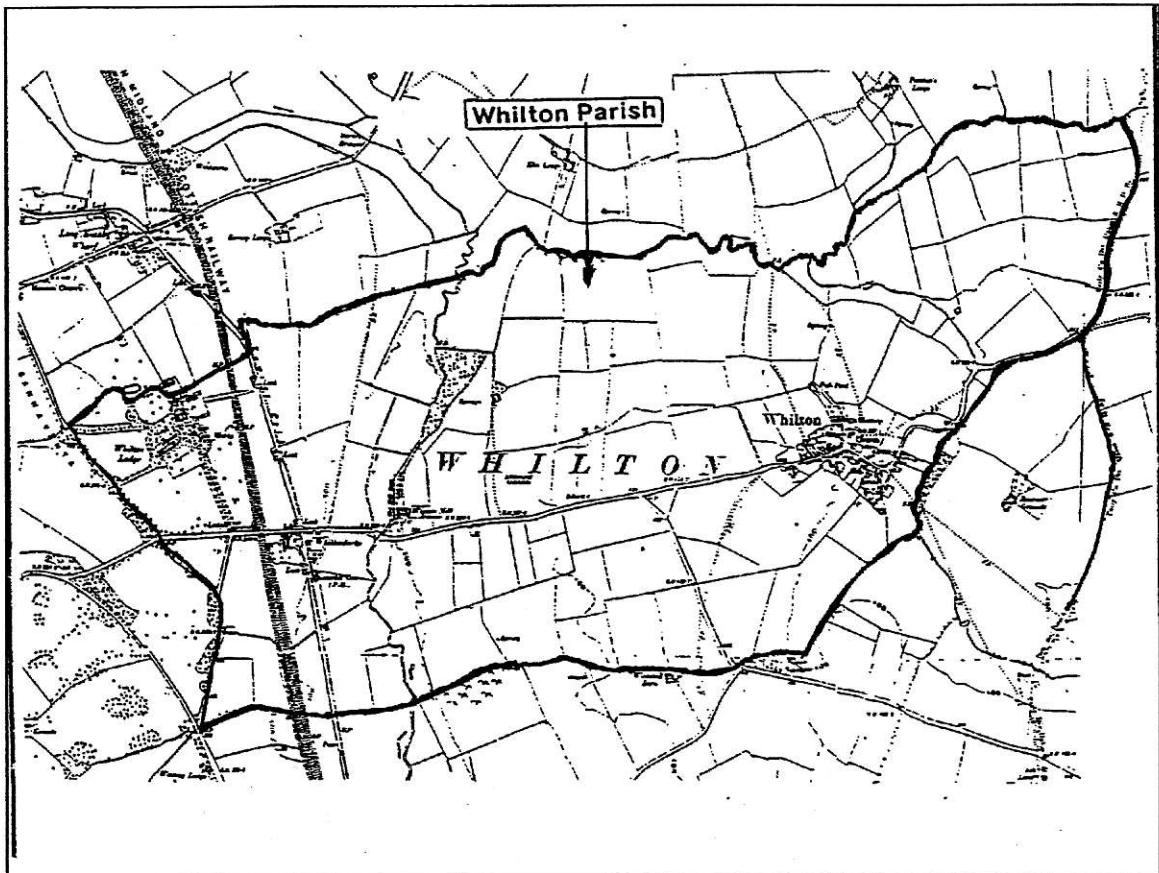


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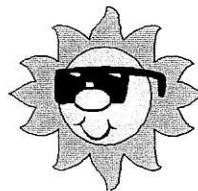


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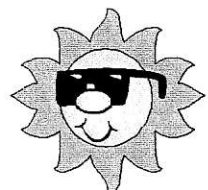


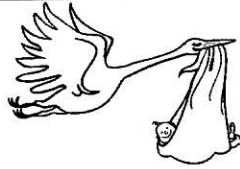
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**NEWS FROM ALL AROUND THE PARISH**





**CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARON AND CHRIS GOBLE**  
**OF BRINGTON RECTORY**  
**ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER FELICITY JANE**  
**ON 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005**  
**A SISTER FOR BEN**



**LOCAL PAPERS DELIVERED**

*Did you know that you can have the Northampton Chronicle & Echo delivered to your door in Whilton? If you would like a paper, please telephone the Chronicle & Echo on 01604 467000 and they will pass on your order to me.*

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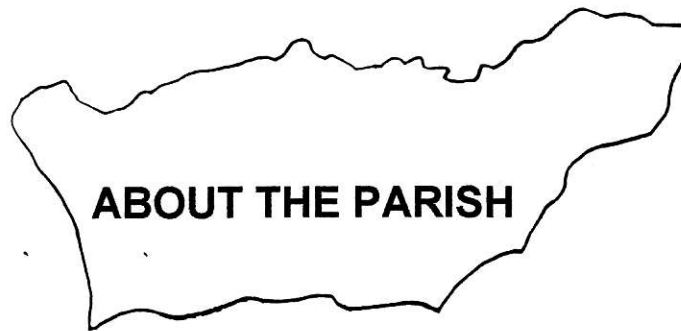


**Your local paper boy - Tom Kane**

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**WHILTON VILLAGE HALL**

**There is a vacancy for a cleaner for the Village Hall**  
**This involves one clean per week – usually maximum**  
**one hour.**  
**For further details please contact Shirley or Derek**  
**Brown on 842968.**



May is nearly always the month for the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** in Whilton and this year we met on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

A variety of reports were brought to the meeting and together they reflect some of the concerns and activities of the residents.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL for 2004-2005.**

Mike Lewis reported on a moderately busy year. The Village Green is in the process of being registered, the trees there have been inspected and pruned, and Whilton was runner up in Class 1 of the Village of the Year. The Parish Council has not been able to get a clear definition of the status of parish volunteers, but know now that they take no responsibility but only act as advisors. Post codes have been changed and Royal Mail has given advice about insurance increases which may have been linked with this. The Parish Council has joined "Daventry Villages Together", which has been successful in getting better local representation and consultation over the new Urban Development Corporation. He thanked all who work to help the parish.

Penny Price thanked Mr Lewis for all the work he does for the Parish Council.

#### **THE REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES**

The Parochial Charities made one payment of £250 this year, but despite this, the value of the charities' assets has only decreased by £18.56 because of share price rises. The total value of the assets in 2003/4 was £4997.41 and in 2004/5 was £4978.85.

The grant made this year was to a younger person to help replace vital transport, but this was the only application made to the Charities Trustees this year. Once again the Trustees intend to contact the District Council, Health and Social Care Services, local surgeries, the CAB and Welfare Rights to inform them about this fund for anyone normally resident within the parish boundaries.

Potential applicants are asked to contact one of the trustees in confidence. They are : Rev Chris Goble, Ann Gilbert, Keith Hiscock.

Following this report, Mike Lewis thanked the Trustees for their work.

(There is a separate article about the charities in this Newsletter)

### **REPORT OF BRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS.**

Paul Mitchell reported on a school with a solid teaching base and a committed staff. It is expected that the roll will remain at about 70 again next year. It is hoped that the building of the new classroom to replace the mobile will begin this summer. The school encourages a healthy lifestyle and all-round experiences for the pupils. There is attention to good food, first aid, several sports clubs with experienced leaders, visits from various religious leaders and theatre performances. Despite the long absence of Miss Lomas, the head teacher, following her accident, the school continued to run like clockwork. Mr Mitchell sees the school going from strength to strength.

### **REPORT OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Mike Lewis, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, reported that the refurbishment and updating of the toilet facilities are still ongoing.

An offer of land for a new hall had been made by Mr J Townley, but the Management Committee will not be proceeding with this, as the land offered was too small, the business case far from clear, the Management Committee was not in a position to offer the right of access required and it was not certain that a dedicated project team was available to manage such a project.

### **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR**

Phil Waights reported seven incidents which had taken place in the year:

1. A house was broken into, but nothing taken. The Police think they were looking for keys.
2. Two heavy stone lions were taken from outside a house.
3. A Land Rover was stolen and later recovered.
4. Items were stolen from a sale.
5. A car was broken into in Wadd Close when used as a car park.
6. An attempt was made to break into stables.
7. A village boy reported young men behaving suspiciously around a caravan parked in the street. This was reported to the Police who intercepted the car in Moors Road and two youths were arrested on suspicion of burglary and car theft.

Phil is notified by e-mail of incidents in the surrounding areas and includes Police warnings in the Newsletter and occasionally on the notice board. Conmen posing as officials are the most common cause for concern, followed by cowboy contractors.

There has been no cause to use the cascade system in the last twelve months.

## FOOTPATHS

Maurice Clements, the Footpath Warden, said there are no problems at present but that when he has a concern, he brings it to the Parish Council. Miss Swinford said there is a problem outside our parish where the path from Whilton starts in Long Buckby. It was agreed that we need to liaise with Long Buckby over this.

## REPORT OF THE ROUGHMOOR SPINNEY MANAGEMENT GROUP



Derek Brown reported that since 1997, when moves were first made to acquire a suitable location for a conservation area for the benefit of the residents of Whilton parish, a tremendous amount of work has been put into the conservation area, now known as Roughmoor Spinney.

The management of the Spinney is becoming a somewhat easier task and there have been an encouraging number of volunteers for the last two working parties in 2004/5.

During the past year a further eight trees have been planted, plant surveys have continued, and a fairly major job has been carried out on the pond, dredging the silt and cutting back a willow tree which was encroaching on the pond. Work has also been carried out to the path on the south-east of the Spinney, but volunteers are battling with rabbits!

The Management Group has purchased a commercial type mower for keeping specific areas accessible and, as finances are restricted, relies on volunteers bringing their own equipment for some jobs. The £300 grant from the Parish Council is required this year, as membership of BTCV and insurance alone is costing just under £300 per annum. The Parish Council was unwilling to consider an annual contribution of £300, but have requested that if money is necessary, the Spinney Management Group forward a case for their consideration.

Derek Coates, who has retired to France, was a tremendous help, particularly with felling the Italian black poplar trees, and his experience as an arboriculturist is very much missed.

Derek Brown thanked all who volunteer in the Spinney and encouraged more to join the team.

Neither our County Councillor nor District Councillor were able to attend the Parish Meeting, but both had submitted written reports.

### **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

The Chairman read out the report from Mrs Wendy Amos. The Corporate Board of Four has replaced the Chief Executive and the UDC is up and running. Mrs Amos will continue as Chairman of Planning at Daventry.

### **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Mike Lewis also read out the report from Mr Richard Amos. One of the main issues is the large expansion planned for the county and his concern is to make sure that there will be appropriate infrastructure to go with this. He also reported that we should experience an improved Police service with additional officers allocated to the Western Area.

Some discussion followed this report and it was suggested that we should write to Mr Amos to complain about the state of Whilton's roads.

At the end of the meeting, Mike Lewis thanked all who had attended and contributed and all who work voluntarily within the parish.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

A current spate of thefts relating to garden equipment is underway but thankfully not in Whilton. With the weather improving there is an increasing level of interest in such equipment; specifically, ride-on lawn mowers have proved a popular target. The police urge all owners of valuable garden and light agricultural equipment to ensure they are placed in a secure storage area.

Vigilance is of utmost importance and with the summer season fast approaching, it is essential to take into account the following points:-

1. Make sure that all doors and windows are securely locked before leaving your house. It is also advisable that this procedure is adopted when working or relaxing in your rear garden.
2. Put all tools, ladders & garden equipment away. Check that garage and shed doors are locked.
3. A burglar alarm is a good investment and should be switched on before leaving your house.
4. If you are away on holiday, cancel all deliveries and tell a neighbour, leaving a contact address if possible.
5. Check that your house and its contents are adequately insured.

### **BE VIGILANT AND HELP PREVENT CRIME**

**Northamptonshire Police Contact Nos.  
01327 300300 or 01604 70070**

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

## **PARISH MATTERS**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council took place after the Parish Meeting on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 . This meant that the Parish Council did not start until 9 o'clock, but we managed to get through all the necessary business.

Mike Lewis was once again elected as Chairman and I continue as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for the Council.

### **The Accounts**

This is the meeting at which the annual accounts are presented for approval. We have started the year this April with reserves of £4901, compared with £5812 last year. The precept has remained the same as last year, £2500. Our total receipts in the year 2004/5 were £3020. These included the precept, allotment rents, interest and reclaimed VAT. In the previous year the receipts amounted to £3149.

Our payments include staff costs, administration and insurance, allotment rent to the DDC and water, providing and maintaining the street lights and electricity for them, printing the Newsletter, maintaining the Churchyard and the Green and the grass cutting machinery. We are also responsible for the trees on the Green and the clock on the church tower. The total expenses in 2003/4 were £3653 and in 2004/5 they amounted to £3931.

### **Mending the dry stone wall**

For some time Penny Price has been trying to find a source of funding to help with the repairs of the dry stone wall in the village centre near the way down to the Spinney. She is now hopeful that the Local Heritage Initiative may be able to provide funds if we can fulfil the necessary conditions. The Parish Council will be following this up in the coming months.

### **Post code problems**

Meanwhile Jonathan Hanslip and Greg Lye were particularly concerned about information they received, leading them to believe that the new post codes would adversely affect security and credit ratings in Whilton. There is a separate article about this in this Newsletter.

Various items of correspondence and information had been received, and will be circulated or made available to Councillors, particularly the West Northants Urban Development Corporation consultation paper.

### **Planning**

The only planning application was for stables and garage with an office and store at the first floor at Home Farm. Councillors decided to hold a site meeting and another Parish Council meeting to consider these plans. This has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July and members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

Anthea Hiscock  
Clerk to the Parish Council

# Whilton Women's Institute

The subject for the April Meeting was 'Party Puds'.

Mrs Z Galt was the demonstrator and her friend, Betty, came as helper. Betty's job was to wash the mixing bowls etc. between each item and to sort out the ingredients for the next pud.

The following puds were made during the evening:-  
Sally's Rolled Pineapple Pavlova, Boodles Fool,  
Apricot Dacquoise, Rhubarb Fool, Bramble Bombe and Coffee Meringue.

Mrs Galt was very enthusiastic about her subject and each dish was full of calories and looked very tasty.

Not only was the demonstration full of interest, but the conversation between the two ladies and their Attitude to each other was very amusing and so there was plenty of laughter.

In her vote of thanks, Teresa mentioned Morecombe and Wise and this was a very apt remark.

During refreshment time we were invited to a tasting session. Accordingly, forgetting the calorie count and armed with plate and spoon, we did justice to Mrs Galt's puds. It made a delicious ending to an entertaining evening.

*On this page you will find some of Mrs Galt's recipes.*

Trudy Haynes

## Rhubarb Fool

1lb Rhubarb )  
2 oz sugar ) Cook  
2 tbs water )

Then add 2 fluid ozs of Elderflower Cordial

1/3 pint of double cream whipped

1/3 Greek Yoghurt

Then mix the cream and yoghurt together. Add 1/2 tsp of Vanilla essence. Fold into cooked rhubarb

## Sally's Rolled Pineapple Pavlova

4 egg whites 8 ozs caster sugar  
2 tsp vinegar 1 tsp cornflour  
1 small tin pineapple drained 1/2 pint whipping cream  
Coconut or crushed almond flakes

**Grease & line 13" x 9"  
Swiss roll tin**

### METHOD

Whisk egg whites until stiff then whisk in sugar, a little at a time. Fold in remaining sugar, vinegar and cornflour. Spread evenly in the tin and sprinkle with coconut or almonds. Bake for 15 minutes at 180 ° Gas 4

Have ready a piece of greaseproof paper sprinkled liberally with caster sugar. Turn out the Pavlova on to this and carefully peel off backing paper. Allow to cool for 15 minutes. Spread with whipped cream and well drained chopped fruit. Roll up lengthwise and cover with a tea towel

Put in fridge.

## Boodles Fool

4- 6 trifle sponges cut into 1/2" thick slices

1 - 2 oz sugar

1/2 pint double cream

Grated rind and juice of 2 oranges & 1 lemon

### Method

Use sponge slices to line the bottom and halfway up the sides of a deep serving dish or bowl. Mix orange rind, lemon rind and juices with the sugar and STIR until sugar has completely dissolved. In a separate bowl whip cream until it starts to thicken then SLOWLY add the sweetened fruit juices, whipping the cream as you do so. Whip until the cream is light and thickened and all the juice absorbed. Pour mixture over sponge and refrigerate for AT LEAST 2 HOURS so that the juices can soak into the sponge and cream thicken. Serve decorated with segments or slices of orange.

## Brazilian Bananas

2 Bananas sliced thickly

1 dessertspoon of instant coffee

1/4 pint double cream

1 tbs rum

1 dessertspoon caster sugar

Place bananas into 2 coupe dishes. Sprinkle with rum.

Dissolve the coffee in 1-2 tbs boiling water. Add sugar and leave until cold. Whip cream. Add coffee and cover bananas with same. Scatter almonds on top.



# **CHURCH MATTERS**



**Our Rector - Rev Chris Goble works from Brington Rectory and can be contacted on 01604 774042 or E-mail [chris@spencerbenefice.freemove.co.uk](mailto:chris@spencerbenefice.freemove.co.uk)**

I was three years old when the last time it happened - indeed happened twice\*! So the reality is that I only remember John Paul II being Pope. I had no recollection of papal funerals, appointments and inauguration ceremonies. I did admit to feeling sorry for newspaper editors, who had, in one week, the Pope's funeral, a general election being called, and the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles. So much choice! Obviously the events in Rome matter to Roman Catholics, but there is good reason why they matter to everyone else. This was a world occasion, which brought political and religious leaders together. It was an International event, with various languages and different nationalities being involved. It is also very rare that anyone dies in office, so much of the reporting of presidents or prime ministers go back 2 or 3 decades to when they were last in the

public gaze. I hope it also affirmed, something that I think society is bad at, the dignity of age, and taught of a "good death", that is to say, preparing oneself for the final moments. It felt that it was amazing few weeks.

One of my hopes is that churches will work together more, and this is bearing fruit. A couple of years ago I took a wedding with a Roman Catholic priest and a Lutheran Minister. Afterwards a chap came up to me and said that he hadn't had much time for religion, but seeing us working together had made him think. There will be areas we will disagree with across (and within) the different churches, but what links us is Jesus Christ. It is to him we should look if we desire to be Christian, and it is his truth and love that the churches seek to bring into this world.

## **SERVICES FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WHILTON**

### **JUNE 2005**

<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT EAST HADDON</u></b>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>FLOWER FESTIVALSONGS OF PRAISE</b>
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>

### **JULY 2005**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>	<b><u>BENEFICE SUNG EUCHARIST AT BRINGTON</u></b>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>9.15 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>
<b>31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>11.00 AM</b>	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b>

## **CHURCH NEWS**

Since the last Newsletter, two very successful events have been held for which the Parochial Church Council wish to thank Linda Treacy for organising them

1. **The Bingo Evening, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2005** – a really enjoyable and fun time, well supported and which raised £110.10.
2. **The Car Boot Sale, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2005**, held in Wadd Close field by kind permission of Gordon Emery. A lovely sunny day brought both booters and buyers out in force. Mary and Janet were kept busy with a steady stream of people enjoying homemade cakes and refreshing cups of tea. The event together with a generous donation raised £493.06.

The money raised from both events was put to the St Andrew's Church General Fund.

### **CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL and VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS** **SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005 1.00PM - 5.00 PM**

At least seven gardens will be open for viewing and the church will be decorated with imaginative and colourful arrangements based on the theme of English counties.

In the ringing chamber of the church there will also be an art exhibition and sale of pictures. This will be by local artists.

There will be stalls on the Green selling homemade cakes, plants, books, White Elephant and greeting cards. Also there will be a silent auction, raffle, face painting and other attractions.

After visiting the gardens and enjoying the stalls etc. relax in the village hall with cups of tea and homemade cakes. The festival closes with Songs of Praise at 6.00 pm.

The proceeds from this will be divided equally between the General and Fabric Funds

### **PUDDINGS AND PIMMS EVENING** **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 at Woodview, Brington Lane** **by kind permission of Teresa and Ian.**

Why not come along and enjoy a good social evening and sample mouth-watering puds - hopefully in the garden, weather permitting.

Tickets will be £5 and available from Teresa. Numbers will be limited.

*It is very necessary to have fund-raising events to assist with the overheads of maintaining St Andrew's Church. The actual cost of keeping the church open for the year 2004 was just over £9,000 and this year there could be an increase on this figure.*

*We have a lovely Grade 2 listed church, the oldest building in the village, of which we should be proud both as a place of worship and the centrepiece of our village.*

**YOUR SUPPORT TO THE FUND-RAISING EVENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED**

*Janet Bowers*

## **WHILTON VILLAGE HALL**

The matter of the land in the village being offered by Mr Townley was restricted to one acre only which the Management Committee did not feel was sufficient to build a new village hall, car parking and playing field.

Any project of this nature needs to consider the future and be able to incorporate all the ancillary aspects for a village / community hall. There were various other factors that were considered by the Committee the main one being the funding for new village halls, which at the moment is almost impossible to obtain. In the circumstances the committee unanimously felt we should not pursue the offer further and an appropriate letter was sent to Mr Townley.

Notwithstanding the decision in this instance, the Management Committee will keep an open mind should the opportunity arise in the future for such a development

### **Whilton Village Hall 200 Club Draw**

#### **MARCH**

1st Prize	101	D Welch	£40
2nd Prize	021	G Fisher	£20
3rd Prize	105	A Gilbert	£10

#### **APRIL**

1st Prize	021	G Fisher	£40
2nd Prize	004	P Morris	£20
3rd Prize	027	R Clarke	£10

**Congratulations to all the winners**

### **EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM 2005**

Under the umbrella of Whilton Gardeners' Association we are again entering the above competition.

East Midlands in Bloom is an annual competition organised by the EMIB Regional Committee. The aim of the competition is to encourage the improvement in our surroundings through the imaginative of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter-free and sustainable environment.

Whilton enters under Category A – small village – population 300 and under. Judging will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Let Whilton keep up its high standard for 2005** by mowing the verges and ensuring they are neat and tidy, displaying colourful baskets, tubs etc. and keeping the village litter-free.

Whilton Gardeners' Association will be awarding prizes for :-

- Best hanging basket
- Best window box
- Best tub

The winners we hope will be chosen by the EMIB judge.

Janet Bowers



## WHILTON GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



### **Kelmarsh Hall**

Following our talk about the restoration of the gardens of Kelmarsh Hall earlier in the year, several members of the WGA recently enjoyed a visit to see the gardens for themselves. In April the daffodils and tulips looked spectacular, whilst the sunken garden was coming into bloom. Although much work is still needed on the walled garden, the garden is still well worth visiting for its rose garden, wilderness walk and borders. If you have not been already, it will make an ideal place to visit on a summer's afternoon.



### **Low Maintenance Gardening**

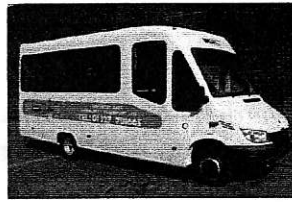
Our April meeting featured a very entertaining talk from Maurice Billingham on low maintenance gardening – just my sort of thing! I learned lots of new tips about the sorts of the plants that require just a modicum of effort to look after. Maurice was also kind enough to tell us how to plan our borders so that our gardens would look amazing, but only require a few days of effort every year to keep them looking on top form. From the high turnout to this meeting, I guess there could be quite a few Whilton gardeners who will be following Maurice's advice.

### **Hardy Geraniums**

Our next meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the village hall. Gerald Sinclair will be telling us more about the delights of geraniums, those perennial garden favourites. The talk starts at 7.30, with refreshments after the talk. New members are welcome to come along and learn more.

**Neil Phillips, Secretary, WGA**

# Does your group need transport



**We can help you**

**We are**

**Daventry Area Community Transport**

**We run a minibus scheme for  
non profit making groups  
in the Daventry district**

**Do you want to know more**

**Ring 01 327 701665**

All that is needed is that your group affiliates to DACT, and that you try to supply drivers for your group, DACT would train any drivers for minibus driving.

**DACT also runs:-**

**Volunteer Car Scheme for medical journeys**

**Shopmobility in Daventry town centre**



**We take Bus Tokens**





We had a very successful Working Party on that lovely Sunday afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005 with nine volunteers, not forgetting Miles Baker aged three. With this good team of workers we carried out mowing to the picnic / play area and pathways. Ground cover was cut by hand or strimmed from around the planted trees and further clearance was carried out to the pond.

A very successful afternoon – thanks to all the volunteers.

DFB

## Brington & Whilton Pre-School

Pre-School has continued to thrive this year. Some new children joined us at Easter and have settled well within the group, with the older children encouraging and helping them when necessary.

We have enjoyed looking at a variety of topics from Nursery Rhymes, Spring and Easter to Minibeasts, visiting gardens looking and taking photographs of insects we found. We also had our annual visit to Mr & Mrs Emery's farm in Whilton and enjoyed feeding the lambs and taking them for walks. We are visiting Long Buckby Pocket Park at the end of this term where we shall look at the Pond life and have a time of playing games and a picnic lunch.

During the next term, we are looking forward to going into Brington School on Friday mornings, mixing and joining in with the Reception class. This time is beneficial to all who are starting school in September as it gives them an insight to what happens at school and who they will meet there.

The younger children who are not starting this year enjoy it just as much as they get to play with the 'big boys and girls'.

We do have quite a few children leaving in the summer term to go to school, which means we shall have space for more children in September. If anyone has Pre-School children aged, 2 years 6 months up to school age, who has not heard about us, we meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whilton Village Hall. As the group is relatively small, we are able to provide a friendly, caring atmosphere where the children can learn through play, learn to socialise with other children of their own age and have fun learning about the world around them. Children who are aged three and over are able to receive an Early Years Grant that helps with childcare costs.

If you would like more information or would like to visit us please do not hesitate to contact me, **Jenny Holman** on **01604 770083** as we would be happy to show you around.

## WHILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

The trustees of Whilton Parochial Charities received one application in the last year. As a result one younger person in the parish was paid £250 towards replacing vital transport. It is encouraging that someone was able to apply successfully, and we would like to remind people in the parish about the existence of the Charities.

The original charities were for “poor” people, but more recent definitions have been produced to help parishioners to know if they might qualify. The Trustees are prepared to give up to £750 in grants, in sums usually not exceeding £250 and limited to one application per financial year.

### Who can apply?

Poverty is defined as:

- ❖ An older or disabled person living solely on a basic state pension or benefit
- ❖ A family living on an income half the national average wage
- ❖ A young person in their own right in a situation where it would not be expected a parent would fund the expense required.
- ❖ The payment may be requested to avoid consequences of a loan or the incurring of further debt.

### What can be applied for?

These are examples of the type of thing you can apply for:

A piece of equipment, that anyone with reasonable means could be expected to acquire

- e.g.
- a replacement mattress
  - a television licence
  - a small house repair
  - a musical instrument
  - an evening class or skill giving course
  - a playgroup fee
  - a taxi fare to visit a relative in hospital
  - a significant school trip or expedition that would fulfil potential

### How do you apply?

If you, or someone you know in Whilton Parish, wish to apply, you can:

- ❖ Write in confidence to one of the trustees, explaining the need and the financial difficulty
- ❖ Request an interview with one of the trustees, which they would record.

We review the criteria each year and any observations or further suggestions for getting help to the right people would be welcome.

The three Trustees to be approached are:

Rev. Chris Goble, Ann Gilbert at Langton Cottage and Keith Hiscock at Langton House.



# SMILE PLEASE



(Especially for the mature ladies of the parish)

## Seeing double

**A** VERY odd thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in.

All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was. She manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her, and whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to draw cash out, and a few days later it's all gone. I don't spend it that quickly.

Food also seems to disappear at an alarming rate — especially the good stuff like ice cream, chocolates and biscuits. She must have a really sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it because she is really piling on the pounds.

To make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scales to make me think I am putting on weight too.

For an old lady, she is quite



childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my wardrobe when I'm not at home and altering all my clothes so they don't fit.

And she messes up my files and papers so I can never find anything. She also fiddles with my VCR so it doesn't record what I have programmed.

She gets into my mail, newspapers and books before I do and blurs all the print so I can't read it. She has also turned down the volume controls on my TV, radio and telephone. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers.

She has done other things — like making my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier and all my knobs and taps harder to turn.

Lately she has been fooling with my groceries, gluing down lids, making it almost impossible for me to open jars and bottles.

She has taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. When I try something on, she stands in front of the mirror and monopolises it.

She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits. Plus she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me.

Just when I thought she couldn't be any meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my drivers' licence and, just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me.

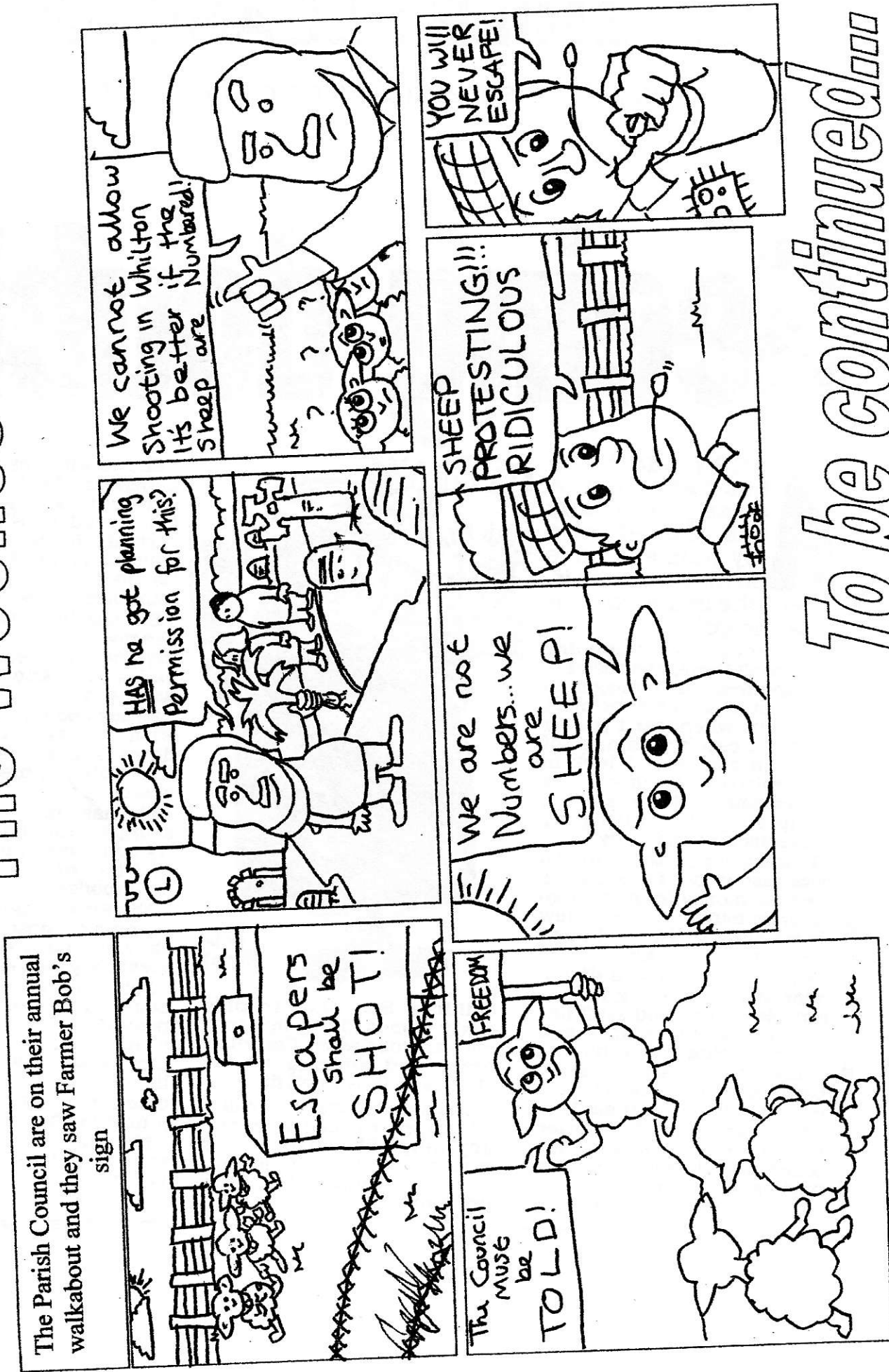
No one is going to believe that the picture of that old lady is me!



by Noah/rice

# The Woolies

Will they ever escape?



To be continued!!!

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	June	7.30 pm	W G A – ‘ Hardy Geraniums’ in Village Hall
Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	June	7.30 pm	WI – Neighbourhood Watch Scenario in Village Hall
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	1.00 pm	Open Gardens & Flower Festival
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	June	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Tues	28 <sup>th</sup>	June	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	July		Pudding & Pimms Evening at Woodview
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	July	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	July		Judging for East Midlands in Bloom
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	July	7.30 pm	WI ‘Farm Manager’s Wife on a Royal Estate’ in Village Hall
ues	26 <sup>th</sup>	July	9.10 am	Library Van in village outside The Old Plough

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Please supply a disk with your contribution if possible so that we can manipulate the text to fit if necessary. If you do not have a PC or typewriter the editors will type the articles as we have always done in the past.

Articles of local interest, poems, recipes, puzzles or drawings will always be considered for inclusion in the Newsletter.

**There will not be a Newsletter issued in August**